Texas Forensic Association
Duet Acting Ballot

Contestant’s Printed Name: ____________________________ School Code: ____________
Round: ___________________ Section: ________________ Speaker Number: ____________
Topic: ___________________________

Judge’s Instructions: Evaluate the speaker using the following CRITERIA. * Please offer justification for the ranking in the round and provide constructive suggestions for improvement.

Selection: Is the selection appropriate for the speaker? Does it show interest, intelligibility, and literary value?

Choice of Material: Is the selection appropriate to the contestants? Does it possess interest, intelligibility, and merit?

Introduction: Are the title and author clearly stated? Is interest in the scene created? Is the mood set? Is the information relevant to and sufficient for the scene?

Insight and Understanding: Do the performers appear to have insight into the mood and meaning of the scene? Are they faithful to the author’s intent?

Characterizations: Do the performers establish believable characters? Are they consistent with the mood of the scene? Are bodily actions attuned to the characters portrayed?

Voice and Diction: Is pronunciation acceptable? Is enunciation distinct without being pedantic? Are rate, pitch, and volume appropriate? Are the performers’ voices clear, resonant, and pleasant? Is vocal variety sufficient?

Movement and Strategy: Is the acting area used effectively? Is the blocking well attuned to the content of the scene? Are a variety of levels employed?

Ensemble: Is the scene shared equally? Do the performers act, react, interact, and respond to the motivation of the scene? Is the team a unit?

Overall Effectiveness: Is the total effect of the scene pleasing? Did the performers hold the audience’s interest?

TIME LIMIT FOR THIS EVENT is 10 minutes with 30 second grace

Is the intent of the selection clearly communicated?

Judge’s Remarks

Rank the speaker. Circle one (1st being best, etc. *Each student must be given a rank- there cannot be a tie)

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th No Show

Judge’s Printed Name: ____________________________ Affiliation: _______________________

Judge’s Signature: ____________________________