



international debate education association

Judge Evaluation Form

1. Basic judging behavior – Judges must	Comments
a. be punctual in arriving for a round judges are punctual in arriving for rounds	___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
b. not preside over rounds in which there is a conflict of interest judges do not judge teams or students from the school or club they represent judges do not judge teams they have previously coached judges do not judge teams if they know and might favor one above the other judges do not judge the same student or team twice	___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
c. facilitate a respectful atmosphere during the event they judge judges ensures observers remain quiet and refrain from inappropriate behavior – talking, signaling teammates, answering mobile phones judges reprimand disruptive behavior	___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
d. maintain a respectful demeanor judges maintain a respectful atmosphere during the round judges are respectful, attentive, and maintain a mature bearing judges are fully engaged: adopting a listening, observant posture and taking notes judges are encouraging, supportive and display a non-threatening manner judges do not send verbal or nonverbal signals to debaters	___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable

- e. **take notes actively during the event they judge**
judges take notes actively during the event ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- f. **ensure the proper timing of a round**
judges ensure that the round is properly timed ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
2. **Making Decisions, Writing Ballots and Offering Commentary – Judges must**
- a. **strive to make a fair and unbiased decision**
- judges evaluate rounds based upon the rules specific to the event ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges apply rules consistency ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges do not privilege his or her personal tastes or special knowledge, or his or her participation from other rounds ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges are knowledgeable, familiar with debate and the topic, where applicable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges are objective ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges are interested in promoting the educational quality of debate/debaters (feedback) ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- b. **compose a ballot that justifies his or her decision and offers each participant clear and constructive criticism**
- judges compose legible ballots that clearly justifies the decision and offers participants constructive criticism ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges are diligent and thorough in completing their ballot ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges promptly return their ballots ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges explain decisions and offer informative, thoughtful critiques that provide students with a foundation for improvement ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges elaborate on what they view as the central issues, pointing out how and why the winning case was more persuasive, and identifying the shortcomings of the losing side ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges explain to participants why they were ranked as they were, if applicable ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable
- judges accompany criticism with positive, constructive feedback avoiding patronizing tones or language ___ yes ___ no ___ unobservable

judges' ballots are clearly written, legible, with reference to
specific occurrences in the round to provide substance
to the critique yes no unobservable
judges' ballots are filled out with decision, points, a specific
reason for decision and comments both positive and
negative yes no unobservable

- c. **offer a verbal critique that incorporates meaningful criticism, if appropriate to the tournament and event**
judges talk with the participants to explain complicated
issues at some length yes no unobservable
judges provide helpful information for immediate correction yes no unobservable

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