

# PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE

## Master Ballot: Commentary

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

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

- The speech shall not exceed five (5) minutes in length. NO MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.
- The speech must be delivered seated behind a table or desk.
- Up to fifty (50) words of notes may be used, but excessive reference to notes should be part of a judge's consideration when ranking students.
- The student must bring the topic slip drawn for that round, to the judge, or a copy of the topic written by the prep room judge.
- Substituting a different topic for the topic drawn will result in disqualification from the tournament.
- Plagiarism or fabrication of evidence is prohibited and will result in a student being disqualified from the tournament.
- The judge should keep in mind that this is a commentary and not just a seated extemporaneous speech.
- In all 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 violation 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	Topic	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.**