CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

I. ACTING /50

VOICE
Could the actors be heard?
Was the rate of speaking too fast or too slow?
Was there variety in rate? Inflection? Intensity?
Was pronunciation correct and articulation clear?
Did the actors demonstrate emotional responsiveness?

CHARACTERIZATION
Were the characters believable?
Did the actors sustain the characters?
Were the actions/reactions of the characters effective?
Were the lines and physical action delivered in a way that seemed right for this play?

ENSEMBLE
Did the actors establish and maintain the mood of this play?
Was there the feeling of a polished performance that indicates cooperation, adequate rehearsal, creativity, and understanding of the material? Were the actors focused?

TIMING
Did the actors pick up cues properly?
Did they use variety in tempo, in rate, and in pacing to build the dramatic effects and climax of the play?

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS
Do the actors convey the mood of the selection?
Is there a feeling of completeness?
Is the playwright’s purpose accomplished?

II. PRODUCTION /10

STAGING
Did the production have unity of style in acting and design?
Was the use of blocking creative and believable?
Were stage pictures and groupings used to enhance blocking? Were costumes, make-up, lights, sound, props and scenery used to enhance the production effectively?
Note: The play must not be lowered in rating or ranking for technical difficulties beyond the competing school's control.

OVERALL EFFECT
Was the production effective theatre?
Was the play appropriate for the event and the cast?
Was there a sense of completeness in the production?
Was there an emotionally invested response to the performance?
If used, did the chorus add to the effectiveness of the production?

TIME ________________
15-30 minutes

CIRCLE the RANK for the rating for the quality of the play. THERE MAY BE NO TIES IN RANK.

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th

SUPERIOR
EXCELLENT
GOOD

60 59 58 57 56 55 54 53 52 51 50
49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 40
39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30

CIRCLE a RATING for the quality of the play production.

This entry is lowered one rank for overtime or undertime exceeding 30 seconds.

TIME ________________
15-30 minutes

This entry is DISQUALIFIED for:

Use of fewer than three characters or use of a play with only two characters to which a walk-on part not essential to the play has been added.