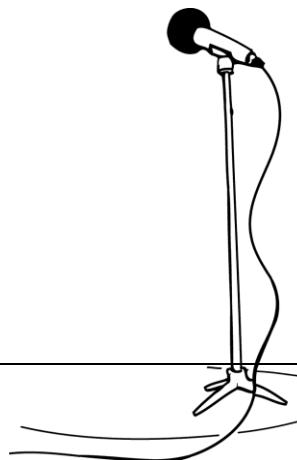


EVALUATION GUIDELINES FOR SCENARIO PERFORMANCE

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Evaluation Changes approved in June 2019:

- Added discussion of expectations for “Performances” on page 4
- Adjusted point values for rubric elements on pages 5-8
- Expanded discussion of rubric elements on pages 5-8

PURPOSE OF EVALUATION

The primary purpose of Scenario Performance evaluation is to provide coaches and participants with feedback that allows them to develop and improve their creative storytelling skills. Scenario Performance is performance-based, and evaluation is authentic assessment of the performance. Because all stories are unique, FPSPI employs a variety of strategies to review student work, using specific criteria to evaluate performance. Skill improvement is the most important aspect of evaluation; however, since Scenario Performance also involves competition and competition scoring must be impartial, a secondary purpose of evaluation is to provide a fair, consistent, and reliable method for comparing performances in competition.

ATTITUDE

It is essential that evaluators maintain a positive attitude throughout the evaluation process. The central purpose of Future Problem Solving Program International is to assist students in acquiring better thinking, communication, and creative skills. Evaluations should always occur with these goals in mind. **Evaluators offer constructive feedback and make students want to improve their skills.** Regardless of the quality of the student performances, effective feedback acknowledges students for what they did well and encourages them to use their improved skills to tackle the next performance. **Negative feedback may discourage performers and keep them from improving, defeating the purpose of the program.**

It is important for evaluators not to extend their personal expectations and skill levels to that of the performances. Evaluators should not confuse the sophistication of the task with that of the students, but consider the age/division of the student and the level of competition in constructing positive feedback. Once an exceptional performance is noted, it may be easy to expect the same quality from all participants. When providing feedback, evaluators should consider the age/division of the student and whether the performance is for practice or competition. Evaluators should remember that the completion of a Scenario Performance is, by itself, a major accomplishment – possibly more demanding than anything else the students have done as part of their educational experience. Students’ work will delight, frustrate, and eventually reward the demanding task of the evaluator.

**The ability to consistently provide positive and constructive feedback
is the goal to which all evaluators must aspire.**

FEEDBACK



Feedback helps students understand the strengths and weaknesses of their Scenario Performances and motivates them to improve their skills. Feedback is ***the most important aspect of the evaluation***. Feedback enables students to focus their learning process and allows the coach to adapt instruction to meet the needs of the performer. Comments, both general in nature and specific to a single response, are provided on the score sheet.

Using a strategy devised by Edward de Bono (1974) improves the quality of feedback. Edward de Bono suggests that attention be given to the following four areas when responding to students: praise, clarification, criticism, and amplification.

Praise: Evaluator acknowledgements of effort, creativity, and major strengths

- Reinforces positive aspects of performance
- Rewards the storyteller for facing a problem and developing a solution idea through the story
- Reminds the participant, even if the score is not high, he/she did some things right and encourages him/her to improve
- Establishes a good working relationship between the evaluator and performer

Clarification: Evaluator comments asking the storyteller to clarify ideas

- Points out areas that may be confusing or unclear and offers suggestions for improvement
- Encourages improvement in the clarity and elaboration of work
- Promotes the development of effective communication skills

Criticism (Ideas for Improvement): Evaluator suggestions for areas needing improvement

- Helps build skills by providing specific, constructive comments
- Gives storytellers examples of ways to use their ideas, research, or oral presentation more effectively
- Encourages performers to learn from their work

Amplification: Evaluator comments that help performers expand ideas, push their thinking even further, and improve the quality of presentation and story

- Points out gaps in information or logic
- Helps improve their oral presentation style
- Identifies other ideas that might be considered
- Prompts students to consider the possible consequences of ideas
- Lists positive, constructive ideas for improvement

See *Strategies for Effective Feedback* for examples and ideas for feedback.



