Competitor _____

Round _____ Section _____ Room _____

VARSITY INFORMATIVE BALLOT

Judge Name: _____ Judge: Please do not discuss this ballot with anyone.

Topic of Speech: _____ **Time**: _____

Rate the competitor's effectiveness in each of the categories on the scales given below. Please write comments to elaborate on the way the competitor was rated. (This will help both students and coaches.)

Introduction: (8 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Captures audience attention and creates interest
- Justifies significance of topic chosen
- Provides clear and appropriate thesis statement
- Previews main points

Main Body: (14 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Has clear understanding of topic chosen
- Points in speech clearly support thesis statement
- Presents unique topic facts beyond common knowledge
- Uses originality in explaining facts about topic chosen
- Content is coherent and well-organized
- Uses clear and smooth transitions between main points
- Cites credible sources properly

The Conclusion: (4 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Reviews thesis and main points
- Reinforces significance of topic chosen
- Provides closure of speech
- Presents memorable ending

Vocal Delivery: (8 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Variety of pitch, rate, volume, rhythm
- Clarity, enunciation, pronunciation of speech

Physical Movement: (6 points possible) **Points Given**: _____

- Appropriate eye contact maintained
- Effective gestures
- Purposeful movement

Comments:

Optional Visual Aids: Used to clarify/enhance speech, give credibility, or impact the audience; handled smoothly and efficiently.
[All visuals must be attached to a black presentation board no larger than 20" x 30". No audio or 3D objects permitted.]

Total Points given: _____

20 (or less) ---------- 30 ---------- 40
Poor ←---------- Average ----------→ Superior
After rating points are assigned, rank ballots in order of rating points given.

Violations:
Use of a script _____ + Overtime _____ = _____ Total Violations
[2 rank violation] [1 rank violation]

Transfer FINAL RANK from Tabulation Form if 1st, 2nd, or 3rd : 1st 2nd 3rd