

# Adjudication Vocabulary

## Rhythm/Tempo

- fluent
- flow
- steady
- concrete
- stable
- dance-like
- energetic
- precise
- consistent
- well-paced
- full value
- fluctuations
- rushed
- hurried
- lagging
- dragging
- push/pull
- forward-moving
- momentum

## Pedaling

- clean
- clear
- consistent
- appropriate
- overlap
- blurry
- inconsistent
- muddy

## Phrasing

- shape
- end phrases softly
- natural
- rise/fall
- arrival
- peak
- climax
- clearly defined
- well-crafted

## Articulation

- crisp
- smooth
- sharp
- sticky
- detached
- light
- rippling
- accented
- heavy
- consistent

## Dynamics

- contrast
- variety
- range
- levels
- bigger differences
- nuance
- full
- whisper
- gradual
- terraced
- echo

## Tone

- voicing
- balance
- evenness
- clear
- bright
- light
- heavy
- solid
- full
- deep
- warm
- vibrant
- color
- project

## Technique

- clean
- facility
- coordination
- execution
- ease
- control
- passage work
- finger work

## Encouraging starters

- continue . . .
- consider . . .
- explore . . .
- perhaps . . .
- work to . . .
- work for . . .
- strive to . . .
- be mindful of . . .
- be careful . . .
- develop . . .
- give more . . .
- listen for . . .
- take care of . . .

## Moods & Descriptive words

- angelic
- artistic
- bright
- calm
- cheerful
- colorful
- commanding
- confident
- convincing
- dark
- dazzling
- dramatic
- eerie
- enchanting
- energetic
- engaging
- enthusiastic
- exciting
- fantastic
- flashy
- fluid
- fun
- funky
- grand
- heartfelt
- hopeful
- inspiring
- invigorating
- involved
- jazzy
- joyful
- light
- lively
- lush
- lyrical
- magical
- majestic
- melancholy
- moving
- mysterious
- natural
- ornate
- passionate
- peppy
- playful
- polished
- powerful
- precise
- quiet
- refreshing
- relaxing
- rich
- rippling
- robust

- sad
- sensitive
- serene
- soaring
- soothing
- spirited
- spooky
- stately
- sweet
- thoughtful
- timid
- uplifting
- vivacious
- warm
- yearning

## Adverbs

- skillfully
- confidently
- precisely
- effectively
- successfully
- gracefully
- delicately
- gradually

## Verbs

- manage
- coordinate
- craft
- control
- deliver
- establish
- navigate
- shape
- phrase
- express
- project
- emphasize
- display
- attempt
- realize
- aim
- sense
- maintain

## Closing

- best wishes
- nice job
- it was a pleasure . . .
- thank you for playing
- thank you for sharing
- it was nice hearing you
- I hope you continue to enjoy music . . .