PREPARATION

Knowledge is Necessary! Before evaluating Scenario Performances, evaluators should have knowledge of the topics. The students put tremendous effort into their work and deserve to have their performances reviewed by knowledgeable individuals. They can really lose respect for evaluators and the process - no matter how valid the feedback is - if a basic understanding of the material is not obvious. Reading the “Overview” section for each of the topic chapters in *Readings, Research, and Resources*, along with several article summaries, is a necessary minimum to gain topic awareness for evaluation.

SCORE SHEET COMPONENTS

Three elements require evaluator attention on the score sheet:

Identification – An evaluator completes and/or verifies the identification portion of the score sheet before evaluating.

Scoring – An evaluator uses the descriptors on the score sheet for each criterion to determine the numerical score.

Feedback – An evaluator uses the space provided on the score sheet for feedback.

Refer to a copy of the score sheet as you review these evaluation guidelines.

SUGGESTED APPROACH TO SCORING

To get an idea of the quality of the assigned Scenario Performances, it is recommended that you view a few prior scenario performances before you begin actual scoring. While watching the presentation, form a preliminary opinion in your mind and select terms that begin to describe the range of quality. After actual scoring your opinion and rank order may change; the preliminary notes, however, will help set the range of quality in which you will be working and may ultimately save you time redoing scores or breaking ties. When the performances are held before a live audience, a recording of each performance is available for evaluators to review as needed.

REVIEW

- View a few prior scenario performances. (Available on the [FPSPI YouTube Channel](#))
- Form a preliminary opinion of the rank order of performances.
- Form a preliminary opinion of the range of quality.
- Watch each scenario performance for a second time, then score according to the rubric.
- Provide feedback. (See *Strategies for Effective Feedback* included in this document.)
- Rank order performances according to actual scores.
- Assign a quality term to each scenario performance.

This is a suggested approach to scoring; however, experienced evaluators may have formed other successful methods. We encourage you to use the method that works best for you as long as each performance is given the same careful consideration using the areas included on the rubric.

RANKING

The top-scoring scenario performance identified by each evaluator is awarded a rank of “1.” The second highest performance receives a “2,” and so on.

PERFORMANCES

Designed and developed to sustain the oral tradition of storytelling, Scenario Performance is ideally suited to students who show creativity in different ways, and prefer oral communication. Scenario Performances are storytelling presentations that often take place as logical extrapolations of actions or events that took place earlier. Using their topic knowledge, students make a prediction of the future (20-30 years from now) and perform as though the future were the present. Futuristic concepts and trends are incorporated into the story, but a specific date is not required. Scenario Performance evaluation considers not only the content of the story, but also the manner in which it is delivered to an audience. Students should make efforts to immerse the audience in their performance, bring their characters to life, build suspense in their story, use their voice to portray character's emotions, and create a story that paints a picture of the future.

Performers present their possible futures for the camera, or in front of a live audience. Students are permitted the use of 10 cue cards to help them remember their scenarios. Props, costumes, theatrical makeup, or other materials are not appropriate for a Scenario Performance. Elaborate movements, crouching, jumping, running, or other dramatic motions are not suitable for a Scenario Performances. Hand gestures and slight movements are appropriate for storytelling and often advance the story.

USE OF THE RUBRIC

It is very important that the rubric is used with each performance evaluated. To correctly use the rubric, begin with the middle scores and determine if the performance meets the explanation of that score. If it does, move up to the next highest score on the rubric, read the description, and determine if the performance meets that explanation. (If it does not, go back down and assign the appropriate score.) If the performance meets the higher descriptor, move to the next higher score and read that explanation. If that descriptor does not fit, assign the lower score. If the highest descriptor fits, you must assign that score. If the middle descriptor does not fit, the process is the same as you move in the opposite direction and keep moving down until the explanation fits your opinion of the Scenario Performance for that criterion. It is also important that you not let any other criterion influence your score for the criterion on which you are working. For example, if you assign a score of 1-2 for Audience Awareness, you must not let that low score influence the scoring of any other criterion score.

