

Central Ohio Fiction Writers
Ignite the Flame Contest
Score Sheet

TOTAL SCORE: _____

A perfect score is 200. Your score must be above 170 to be considered for the grand prize. Score must be 170 or above when combined on the entrant's two highest scoring scoresheets to be a finalist in any of the contest categories. **Entrants whose score falls below 120 (even if they are the highest scorer in their category) will not be considered as finalists.**

Entry Number: _____ Title: _____

Category: _____

Judge Number: _____

This judge is Published _____ or PRO _____ (Please check where applicable)

Scoring Scale	Description
5	Excellent (publishable quality with minor flaws that are barely noticeable).
4	Very good (needs some minor revision to make the manuscript sparkle).
3	Average (good, but needs polish or lacks a quality that makes it stand out).
2	Needs improvement (serious revision recommended).
1	Consider major revision (if awarding this score, please offer a recommendation for improvement).

Igniting the Flame	Total of 40 Points	Points Awarded by Judge	Description
Hero	10		The hero is three-dimensional and likable with believable traits and flaws that don't interfere with the scene.
Heroine	10		The heroine is three dimensional and likable with believable traits and flaws that don't interfere with the scene.
The Flame	10		The budding relationship between the hero and heroine is believable and exciting, with emotional and physical possibilities and a spark of awareness between them (either positive or negative).
Sexual Tension	10		The reader is aware of sexual tension between the hero and heroine.

Comments:

First Impressions	Total of 15 Points	Points Awarded by Judge	Description
Presentation Professionalism	5		Entry presented in a professional manner (i.e. grammar, spelling, punctuation).
Beginning & Ending of Scene	5		The scene has an interesting opening that grabs the reader's attention and ends with something that makes the reader want to turn the page.
Pacing & Momentum	5		A good scene has a mix of fast-paced and slow-paced sections. This variety helps create tension, develop characters, include descriptions, drive the story forward and maintain the reader's interest.
Comments:			

Goals, Motivations & Conflict	Total of 15 Points	Points Awarded by Judge	Description
Goals	5		The hero and heroine have clear cut goals that could sustain a story.
Motivation	5		The hero and heroine have believable motivations for their actions, and their actions are logical for the situation.
Conflict	5		The reader can easily determine what's at stake for both the hero and heroine and the conflict is strong enough to sustain the story.
Comments:			

Telling the Story	Total of 30 Points	Points Awarded by Judge	Description
Setting	5		A sense of time and place is established with the setting easy to picture without being intrusive, and use of multiple senses helps to create a vivid picture.
Dialog	5		The dialogue moves the story forward sounding natural and realistic and has a good balance with the narrative.
Narrative	5		The narrative is moving the story forward, not bogged down with backstory or unnecessary description.
Point of View	5		The point of view changes are well done, not causing confusion or distraction.
Voice	5		Author's presentation of the story is smooth and interesting using a fresh and unique voice.

Show/Tell	5		Actions and emotions are shown rather than told and pull the reader into the scene as opposed to feeling as though reading a journal entry.
Comments:			

Judges—please remember to fill in the contestant's total score at the top of this form. Thank you.

Final Comments and Recommendations for Improvement: