



Category Committee Report

October 6, 2018

1. New “Moments in History” decade for 2018: **2000-2009**
2. Updates to the Rubrics/Rules:
 - A. **News Reporting:** remove sentence referencing “make-up” from Rule 5. Discussed double dipping of penalty if one element is missing from # 1 and is evaluated in 3, 4, 5, or 6. Committee determined since all are required, points could reasonably be deducted in both places a # 1 speaks to the balance of the required parts, while 3-6 speak to the quality of the information presented.
 - B. **Persuasive:** align 3 ½ to 7 min in top description and in Rule T.
 - C. **Group Improvisation:** remove the “make-up” reference from rule #5
1 Concern about no grace under time. We did not change the rule.
 - D. **Discussion of Poetry Rule 2.** As written does it allow for a general intro with author and title of 1st poem and separate intro for following poem including author and title? Yes. (1 concern in last 5+ years)
 - E. **Non-Original:** - Rule 1. Add to sentence 1 after: *A presentation in this category is to be a persuasive or inspirational **speech** written ”and originally presented as a public address” by.....* To clarify the speech must have been an actual speech not a letter or other writing. (MLK letter from jail, precipitated this change) Also, bold and underline **speech** in sentence 2.
 - F. **Group Interpretation:** Align Rule # 4 with Rubric # 2
Add after: .. people standing next to each other “or in blocking transition. The focus of movement and blocking is to the audience.”
3. Discussion of time violation at 5 pt deduction.
Tyne’s proposal discussed: go back to 14 pt across the board for rule violations.

Committee recommendation to stay with 5 pt. deduction for time.

Recommended revisions made to Rules/Rubrics 10/7/18

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