

SOUTHERN WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER CONTEST – WORKSHEET FOR JUDGES (revised July 2014)	
Contestant's Name:	Poster Number
Point allocation: Excellent = 4 pts, Good = 3, Fair = 2, Poor = 1, Absent = 0	
SCORE	
1. ABSTRACT (8 Total points)	
Abstract submitted on time and included in packet	
Clear statement of Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results and Conclusions	
	SECTION TOTAL
2. CREATIVITY AND INVENTIVENESS (16 Total points)	
Overall appearance of poster and its appeal to the observer	
Color balance of poster	
Creativity and imagination in poster development	
Use of innovative techniques and ideas to convey results	
	SECTION TOTAL
3. POSTER DEVELOPMENT (20 Total points)	
Printing on poster easy to read	
Correct spelling and terminology used	
Figures and graphs effectively used to highlight major concepts	
Pertinent information presented on poster	
Overall layout and organizational flow of the poster	
	SECTION TOTAL
4. JUSTIFICATION, STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES, ORIGINALITY, AND SCIENTIFIC MERIT (16 Total points)	
Concise description of the research problem	
Strong/clear justification the experiment	
Objectives and/or hypothesis stated clearly, concisely, and well defined	
Problem approached in original and creative manner	
	SECTION TOTAL
5. MATERIALS AND METHODS (12 Total points)	
Materials and methods clearly explained	
Proper use of statistics and experimental design	
Appropriate and current experimental technique used	
	SECTION TOTAL
6. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS (28 Total points)	
Results summarized concisely	
Data collected compared to work of others	
Novelty of results	
Conclusions supported by results	
Conclusions relevant to objectives	
Relevance of data to resolution of problem	
Recommendations for future research	
	SECTION TOTAL
GENERAL COMMENTS:	TOTAL SCORE FINAL RANKING