

# PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE

## Master Ballot: Persuasive Speaking

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District#: \_\_\_\_\_

Students must prepare to speak on a subject of their own choosing. The general purpose of the persuasive speech is to get the members of the audience to change or modify their beliefs, to believe more strongly, or to take a specific action.

- The speech may not exceed ten (10) minutes in length. NO MINIMUM TIME REQUIREMENT
- Notes and visual aids may be used.
- Violations of the following rules will result in a contestant being disqualified from the tournament.
- Quoted material shall not exceed a total of 150 words.
- Plagiarism or fabrication of evidence and extensive paraphrasing are strictly prohibited.

In all individual events, a grace period of thirty (30) seconds over the event is permitted without penalty. If a student is more than thirty (30) seconds over, that student may not be ranked first. Excessive overtime violations should be penalized more harshly.

Any questions regarding rules infringements should be brought to the attention of the Tabulation Room staff and not the student.

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*Please list competitors in speaking order.*

Round \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Judge's Code \_\_\_\_\_ Judge's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking Order	Code	Name	Title	Rank
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Everyone is expected to be a respectful audience member. A judge's rank may reflect a contestant's disrespect to other competitors during the round.**