REVIEW

- Use the rubric descriptors with each presentation.
- Begin with the middle score.
 - If the criteria are met, move up to the next higher score for consideration.
 - Repeat and assign highest score that fits the performance.
 - If the criteria are not met, move down to the next lowest score.
 - Repeat and assign the score that best fits the performance.
- Rate each rubric element independent of the others.
- Where 3 or more choices exist within a criterion level, use the higher number to indicate that the performance approaches the next rubric level and use the lowest number to indicate the performance is in the beginning stages of that level.
- *Scores of “1” for Creative Thinking and Futuristic Thinking will not be accepted for evaluation at the international level.*

RUBRIC DESCRIPTORS

Although each element of the rubric is explained on the score sheet, please review these detailed descriptors before evaluating. The effective incorporation of various storytelling attributes may and can overlap across rubric elements. Some of these instances are noted.

Storytelling Techniques (1-5 points)

Performers should demonstrate an understanding of storytelling techniques to advance the plot. Effective use of storytelling techniques include an appropriate structure that allows the performers to bring the audience on a journey.



- Exhibits effective pacing of story performance, unity and coherence of performance
- Expresses a variety of storytelling styles easily understood by others
- Appropriate transitional elements in performance (Development of Story)
- Students adherence to and effective use of the 5 minute time limit (Development of Story)
- Clear diction/enunciation and pacing (Use of Voice)

	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	STRONG	EXEMPLARY
Storytelling Techniques: Effective pacing; unity/coherence of performance; appropriate transitional elements in performance; clear enunciation and pacing; effective use of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enunciation and pacing impede understanding • Transitions are awkward and disrupt the flow of the story • Ineffective use of time hinders performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enunciation and pacing interfere with the performer's ability to communicate • Use of language imprecise • Weak transitional strategies • Ineffective use of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enunciation and pacing may interfere with the performer's ability to communicate • Simplistic story structure and use of language • Pauses in transition may impede the flow • Performance was completed within the time limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective diction appropriate to the length and complexity of the performance • Story structure is controlled and varied, with use of language consistently acceptable and effective • Transitions enhance story • Performance was completed within the time limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent diction reflecting control of story structure and use of words • Story is clearly heard • Transitions are seamless and enhance the story flow • Performance made effective use of the time provided
Score	1	2	3	4	5

Audience Awareness (1-5 points)



Outstanding performers will connect with the audience, not merely provide information. Engaging the audience from start to finish, storytellers involve the listener and vest them in the outcome.

- Recognizes intended audience and communicates with audience
- Motivates listener to consider presented perspectives
- Engages the listener

	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	STRONG	EXEMPLARY
Audience Awareness: Recognition of intended audience; attention to needs of the intended listener; communication with audience; engages the listener; motivation of listener to consider presented perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storyteller demonstrates a limited awareness of the type of audience/listener to whom he/she is speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storyteller demonstrates he/she is aware of the type of audience/listener for whom he/she is telling, but fails to remain focused on them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storyteller demonstrates some evidence of communication with audience/listener 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storyteller consistently demonstrates communication with the audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storyteller establishes and maintains a strong awareness of and communication with the audience throughout the performance
Score	1	2	3	4	5

Use of Voice (1-10 points)

The tone of the Scenario Performance should entertain, inform, or persuade. Performers should be able to convey their message with emotions that enhance the storyline and include words that convey feeling. The storyteller should use appropriate tone and choose words and expressions that are accessible to a wide range of listeners. In addition, a mixture of some of the following elements of style should be portrayed throughout the performance:

- Includes well-crafted and varied use of words and/or crafting of sentences

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- Employs conscientious and effective word choice
- Utilizes vivid descriptions with imagery
- Exhibits storyteller's personal touch or tone, motivating the audience to consider consequences
- Allows character and/or narrator voice(s) to emerge when appropriate to the story (Characterization)
- Shares the passion in a contagious manner (Audience Awareness)

	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	STRONG	EXEMPLARY
Use of Voice: Appropriate use and variation of tone; personal storytelling identity emerges through the use of voice; suitable range of tones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No sense of who is telling the story • Little evidence of vocal techniques or descriptions to enliven story • Inappropriate and/or ineffective use of voice and language for audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice somewhat formulaic/ informal or a list of facts • Some elements of personal style emerge in telling, but not fully developed • Some variety in expression evident, but not consistent • Voice inappropriate for audience or purpose at times • Difficult for listener to stay involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptable voice, but not strong or individual • Evidence of elements of style that give telling life/spirit • Effort made to vary sentences, but not sustained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable voice consistent throughout telling • Clear, personal touch prevails • Elements of style uniquely mastered throughout • Storyteller's passion obvious • Audience drawn into storyline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear, distinctive personal touch prevails • Variety of tone techniques makes story lively/engaging • Stylistic nuances and elements uniquely mastered • Storyteller's passion contagious
Score	1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10

