



Part I: The Basics

SCALES: SCORING SPEAKERS & JUDGES

Australs speaker score range for substantive speeches is 70 - 80, with the lowest possible score being 70, highest being 80 and average score being 75.

Speaker Scale (70 - 80)

Substantive speeches must be scored as whole numbers (ie. no ½ marks)!

79 - 80

Likely one of the best speeches given at Australs, speaker is able to be comprehensively responsive to all the important attacks from the opposition either via their arguments or rebuttals, and is able to present compelling argumentative analyses which convincingly further their case. It is difficult to think of satisfactory refutations to any of the arguments made.

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Sophisticated arguments were made which successfully engage with the main issues in the round. Links are very well-explained, and the arguments are central to their case and warrant layered and nuanced responses. The speech is clear and the flow from one argument to another is coherent.

76 - 77

Good to very good, speech contains relevant arguments and contributions which address key issues in the round. Speaker is able to provide sufficient and thoughtful explanation. The speech is largely clear, and speaker fulfilled their role.

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Arguments are generally relevant, and some explanation of them are given, but contain obvious gaps in logic, multiple points of peripheral or irrelevant material and simplistic argumentation. Speech was sometimes difficult to follow.

73 - 74

Relevant arguments are occasionally made, but with very rudimentary explanation. The speaker is clear enough to be understood the vast majority of the time. Structure poor; poor attempt to fulfill role.

71 - 72

The speech very rarely makes relevant claims, only occasionally formulated as arguments but with shallow/rudimentary analysis. Speech is difficult to follow due to little/no structure and no direction or conclusion.

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Content is almost never relevant, and speech is both confusing and confused. No structure or fulfillment of role in any meaningful sense is provided, OR did not speak at all.