

EXPLANATION OF THE PERFORMANCE RATINGS USED ON THE SCORESHEET

Individual participants will be rated on a scale of 1 – 10 speaker points, according to their roles in the trial. The Scoring Judge is scoring **individual performance** in each speaker category. The scoring judge is NOT scoring the legal merits of the case.

Scoring Judges may recognize outstanding individual presentations by selecting one OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE and one OUTSTANDING WITNESS per round. Each Scoring Judge determines individually which student will receive his/her vote; however, the entire judging panel may confer on this matter.

Scoring Judges may individually consider penalties for violation of the Rules of the Competition. Penalties would reduce point awards in the appropriate performance categories below. Penalties will not be indicated separately on the score sheet.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PERFORMANCE</u>	<u>CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING STUDENT PERFORMANCE</u>
1 – 2	Not Effective	Unsure of self, illogical, uninformed, not prepared, speaks incoherently, and ineffective in communication
3 – 4	Fair	Minimally informed and prepared. Performance is passable, but lacks depth in terms of knowledge of task and materials; communications lack clarity and conviction
5 – 6	Good	Good, solid, but less than spectacular performance; can perform outside of written notes, but with less confidence than when using written notes; logic and organization are adequate, but does not convey mastery of same; communications are clear and understandable, but could be stronger in fluency and persuasiveness
7 – 8	Excellent	Fluent, persuasive, clear and understandable; well organized materials and thoughts; exhibits mastery of the case and materials; thinks quickly and spontaneously; does not read from notes
9-10	Outstanding	Exceptional presentation; flawless; superior in qualities listed for performance meriting 7-8 points

The team with the higher number of points shall win the ballot (and shall be entered in the Tiebreaker Box on the ballot; the team winning the majority of the ballots shall win the round.

Scoring Judges are reminded to tally all scores, check totals closely, and sign the score sheet before returning the score sheet to the appropriate committee member.