



Ballot Rubric for Digital Presentation

[See Sample Ballot](#)

Content: *Consider topic, ideas, thesis*

Contact Tournament Administration (Compliance staff) for concerns regarding NCFCA Mission Alignment rules.

1 - Beginning: Vague, general topic. Inadequate speech or slide content.

2 - Developing: Interesting topic/thesis and ideas. Some insufficient support for assertions. Slides somewhat relate to or enhance the speech content.

3 - Capable: Somewhat engaging topic/thesis and creative ideas. Generally clear and sufficient content to support assertions. Visually appealing slides.

4 - Proficient: Engaging, relevant topic/thesis. Strong ideas developed through well-reasoned analysis and supporting material. Visually appealing slides that generally enhance the speech content.

5 - Excellent: Compelling or timely topic/thesis. Robust spoken and visual content aided by rich language and integrated slides. Outstanding variety and depth of content, indicative of great thought and/or research.

Organization and Citations: *Consider clarity of organization, including sources*

Contact Tournament Administration (Compliance staff) for concerns regarding Academic Integrity rules.

1 - Beginning: Confusing or little structure. Missing or mostly unclear verbal citations for supporting material. Unclear citations on the Works Cited slide(s).

2 - Developing: Some structure with transitions. Some confusing connections between citations and supporting material. Confusing or unprofessional Works Cited slide(s).

3 - Capable: Informs/persuades with a clear thesis, engaging introduction/conclusion, and distinct points. Mostly clear connections between citations and supporting material. Legible Works Cited slide(s).

4 - Proficient: Clear structure with smooth transitions between introduction, balanced points, and conclusion. Consistently clear use of citations for supporting material. Legible, professional Works Cited slide(s).

5 - Excellent: Elegant structure that brought clarity to the content. Elegant use of clear citations for supporting material. Legible, professional Works Cited slide(s).

Vocal Delivery: *Consider articulation, pronunciation, volume, rate, pitch, style, tone*

1 - Beginning: Mumbling, halting, or lack of vocal energy. Mispronunciations. Minimum vocal variation or inappropriate volume, rate, pitch or tone.

2 - Developing: Some mumbling, mispronunciation, or halting speech. Some inconsistent effectiveness of volume, rate, and/or articulation that needs continued practice.

3 - Capable: Generally accurate articulation and pronunciation. Sincere style with vocal variation appropriate for the content. Minimal distractions.

4 - Proficient: Overall command of energy, volume, rate, and articulation that enhances the content. Winsome, conversational style, without distractions.

5 - Excellent: Powerful, memorable. and/or highly impactful vocal style. Expert vocal variation and control that magnifies the message.



Physical Delivery: *Consider poise, professionalism, movement, gestures, eye contact, facial expressions*

- 1 - Beginning: Nervous or stiff manner. Distracting, habitual movements (e.g. tapping, pacing, swaying). Minimum eye contact. Distracting equipment management.
- 2 - Developing: Inconsistent physical control or poise. Moments of distracting movements with the face, hands, body, or use of space. Nervous or distracting equipment management.
- 3 - Capable: Generally poised, effective use of body and space. Good posture and energy. Generally appropriate gestures, eye contact, and facial expressions. Competent equipment management.
- 4 - Proficient: Confident, professional control of posture, gestures, eye contact, and facial expressions to engage the audience. Generally smooth and effective equipment management.
- 5 - Excellent: Compelling, masterful use of space, movement, gestures, and expression that enthrall the audience. Professional equipment management.

Impact: *Consider mind, emotion, relevance, connection, speaker*

- 1 - Beginning: Minimally informed or persuaded through an engaging delivery, significant topic, timely message, well-reasoned analysis, or sincere conviction.
- 2 - Developing: Somewhat informed or persuaded through an engaging delivery, significant topic, timely message, well-reasoned analysis, or sincere conviction.
- 3 - Capable: Generally informed or persuaded through an engaging delivery, significant topic, timely message, well-reasoned analysis, or sincere conviction.
- 4 - Proficient: Informed or persuaded through an engaging delivery, significant topic, timely message, well-reasoned analysis, or sincere conviction.
- 5 - Excellent: Memorably informed or persuaded through an engaging delivery, significant topic, timely message, well-reasoned analysis, or sincere conviction.

Ballot Sample for Digital Presentation

Please use the [rubric](#) for descriptions of each speaker rank. (View [ballot demonstration](#) ).

Ballot - Digital Presentation, Room

Competitor:

Judge:

Topic

Speech Length

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Timer Issue

Y / N

Script or Notes Used

Y / N

Content

1 2 3 4 5

Organization & Citations

1 2 3 4 5

Vocal Delivery

1 2 3 4 5

Physical Delivery

1 2 3 4 5

Impact

1 2 3 4 5

Comments

Rank

Total Score



Speech Ballot Sample

Judges will see all speech competitors' ballots simultaneously.

Ballot - Digital Presentation, Room # M123Verify & Submit

Competitor Topic Speech Length mm:ss Scripts or Notes used Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Category 4 Category 5 Comments 1st Speaker / Time Timer Issue Rank Total Score	Competitor Topic Speech Length mm:ss Scripts or Notes used Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Category 4 Category 5 Comments 2nd Speaker / 10:15 Timer Issue Rank Total Score	Competitor Topic Speech Length mm:ss Scripts or Notes used Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Category 4 Category 5 Comments 3rd Speaker / 10:30 Timer Issue Rank Total Score	Competitor Topic Speech Length mm:ss Scripts or Notes used Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Category 4 Category 5 Comments 4th Speaker / 10:45 Timer Issue Rank Total Score
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