



## Member Scoresheet Rating Key

To further explain the ratings that were given to you by the judges here is a better explanation of the terms used:

**Excellent** = Great indicates that you really impressed the judges and there was little room for improvement. Congratulations on perfecting this element of public speaking! You should not be discouraged if you did not receive any “great” ratings – the judges have been told that this rating is to only be use when a component is “perfect.”

**Very Good** = This rating indicates that you did a really good job, there was little error and with a bit more practice or attention to this element you will receive the highest rating. If a judge gave you a very good rating that means that they were very impressed – well done!

**Good** = If you received multiple “good” ratings than you should be very proud of yourself! This is a rating that the judge might choose if they recognize that you tried really hard and that the element is something that you evidently practiced... with a bit more practice and experience this component will naturally improve. A “good” rating is what we expect from most 4-H speakers – you completed your presentation, tried your best and you succeeded!

**Fair** = This rating simply means that there is room for improvement. Do not be discouraged! It does not mean you failed and it is not meant to be a negative. New, or first time, speakers should not be surprised to see this rating on their score sheet. If the judge chose this rating they recognize that you tried and that this is an element that you should focus on in future presentations. You should consider making it your goal to work on this element next year and try to achieve the next level of rating. One step at a time!

**Needs Improvement** = This rating may be used when the judge did not see/hear the element throughout your presentation (ie. you forgot to recognize the judges, chairperson, etc. or if you didn’t use any hand gestures). If the judge didn’t see or hear it, they can’t give it a true rating. If you are thinking, “but I did do/ try to do that” - it is possible the judge missed it or was hoping to see more (ie. you may have done one hand gesture, but the judge hoped to see at least three from each speaker). Every judge will have different standards in their head. Ratings may vary. If a judge chose this rating, the chances are they likely explained why on the lines provided.

Regardless of what ratings you received, you should be proud that you completed the Communications Project component for the 4-H year and that in and of itself is a success! While the ratings help us to determine scores and who will move on to higher levels of competition, the **goal** of Club Communications is for everyone to strengthen their skills as a public speaker.

**Congratulations on a job well done!**