

**PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE**

**Master Ballot: Storytelling**

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

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

Students select a single published story on any theme and perform the story for no more than 5 minutes. Storytelling themes may include mysteries, heroism, fairy tales, or any story that would be appropriate for young children and the presenter should tell the story as if presenting it to that audience. The retelling must be true to the original tale. The contestant may not add original material or materially change the content of the story. The contestant does not need to perform the story verbatim, but they should not change the story or the author's intent.

The delivery must be extempore, not "read." No book or script may be used.

Students may express themselves in a variety of different ways. Gestures, pantomime, and characterization may be used with restraint, but the focus must be on the narrative.

The contestant may sing up to 30 seconds when singing is part of the original story.

All forms of scenery, set, props, costumes, makeup, etc., are prohibited, however the contestant may use a chair as long as it is not used as a prop. Using "properties" means manipulating articles of clothing or objects to enhance the performance.

The title or author of the selection must be verbally identified in either the introduction and/or transitional phrases.

The maximum time limit, including the introduction, is five minutes, with a grace period of 30 seconds. If a student is more than 30 seconds overtime, the student may not be ranked first in the round. Excessive time violations should be penalized more harshly. There is no minimum time requirement.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Order	Code	Name	Title	Rank
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**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.**