

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
SPEECH & DRAMA FESTIVALS

DUET ACTING

NAME _____ CODE # _____

SELECTION _____ ROUND _____ ROOM _____

Judge's Signature: _____

"Duet Acting shall be defined as an acting exercise composed of two students who portray a memorized selection from a published work of literature. The performance shall not be more than 10 minutes in length."

—KSHSAA Speech and Drama Manual

**Please write judge's comments on the front and the back of this ballot.
Remember, this is to be a learning experience.**

Some considerations in judging Duet Acting:

Choice of Selection

- A. Is the material suitable for contest presentation?
- B. Is the selection well planned? Does it have continuity? Does it build to a climax?
- C. Are the introduction and transitions effective?

Direction

- A. Is the movement well planned?
- B. Is the relationship between characters clearly defined?
- C. Does the presentation have tempo and rhythm appropriate to the scene?
- D. Is the selection suitably cast?

Acting

- A. Do the individual actors have a distinctive characterization, projected both physically and mentally?
- B. Are they sincere? Are they believable?
- C. Do the two actors act and react to each other?
- D. Are the actors audible and articulate?

Dramatic Effectiveness

- A. Did the scene create an illusion?
- B. If the students choose to use a table and/or chairs, is that use appropriate for the piece?
- C. How effectively did the performers overcome the absence of costumes, props, make-up and setting?
- D. Did the performance create an empathic response?

Voice and Diction

- A. Is each actor's voice adequate, pleasant and responsive to the meaning of the selection?
- B. Is the pronunciation acceptable?
- C. Is the enunciation distinct without being pedantic?

Time Limit: If an official timekeeper is present, any performance in excess of the 15-second grace period shall not receive the "I" ranking in the round. Any performer(s) exceeding 30 seconds over the time limit shall receive the lowest ranking in the round. If no official timekeeper is present, no penalty shall be enforced. THE JUDGE SHALL NOT SERVE AS OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER.

Participant's Information: Please remember that the sections of your ballot do not carry equal weight. Each judge is allowed to determine the percentage evaluation of each section.

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Check **ONE ROMAN NUMERAL (I=BEST) FOR DIVISION RATING**

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