

## United States Extemporaneous Speaking

**Maximum time limit: 7 minutes** (A description of the event is on the back) Speakers will report at staggered intervals. **No notes permitted after January 1.**

**Criteria for Evaluation** Please place the letter representing the appropriate rating in each blank below:  
S [Superior]                      E [Excellent]                      G [Good]                      F [Fair]

\_\_\_ *Introduction:* Catches the audience's attention; thesis establishes central idea of speech.

\_\_\_ *Body:* Speaker narrows topic sufficiently; adheres to topic; supports thesis with clear and appropriate development of ideas, examples, and authoritative citations.

\_\_\_ *Structure:* Distinct introduction, body and conclusion. Transitions effectively move the audience from one element of the speech to the next.

\_\_\_ *Conclusion:* Summarizes main points; leaves audience with clear understanding of central idea of speech.

\_\_\_ *Language:* Speaker uses words accurately, appropriately, and effectively.

\_\_\_ *Delivery:* Speaker projects and articulates well; develops audience rapport; uses appropriate facial, bodily and vocal expression; is fluent and free of unnecessary hesitation; displays poise and self-confidence.

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*Comments*

**Speaker's Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Topic** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank** (Please circle one; NO ties allowed): 1<sup>st</sup>      2<sup>nd</sup>      3<sup>rd</sup>      4<sup>th</sup>      5<sup>th</sup>      6<sup>th</sup>      7<sup>th</sup>

**Overall Rating** (Please circle one; ties are permissible):      SUPERIOR      EXCELLENT      GOOD      FAIR

**Time** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge** \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature*