



Queen's Debating Union High School Tournament

Scoring Range

- 34 Among the very worst speeches at you've ever seen. Debater was genuinely offensive, made no arguments and/or left the podium in tears. This score should be used very sparingly.
- 35 This is a bad speech. Debater spoke for very little time (2 or 3 minutes), had almost no substance, and was stylistically very poor.
- 36 This is a poor speech, lacking in both content and style. The debater will often not fill time (4 or 5 minutes) and engage in little refutation. Speech will likely be read entirely. Alternatively, the debater will gravely breach the rules of debate.
- 37 This speech will be decent but mediocre, lacking either in substance or style. This speech might be read entirely. Alternatively, the debater will speak eloquently and on topic, but will speak for substantially less than the allotted time (less than 5½ minutes).
- 38 This score should be the average for this tournament. This is a good speech with time-management, argumentation, refutation, style and organization. **Debater will deviate from prepared remarks and engage in clash.**
- 39 This is a very good speech. Time will be filled, style is fluent and organization is effective. Argumentation and refutation are done well and with confidence.
- 40 An excellent speech. Strong style, confidence and insightful analysis are all demonstrated. You genuinely enjoyed hearing this debater speak and would be happy seeing him or her place in the top ten.
- 41 An outstanding speech with strong style and insightful, compelling arguments that leave you impressed. Superior organization and refutation. The top speaker at this tournament should average about 41.
- 42 This is an absolutely brilliant speech that exemplifies eloquence and poise. Persuasive and confident, this debater covers all areas effectively with valuable insight. In your opinion, this debater should win the tournament. There may be one or two of these at this tournament.
- 43 So I hear you won the world championships this year.

35s and 42s will have to be justified on the ballot.

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Please note that clash is the difference between an above-average and a below-average speech. Speeches that are read, either in full or in part, should never score higher than 39 at the very most.