

# PUBLIC FORUM

## Speaker Evaluation Criteria

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### Organization

- Clearly stated whether the speaker was pro or con
- Ideas were easy to follow
- Examples or evidence supported the main points
- Moved clearly from one point to the next
- Ended by reminding the judge of the main message

### Persuasiveness

- Kept the judge interested
- Explained why the team's ideas were stronger
- Used believable examples or support
- Showed why the issue matters
- Left the judge with a strong final impression

### Vocal Delivery

- Spoke in a clear, natural voice
- Used a good pace and paused when needed
- Pronounced words correctly
- Spoke clearly and with expression

### Physical Delivery

- Made eye contact when possible
- Used natural gestures and movement
- Avoided distracting habits
- Showed confidence through posture and appearance
- Presented with energy and enthusiasm

### Crossfire

- Asked fair and useful questions
- Answered questions directly
- Stayed respectful
- Avoided interrupting or being rude
- Used time wisely

### Refutation

- Answered the other team's main arguments
- Explained why the other side's points were weaker or less important
- Used comparison instead of just saying "you are wrong"
- Focused on the biggest issues in the round
- Responded in a clear and respectful way