



MASSACHUSETTS LIONS YOUTH SPEECH COMPETITION

OFFICIAL JUDGE'S INFORMATION AND WORKSHEET

On behalf of the Lions of Massachusetts, **THANK YOU** for volunteering to be a judge. This competition would not be possible without your contribution of time, talent, and effort.

The competition is open to all students, including Leos, foreign exchange, and home-schooled students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 (or equivalent) provided they are sponsored by a Massachusetts Lions or Leo Club.

The purpose of the competition is to provide an opportunity for students to speak publicly on a designated topic of general interest. The competition starts at the local club level and proceeds through several levels of competition, ending several months later with a statewide competition. In between, there are zone, region, and district levels of competition, where the winner at each level has the opportunity to proceed to the next level of competition. The competition culminates with five (5) district winners vying for the title of *BEST IN THE STATE*.

Your job, while not easy, will be rewarding. The contestants are talented high-school-aged students who have given freely of their time and effort to enter this competition. They deserve your best effort and they will give you theirs. Judges CANNOT be: Lions, Lionesses or Leos; faculty/administrators of a competing school; nor related to, or acquainted with, any contestant. **A person may only judge one (1) contest in a year.**

The scores of three judges will determine the outcome of the competition. Judges must score all contestants and tally their scores using the Official Judge's Worksheet. Each criteria listed must be scored.

- **Each Judge must select one person to be a winner**
- **Please do not allow a tie among the contestants with your final scores**
- **Judges are given all the time needed to complete their scoring**

It is requested that Judges **not confer with one another** until after the worksheets have been collected by the Tellers.

The Tellers will determine the final placement of each speaker by compiling the scores and places of the three Judges after assessing any penalties for missing sentences or time infractions.

The Judges' worksheets are considered confidential. The person-in-charge may give the student speakers their individual scores while being certain not to release the scores of other contestants.

The use of a microphone and podium is optional. Contestants may use notes, determined by the level of competition. It is not necessary that the contestant address anyone or give the topic title.

Please contact the person-in-charge if you have any questions.

Thank You.

Massachusetts Lions Youth Speech Competition Committee

