



# Ballot Rubric for Platform Speeches

[See Sample Ballot](#)

## **Content:** *Consider topic, ideas, thesis, structure*

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- 1 - Beginning: Vague, general topic. Inadequate content. Confusing or little structure. Contact Tournament Administration for concerns regarding content not aligned with the NCFCA mission.
- 2 - Developing: Interesting topic, thesis, and ideas. Unclear links from thesis to content. Some structure with transitions.
- 3 - Capable: Noteworthy topic and creative ideas. Fulfills the event's description with clear thesis, engaging introduction/conclusion and distinct, relevant points.
- 4 - Proficient: Edifying, relevant topic/thesis. Strong ideas developed through well-reasoned analysis. Clear structure with smooth transitions between introduction, balanced points, and conclusion.
- 5 - Excellent: Compelling or timely topic/thesis that supports the event's description. Robust content aided by rich language. Elegant structure. Memorable impact.

## **Academic Integrity:** *Consider credibility through the ownership of ideas*

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- 1 - Beginning: Inadequate support and/or citations. Missing many verbal citations for supporting material or mostly unclear citations.
- 2 - Developing: Areas of weak support for assertions or topic. Confusing links from material to verbal attributions.
- 3 - Capable: Generally clear and sufficient support for assertions. Acceptable use of citations for examples, research, or other material.
- 4 - Proficient: Consistent use of supporting material, examples, and clear verbal citations when needed.
- 5 - Excellent: Outstanding variety and depth of support, examples, and clear citations, indicative of great thought and/or research.

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

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- 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. 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, face*

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



# Sample Ballot for Platform Speeches

This form is provided for reference and practice. It shows what judges will see in the electric ballot system. View [ballot demonstration](#) .

Ballot for Platform Speeches			
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Time	Speaker(s)	Score	Rank
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**OVERALL**

Did Compete  Y/N    Timer Issue  Y/N    Speech Length     Script Use  Y/N

Topic

Comments

**? CONTENT** Consider topics, ideas, thesis, structure

Score 1-5 (See Rubric)

Comments

**? ACADEMIC INTEGRITY** Consider credibility through the ownership of ideas

Score 1-5 (See Rubric)

Comments

**? VOCAL DELIVERY** Consider articulation, pronunciation, volume, rate, pitch, style, tone


Score 1-5 (See Rubric)

Comments

**? PHYSICAL DELIVERY** Consider poise, professionalism, movement, gestures, eye contact, face

Score 1-5 (See Rubric)

Comments



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