Development of Story (1-15 points)

Instead of just showing a comprehensive awareness that focuses the listener, the storyteller is able to connect this information into complex ideas revealed by choosing key details that engage the audience and allows him/her to take the story to a new level of understanding. Details should serve the purpose of advancing the story and move beyond a simply conventional story progression. Carefully consider the age/division of performers, as those in the Junior division specifically have more likely only been exposed to what more advanced audiences would consider formulaic. Keep these things in mind when evaluating the Development of Story:

- Identifies the conflict (the challenge) for the story
- Includes a relevant plot with possible climax and resolution
- Considers a positive resolution or hope for the future
- Portrays sophistication in organization
- Exhibits idea development strategies with relevant/believable elaboration
- Relates connections and reflections among events (Storytelling Techniques)
- Allotted time used effectively so that story neither drags or rushes inappropriately (Storytelling Techniques)
- Shows consequences/impact of ideas related to the timeframe of the setting (Futuristic Thinking)
- Logical connection to the topic (Connection to the Topic)



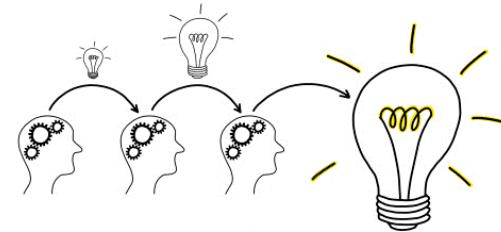
	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	STRONG	EXEMPLARY
Development of Story: Logical, justified development of plot, and story progression; relevant elaboration; related connections and reflections; idea development strategies; organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas expressed are minimally developed with few or unrelated details • Short duration of story limits development • Performance is random, with little or no evidence of organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas expressed are generally not elaborated or details are repetitious • Minimal evidence of story organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas are developed and supported by elaborated and relevant details • Evidence of logical organization, but with lapses and/or a lack of coherence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas are developed in depth and supported by elaborated details • Related connections and reflections are evident • Logical and coherent organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas are complex and supported by rich engaging and/or pertinent details • Strong evidence of analysis, reflection and/or insight • Careful and/or subtle organizational strategies demonstrated • May offer a positive resolution or hope for the future
Score	1 2 3	4 5 6	7 8 9	10 11	13 14 15

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Characterization (1-10 points)

Well-developed characters not only enhance the plot, but also draw the audience in. Performances that include clear, identifiable characters that are sustained throughout the performance enrich the audience experience.

- Presents central, identifiable, sustained character(s) (animate or inanimate)
- Develops characters with layered personalities that show emotional responses to situations and dialogue (characters can and should be flawed – this is what makes them real, it is difficult to identify with a perfect character)
- Portrays characters that analyze, reflect, or show insight to ideas, issues, or concepts
- Includes dynamic character(s) that experience a change (however slight) as a result of the “rising action” of the story
- Evokes emotional response from the audience (Audience Awareness)
- Efforts made to distinguish character personalities through gestures or tone (Use of Voice)



	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	STRONG	EXEMPLARY
Characterization: Central, identifiable, sustained character(s) (animate or inanimate) able to evoke emotional response from the listener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recognizable central character(s) • Weak character development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central and identifiable character(s) exists, but needs further development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sense of character(s) development evident throughout the story • Character(s) evokes little emotional response from audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong sense of authentic character(s) • Many dimensions of personality are purposeful and understandable • Emotional response evoked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authentic character developed with a dynamic nature that enhances the overall impact and effectiveness of the performance • Total sense of involvement with the character(s) is achieved
Score	1	2	3	4	5
			6	7	8
				9	10

By combining futuristic thinking, creativity, and research, a performer may justify and make his/her unique idea believable. This sophistication of thought will be awarded points in multiple criteria: Creative Thinking, Connection to Topic, and Futuristic Thinking.

