
EXPLANATION OF JUDGING CRITERIA:

The JPSC is judged by members of UN Youth Tasmania with experience in debating and public speaking. All judges mark using the same criteria, but will not award 'marks' rather record their impressions. Judges may also provide oral feedback to competitors, but no written feedback will be entered into. Judges decisions are final. Judges assess speeches based on the following criteria:

Originality and Insight

Speeches which approach issues in an original manner, or which provide new insight will be rewarded. Speakers should critically engage with academic/news sources, and provide their own opinion. There are infinite issues relating to international relations, and speakers are encouraged to consider areas that are, perhaps, new and interesting. Speakers would do well to pick an issue, which is of interest to them.

Argument and Analysis

Good speeches explore an issue to its logical conclusion. Judges will reward speeches, which argue a specific point or pinion. Speakers should use various pieces of evidence to support their claims. The best speeches show evidence of research, without listing too many facts/statistics, but rather explaining their evidence, and linking it back to a central argument/thesis.

Manner and Presentation

A speech is not an essay. Speakers should think about engaging with their audience to most effectively present their information. That being said manner should not subtract from the substance of what is being said. Speeches that are overly theatrical or contrived may not effectively communicate their message. Plain English is preferred.