

## JUDGES' PREFERENCE FOR SPEECH EVENTS

*Judges' Preference.* Following is an example:

Suppose contestants A and B had the same total number of points, hence neither could be ranked separately **except** through use of judges' preference. Remember, use of judges' preference is written, not oral.

Contestant	Judge #1 Ranking	Judge #2 Ranking	Judge #3 Ranking	Total Points	Preference of Judges	Final Rank
A2(+)	5(-)	3(+)	=10	+ - +	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
B4(-)	2(+)	4(-)	=10	- + -	3 <sup>rd</sup>	

Explanation: Contestant A is ranked higher (or receives higher preference) than Contestant B by two of the three judges (#1 and #3) and thus is awarded the higher place. Contestant B shall be awarded the lower place before any other contestants or places are considered. Any tie can be broken by using judges' preference.