Creative Thinking (1-5 points)

Using creativity in a variety of ways advances this score. There are many possible avenues by which performers can develop innovative approaches, which may be components of many of the rubric criteria. Highest scores will be awarded for work that incorporates inventive approaches throughout the Scenario Performance, including but not limited to the following:



- Displays inventive thinking
- Incorporates innovative, original, resourceful ideas
- Uses vocabulary that provides unusual details
- Depicts unusual and novel characteristics of objects or characters, unique approaches to story development and “out of the box” thinking
- Surprises or ends in a novel way (Development of Story, Storytelling Techniques)
- Elaborates sensory details developing thoughts, emotions, or reflections (Characterization).

	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	STRONG	EXEMPLARY
Creative Thinking: Inventive, innovative, original, resourceful ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little to no integration of creative thinking • Creative ideas disjointed/unfocused • Perspectives/outcomes predictable throughout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More traditional ideas rather than inventive • Creative ideas do not support plot • Predictable storyline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of creative thinking, going beyond the norm at times • Relevant novel ideas present but may be unclear or unfocused • Mostly predictable storyline with "sparks" of uniqueness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of creative thinking • Original/unusual details noticeable throughout the telling • Unique or unusual ending, setting, conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong portrayal of innovative, original ideas • Use of unusual/creative details and vocabulary • A unique and powerful experience provided for the listener
Score	1	2	3	4	5

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Connection to Topic (1-5 points)

Good performers will artfully blend research about the topic or topic related futuristic trends into the story line. Look for relevant vocabulary as well as a logical knowledge about the topic projected into the future. Please review your topic research shortly before beginning evaluation. When scoring, consider the following:

- Presents relevant terminology as well as knowledge about the topic
- Connects current topic realities/research to possible outcomes in the story
- Narrows the topic to establish and maintain a clear focus (Development of Story)
- Projects specialized language/terminology unique to the topic into the future (Futuristic Thinking)



	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	STRONG	EXEMPLARY
Connection to Topic: Narrowing the topic to establish and maintain a clear focus; research evident;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited connection between the tale and the topic • Minimal or no research evident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of topic obvious, but fails to remain focused • Evidence of some research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt at narrowing of topic, but lapses are evident • Evidence of some research, but is not sustained throughout the performance • Majority of the setting is in the future with some lapses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently focused on a topic throughout the performance • Research evident throughout the performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus established with a strong connection to the topic throughout • Strong portrayal of research enhances the story
Score	1	2	3	4	5

Futuristic Thinking (1-5 points)

Futuristic thinking uses innovative ideas that are a blending of research, analogy, and creativity that predicts a possible future. Futuristic thinking should be consistent throughout the performance, not just in one or two places where futuristic “gadgets” are described. Determine whether the presentation includes these elements:



- Portrays and integrates believable future information and trends relevant to the topic
- Tells the story with a point set in the future as if it were really happening in the present
- Bases ideas on current trends/research and makes logical projections into the future
- Develops a future society in language and ideas, implicitly as well as explicitly (Use of Voice)
- Uses predictions to enhance story (Storytelling Techniques)
- Maintains a new “reality” 20-30 years into the future from start to finish (Development of Story)

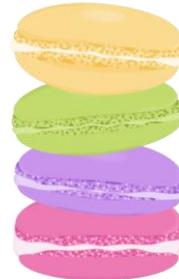
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Futuristic Thinking: Portrayal of futuristic information and trends, including futuristic ideas as well as technological inventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story not set 20-30 years in the future • Little or no development of futuristic trends; no projection into the future • Inaccuracies evident in regard to futuristic setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear setting or time period • Evidence of more conventional ideas rather than futuristic • Little evidence of futuristic trends related to the topic • Natural progression into the future not portrayed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of setting is in the future with some lapses • Evidence of futuristic concepts but not sustained throughout • Random reference to futuristic trends • Futuristic elements not clearly connected to story line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting occurs at least 20-30 years in the future • Relevant future trends integrated throughout • Futuristic ideas connected to topic and storyline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting occurs at least 20-30 years in the future • Understanding of patterns/trends and how they might evolve • Strong portrayal of futuristic trends/predictions enhance the story
Score	1	2	3	4	5

STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK

Despite the quality of its content, feedback is useless unless it has a positive psychological impact on students and coaches. The following are strategies evaluators can use to make their point while allowing students to be proud of their effort.

