

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE RUBRIC FOR PRESIDING OFFICER

This table of evaluation standards may be used by judges who would like assistance in determining the scores for Presiding Officer. Each category's points can be different. If so, add the total points each hour and then divide by three.

	2 Points - Fair	3 Average	4 Proficient	5 Excellent	6 Superior
Speaker Recognition	The P.O. needs much improvement in his/her communication with fellow delegates to gain their trust and respect relating to the rationale for rulings made. Constant errors are made in speaker recognition, which lacks consistent method or impartiality.	The P.O. needs to improve in his/her communication with fellow delegates to gain their trust and respect relating to the rationale for rulings made. Constant errors are made in speaker recognition, which lacks consistent method or impartiality.	While the P.O. does not adequately explain his/her preferences for running the chamber in advance. He/she does clearly explain rulings, when necessary. Speaker recognition may be somewhat inconsistent or biased.	Presiding preferences are clearly explained at the beginning of the session and executed consistently . The P.O. is universally respected and trusted by his peers, and is consistent in recognition (very few errors) and rulings, distributing speeches throughout the room geographically equally between schools of the same size and among individuals.	Presiding preferences are clearly explained at the beginning of the session and executed consistently . The P.O. is universally respected and trusted by his peers, and is consistent in recognition with no errors and rulings, distributing speeches throughout the room geographically equally between schools of the same size and among individuals.
Parliamentary Procedure	The P.O. is unaware of parliamentary procedure, and needs the Parliamentarian to let him/her know what to do.	The P.O.'s knowledge of parliamentary procedure is lacking , and he/she shows negligible effort to correct errors and/or consult written rules.	The P.O. demonstrates competency in procedure, but makes mistakes in determining the results of motions and votes, etc.	The P.O. has command of parliamentary procedure (motions) and uses this almost transparently to run a fair and efficient chamber, seldom consulting written rules and ruling immediately on whether motions pass or fail.	The P.O. has total command of parliamentary procedure (motions) and uses it every time to run a fair and efficient chamber, never consulting written rules and ruling immediately on whether motions pass or fail.
Delivery/ Presence	The P.O. needs much improvement in his/her vocal and physical presence and professional demeanor.	The P.O. needs to improve his/her vocal and physical presence and professional demeanor.	The P.O. displays a satisfactory command of the chamber in his/her vocal and physical presence. Word choice is usually concise.	The P.O. dynamically displays a command and relates well to the chamber through his/her vocal and physical presence. Word choice is economical and eloquent.	The P.O. dynamically displays a command and relates excellently to the chamber through his/her vocal and physical presence. Word choice is economical and eloquent.