



## **international debate education association**

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### **Coach Mission Agreement**

IDEA expects that coaches will sign this pledge form as an agreement to the responsibilities summarized below.

I understand that the goal of any speech and debate coach is to act as a guide in helping students find opportunities to grow and succeed -- not just as competitors, but also as individuals. I understand that a speech and debate coach is, first and foremost, an educator. While I acknowledge that speech and debate events are competitive in nature, and that I am expected to prepare students to perform at their best, I believe the most important role that coaches play is in ensuring that education – and not competition – ultimately guides the activity. In this way, I will be implementing IDEA's mission; namely, the promotion and development of open societies through speech and debate.

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Signature of Coach

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