

DEMOLAY NATIONAL YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

JUDGING CRITERIA

DELIVERY Enunciation and pronunciation are basic to any quality speech, and must be fully considered. Overall expressiveness and sincerity of tone add to the delivery. The script should be spoken and proper poise of the speaker is essential.

ORIGINALITY The manner in which the content is developed will, in large measure, be determined through its originality. Of major concern will be an approach which is individualistic, imaginative, and has human interest appeal.

CONTENT The content should relate specifically to the subject. Participants should be positive in their approach, and ideas used to develop the theme or topic should be presented logically, clearly, and concisely, from opening to conclusion.

SCORING PROCEDURE:

Identical score sheets will be used at all levels of competition. Each judge weighs each speech on the basis of from 1 to 100 points, with each set of criteria judged as follows:

1 to 30 for Delivery.

1 to 35 for Originality.

1 to 35 for Content.

The highest scored speech will be declared the winner. Tellers **ONLY** are to tally the scores. In case of ties, a run-off judging should be held immediately. The decision of the judges is final.