

# Declamation Ballot

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Speaker's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker's Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Speech \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

The speech being presented in Declamation must have been previously performed in a public forum by another individual. Only one speech may be used but can be "cut" to fit the time limit of 5-8 minutes, **no grace period**. The introduction for declamation should include where, when, and by whom the speech was given. No costumes or props may be used and the speaker's attire should not be a factor in judging.

CRITERIA AND EXPLANATION	CIRCLE THE RATING and COMMENT IN THE SPACES BELOW				
<b>• VERBAL SKILLS:</b> • Pronunciation • Enunciation • Projection • Vocal dramatics as needed	Needs Improvement 1	Fair 2	Average 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
<b>MOOD and VOICE:</b> • Mood established through "vocal setting" (volume variation) • Vocal differentiation	Needs Improvement 1	Fair 2	Average 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
<b>PAUSE and PACE:</b> Pacing: • Natural not rehearsed/stilted • Selection within time limit Pause: • Makes good use of dramatic pause for effect	Needs Improvement 1	Fair 2	Average 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
<b>NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS:</b> Appropriate: • Eye contact • Facial Expressions	Needs Improvement 1	Fair 2	Average 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
<b>POISE:</b> • Good posture • Comfortable with reading • Non-distracting manipulation of script	Needs Improvement 1	Fair 2	Average 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
<b>GENERAL EFFECTIVENESS:</b> Demonstrates: • Understanding of the original speech • Appropriate Introduction • Effective delivery of selection (not imitating original speaker) • Ability to communicate author's meaning and mood • Ability to stay within the time limit	Needs Improvement 1	Fair 2	Average 3	Good 4	Excellent 5

Round **1** **2** Room# \_\_\_\_\_

Time:

Total Score

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*Judge (Print name)*

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*Judge's Code*