

Upholding Quality

Each school's coach is the arbiter of excellence for his/her own judging corps, and should make sure judges are adequately trained and prepared to provide this vital educational service to young people. Before a new judge actually adjudicates a tournament, have him/her "shadow" an experienced judge, who can debrief his/her process. At an early tournament, ask the Tab room if they can provide a copy of a new judge's critiques/ballots, so you can review the quality of their evaluations.

Descriptive Word Bank for Judges

QUALITY	PRESENTATION	"OOMPH"	"NEEDS"
amazing	articulate	animation	absent of
breathtaking	believable	energy	could use
beautiful	characterization	enthusiasm	deficient in
brilliant	coherent	gusto	incomplete
decent	cohesive	life	lacks
delightful	credible	liveliness	missing
dynamic	dramatic	passion	requires
enjoyable	emotional	pizzazz	short on...
excellent	enthusiastic	sparkle	potential
extraordinary	expression	spirit	
fabulous	honesty	vivaciousness	THE PIECE
fine	genuine	vigor	assortment
first-class	innovative		combination
first-rate	understated	"POOR"	compilation
grand	whimsical	artificial	execution
great	rhetorical	awkward	plethora
impressive		broad	unified
incredible	TALENT	faulty	unsuitable
lovely	accomplished	flawed	wealth
marvelous	capable	hinder	
perfect	clever	incoherent	DEBATE
pleasant	convincing	incorrect	fallacious
remarkable	creative	mellow	logically linked
satisfactory	effortless	monotonous	illogical
spectacular	expert	poor	credibility
splendid	proficient	repetitive	warrant
stunning	natural	scarce	clash
superb	skilled	weak	impact
terrific	talented	wrong	refute
wonderful	well developed		rebut
	mastered		flow