Jr. High BALLOT **Informative** (5 min. 30 sec. grace) Round _____ Room _____

Performer_____School_____Time_____

Selection_____

Ranking in Round: (There may be no ties) 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th

Rules: If a rule is broken, judge should lower performer one ranking and rating

*The general purpose of the speech is for the audience to gain understanding and/or knowledge of a topic. Any other purpose such as to entertain or to convince shall be secondary.
*Speech should be well researched and organized with evidence, logic, emotional appeals, and sometimes humor to convey a message
*The content of the speech should be the original work of the speaker with no more than 150 direct quoted words. Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited.
*The speech must be completely memorized and delivered without a manuscript.
*Visual aids are permitted. However, no electronic equipment is permitted.
*The time limit is 5 minutes with a 30 second "grace period." Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. There is no time minimum.
*Movement is optional.
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:	5--Superior	4--Excellent	3--Good	2--Average	1-- Fair
Introduction: Did it capture your attention? Did it establish background information?	1	2	3	4	5
Organization: Were the points clear and concise? Did it follow a logical order? Was the language clear and concise?	1	2	3	4	5
Topic Selection: Was it timely and worthwhile? Did the speaker understand the issues the topic deals with?	1	2	3	4	5
Conclusion: Did the speaker conclude the speech effectively? Were all points revisited and summed up?	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Impression: Did the speech inform, explain, define, describe, or illustrate a particular subject to you?	1	2	3	4	5

Additional Comments: (feel free to use the back)

Judge's Signature_____