### JUDGING METHOD B

A more complex method of judging provides the judges with scoring criteria as follows:

#### Style of Presentation

- Does the person speak clearly and smoothly? Is the speaker poised?
- Does the speaker seem to believe in what he or she is saying?
- Does the speaker fidget or make distracting movements?

#### Organization of Arguments

- Does the speaker organize ideas well, or does he or she jump randomly from one idea to another?
- Are points clear and easy to understand?
- Is the argument well thought out?

#### Use of Information

- Does the speaker seem to know what he or she is talking about?
- Are facts and other pertinent information included?
- Do the facts help to support the argument?

#### Strength of Argument

- How convincing are the arguments?
- Do the arguments persuade you to support the speaker’s position?
- How important are the arguments?
- Does the speaker argue about unnecessary details?

For this method, judges will record a score for each of the above criteria. (See the Student Page “Debate Score Sheet” for a sample table you can use.) Each speaker will thus receive four scores. Judges should add the four scores and record the amount in the subtotal column. The highest possible score is 20 (5 x 4).

- 5 = Excellent
- 4 = Very Good
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Fair
- 1 = Poor

The subtotal column will then be added to obtain the team’s score.