Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association
Informative Speaking – Comment Ballot

Performer_____ **School #**_____

Title_____ **Round 1 2 S F Section** _____

Length of Performance_____ **Rank (Circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

Rules: If a rule is broken, judge should lower performers one ranking and rating
*Speaker does not use a script
*Speaker may move during presentation.
*Speech is an original speech designed to explain, define, describe, or illustrate a particular subject. Effective speeches provide new information or perspectives on a topic.
*The use of a visual aid is optional. If a speaker uses a visual aid it is to supplement and reinforce the message. NO ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IS PERMITTED. See the NSDA Unified Manual for a complete explanation of what can't be used as a visual aid.
* Time limit, inclusive of introduction, is 10 minutes with a 30 second grace period. (If the performer goes beyond the 30 second grace period, the performer may not be ranked first.) There is no time minimum.
* Note: It is the expectation that performances are the artistic creation of the performer(s). It is plagiarism to copy a performance in detail from a video online. If there is suspicion of plagiarism, please be prepared to cite the source that was copied and consult with the tournament director. The tournament director will then consult with the coach of the performer(s) concerning consequences, which may result in their disqualification from the tournament.

Criteria For Evaluation: **Judge's Remarks:**

Organization: Speech is organized with introduction, body and conclusion evident. Introduction contains an attention device and thesis statement. Body has at least three main points. Conclusion contains a repeat of main points and an ending statement.

Analysis and Content: Speaker shows credibility and understanding of speech topic. Speaker uses logic and reasoning when presenting main points. Speaker uses factual data within speech. Speaker cites creditable sources within speech. Topic is original. Topic is appropriate for speaker and audience.

Oral Presentation: Transitions are used and flow smoothly. Speaker uses appropriate emotions for topic and speech. Speaker uses fluid speech with good projection, articulation and clear diction. Speaker uses appropriate word choice.

Physical Presentation: Speaker uses appropriate body language and movement (optional). Speaker uses appropriate gestures. Speaker uses appropriate eye contact with audience. No nervous habits are evident during speech presentation.

Judge's Signature_____**School #**_____