Chalk Talks

A chalk talk presentation should be between 5 and 10 minutes long. Since speakers should have practiced with this in mind and since our scheduling depends on this assumption, points will be deducted for deviations. Speakers will be warned when their time is nearly up and expected to finish up their talks quickly.

Criteria

Presentations will be judged based on several areas, including appropriateness of the topic, clarity of the presentation, depth and breadth of understanding, effective use of the board and other prepared aids.

Presentation Tip

Speakers should refrain from referring to notes during their talks, since it otherwise indicates a lack of understanding of the topic and detracts from the clarity of the presentation.

Sample Judge's Form

This is a sample judge's form. The indicated percentages were decided for the previous year and may be changed for upcoming competitions.

Name of Speaker: _____

Criteria	Score	Weighted Percentage
Appropriateness of topic and level		15%
Depth and breadth of understanding		35%
Clarity of presentation		30%
Effective use of board and/or other materials		10%

Notes:

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Overall Grade: _____
Rank Order: _____