

# AFTER DINNER SPEAKING COMMENT SHEET



Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Round \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker Time \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Topic  
\_\_\_\_\_

Judge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: The student chooses their own subject and develops an original speech. "Original" means "not copied, reproduced, or translated; a novel, fresh; not borrowed from some other source."

General Purpose: To entertain.

Nature:

(a) The speech should have an undertone of seriousness.

(b) The speech should not be:

(1) A series of unrelated jokes.

(2) A skit or vaudeville performance.

(3) Dependent upon impersonation, although character suggestions and use of dialect in telling jokes or stories are permissible.

(4) A speech that is "acted out."

(c) Humor must always be in good taste. Offensive humor and material shall not be permitted.

Length: There is no minimum time limit; the speech shall be no more than 8 minutes in length with 30 seconds of grace allowed. If laughter delays the speaker, the judges should take that into consideration when ranking.

Preparation and Notes: The speech is prepared in advance and should be delivered from memory. No notes are permitted and no promptings are allowed during the delivery of the speech.

No props/Display Boards

Please do no comment on the participants' attire or appearance; this should not play a role in your decision.

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**Reason for Decision:** *(Why did this performance earn the rank that you assigned?)*

Contestant Rank \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker Points \_\_\_\_\_ (out of 100)

Judge Signature \_\_\_\_\_