

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 maximum time limit is ten 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. over, that student may not be ranked first. Excessive overtime violations should be penalized more harshly.
- Visual aids may not be used in persuasive speaking. Notes may be used, but excessive reference to notes should be part of a judge's consideration when ranking students.
- 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.
- Any questions regarding rules infringements should be brought to the attention of the Tabulation Room staff and not the student.

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.