

Ballot Counters: How to Tally Judge & Composite Scoring Sheets

Do Not Use raw scoring numbers 0-50 on Judging sheet. Use the placement Value numbers 6-3-1. Ballot Counters convert 1st, 2nd or 3rd placement on judging sheet to 6-3-1 Value.

Each Judge's score sheet must assign a contestant to first place, second place or third place. The ballot counters convert 1st place to a Value of 6; 2nd place to Value of 3; and 3rd place to Value of 1. These Values (6-3-1) should be written in space provided at the bottom of each judge's score sheet. Judge's sheet is invalid if they did not designate 1st-2nd-3rd places.

Raw scoring 0-50 is to assist judges in listening and accessing each speech. Judges do not have to give the highest raw score contestant 1st place, but they may choose to do so. Raw scores from judge's sheet are not to be used by ballot counters.

Ballot Counters should enter all the 6-3-1 Value from judge sheets and any minus penalty number from timer sheet onto the Composite Sheet under the appropriate Contestant. Then tally the total for each contestant, double check addition and award top three placement tallies to Final 1st, 2nd & up to 3rd place. No Ties.

Time Penalties

Any penalties listed on the timer's score sheet should be listed and treated as a minus on the composite sheet. The composite sheet should list every contestant by their assigned number and all the appropriate placement Values and penalties are to be assigned to the appropriate contestant. Then the composite sheet should be tallied.

Double check that placement Values are assigned correctly and assigned to the correct contestant on the composite sheet and check the addition.

Highest award is 1st Place, depending on number of contestants may have up to three awards, 2nd & 3rd.

Each judge's scoring range is 0-50 and is intended to be used by the Judges to focus their listening and broaden their assessment of speeches. Their raw scoring is to help them with deciding who is 1st, 2nd or 3rd, but are not binding numbers. After hearing all the speakers, a judge may no longer agree with their original scoring and make their final placement decision accordingly. Ballot Counters tally the placement Values (6-3-1), not raw scores.

Instructions are repeated within this document to underline their importance and for clarity to reduce, if not eliminate, errors in using the various scoring sheets.