



# Texas Forensic Association

## Duet Acting Ballot

Contestant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Round: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge's Instructions:** Evaluate the speaker using the following *CRITERIA*. \* **Please offer justification for the ranking in the round and provide constructive suggestions for improvement.**

**TIME LIMIT FOR THIS EVENT is  
10 minutes with 30 second grace**

**Selection:** Is the selection appropriate for the speaker? Does it show interest, intelligibility, and literary value?

**Choice of Material:** Is the selection appropriate to the contestants? Does it possess interest, intelligibility, and merit?

**Introduction:** Are the title and author clearly stated? Is interest in the scene created? Is the mood set? Is the information relevant to and sufficient for the scene?

**Insight and Understanding:** Do the performers appear to have insight into the mood and meaning of the scene? Are they faithful to the author's intent?

**Characterizations:** Do the performers establish believable characters? Are they consistent with the mood of the scene? Are bodily actions attuned to the characters portrayed?

**Voice and Diction:** Is pronunciation acceptable? Is enunciation distinct without being pedantic? Are rate, pitch, and volume appropriate? Are the performers' voices clear, resonant, and pleasant? Is vocal variety sufficient?

**Movement and Strategy:** Is the acting area used effectively? Is the blocking well attuned to the content of the scene? Are a variety of levels employed?

**Ensemble:** Is the scene shared equally? Do the performers act, react, interact, and respond to the motivation of the scene? Is the team a unit?

**Overall Effectiveness:** Is the total effect of the scene pleasing? Did the performers hold the audience's interest?

Is the intent of the selection clearly communicated?

### Judge's Remarks

**Time (length of speech):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank the speaker. Circle one** (1<sup>st</sup> being best, etc. \*Each student must be given a rank- there cannot be a tie)

1<sup>st</sup>    2<sup>nd</sup>    3<sup>rd</sup>    4<sup>th</sup>    5<sup>th</sup>    6<sup>th</sup>    7<sup>th</sup>    8<sup>th</sup>    No Show

Judge's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_