Feedback Sandwich

By starting and ending with positive comments, a slice of criticism is more easily swallowed when it is sandwiched between two thick slices of praise. The key to the technique is to provide *legitimate* praise. A comment such as, “Fun story to listen to!” refers to the enjoyment of the performance, but is generic to many presentations. A comment such as, “Your performance shows terrific insight into the future by your use of technological inventions” relates to the rubric and gives students specific praise. Remember, a positive start and finish motivates students for the next performance.



Thoughtful Word Choice

Just as a student’s word choice impacts how effectively their efforts are communicated, your word choice impacts how well students will receive and respond to your feedback.

- Substitute “when” or “and” for the word “but.” Explain to a performer, “You have some terrific ideas *when* you relate them to the topic and your purpose.” This comment is far more positive than “You have some terrific ideas, but you don’t relate them to the topic.”
- Use a question to encourage a performer to rethink an idea. Asking “What in your scenario performance (or research) suggests this will happen?” puts the responsibility of explanation back on the performer and encourages thought on the participant’s part. Writing a comment telling students that their reasoning is faulty doesn’t help them improve and can be hurtful.

Limited Criticism

People can only respond to a certain amount of criticism, even if it is in the form of a feedback sandwich. Consequently, performers who may need improvement in several areas may only be capable of digesting a few suggestions for improvement; therefore, evaluators should determine the areas that need the most improvement and focus feedback on those areas. If a student improves in one major area (for example, improving the clarity of ideas) many of the smaller problems in the performance may be eliminated as well.



Score Sheet Descriptors

Identify the descriptors from each criterion that contributed to your score. This helps performers to follow your train of thought in determining their score. Following the rubric improves consistency among the evaluators. In addition, this ensures that the message students receive about their work and how to improve clearly corresponds to their work. Written feedback should be included in the comment section of the score sheet.

Proper Perspective

FPS Scenario Performances easily convince evaluators that students are sophisticated and advanced thinkers; therefore, evaluators may have elevated expectations and be highly critical of weaker performances. Remember that even the weakest performance required a great amount of thought, creativity, and effort for the student to complete. Evaluator feedback must take into account the age/division of performers. A positive attitude from the evaluator encourages growth and development from students performing at all skill levels.

None of the suggested techniques for providing effective feedback should be misinterpreted as saying that you should set low expectations. In fact, the opposite is true. Scenario performers will continually amaze you with their breadth of knowledge, creativity, storytelling techniques, and insight. Furthermore, high expectations often produce better results. Evaluators should set their expectations high and remember that students with limited life experience and great potential for growth can perform sophisticated FPS Scenario Performances. Set your expectations realistically high, offer feedback in a positive manner, and encourage performers to reach their full potential.

REMINDERS

Consider the age of the performer.

FPS students may sound like they are in graduate school, but don't forget their youth. Although a similar amount of effort, thought, and time may have gone into both a junior and a senior scenario performance, a world of difference exists between the two finished products. Junior and some middle participants may not have yet developed their own personal style and may have limited confidence in storytelling. Often the most striking differences between age/division occur with respect to their grasp of complex scientific, social or cultural topics. Understanding the typical maturity level of a division is a key to providing effective feedback.

Leave out personal biases and beliefs.

Scenario performers come from a variety of religious, cultural, and political backgrounds. It is not the evaluator's job to change a performer's perspective on life, convince them of a different viewpoint, or impose beliefs on the performer. Your comments and scoring should reflect the clarity and effectiveness of their performance, regardless of your ideas on the subject. As scenario performers, they are encouraged to make their audience think about their purpose, not necessarily to persuade the audience to agree with their views.

Use the rubric.

Once again, please use the rubric as instructed in order to ensure consistency among the evaluators in scoring. Performers and coaches can learn ways to improve in future performances.



Timing.

Performances are limited to 5 minutes. Performers are given a warning (by showing a card or other pre-determined signal) at 4 minutes 30 seconds. At the 5-minute mark, a final card will be shown to end the performance. If the performer continues beyond the 5-minute mark, they will score lower in "Storytelling Techniques" and "Development of Story" on the score sheet. Performers will be stopped at 5 minutes 15 seconds.

Dress.

Costumes and/or theatrical makeup are not acceptable. Street clothes, for purposes of FPSPI presentations, are defined as those clothes ordinarily worn on the street by a person that are appropriate to the climate at the time of the competition. Performers are not permitted to wear clothing that identifies any Affiliate Program.

Thank you for sharing your expertise in evaluation!