

Judging Information

Judging Obligations

Policy Debate	3 rounds of prelim judging for every 1 Policy Team entry
Public Forum Debate	1 full time judge for every 3 entries
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	2 rounds of prelim judging for 1 Lincoln-Douglas entry
Congressional Debate	1 full time judge for up to 7 entries
Speech Events	1 full time judge for up to 6 entries

It is the responsibility of the school's moderator to ensure that its judges have the appropriate training and experience to adjudicate at this tournament. At a minimum, all judges should be high school (or equivalent) graduates and should have at least several years of involvement in the applicable event. The tournament reserves the right not to accept judges to the extent the judge is determined not to have sufficient experience.

At a minimum, school affiliated judges are obligated for **all rounds (preliminary, runoff and elimination rounds) through the first elimination round for Policy Debate, LD and Public Forum Debates**, and, all elimination rounds when any of your students are competing and one additional elimination round beyond the last elimination round of your students' competition. For example, if Public Forum has a runoff round and (x) a school does not clear any competitors, school judges are obligated for the runoff round and the sextodecimofinals of Public Forum, and (y) a school does clear a competitor who is then eliminated in quarterfinals, school judges are obligated for the runoff round, the sextodecimofinals, the octofinals, the quarterfinals and the semifinals. With prior notice, the tournament reserves the right to update this requirement depending on the overall quality of the judging pool.

In Speech, judges are obligated for all rounds.

Other than speech events, fees for missed rounds will be assessed \$75 per preliminary round and \$100 per runoff and elimination round, Fees for missed speech rounds will be assessed at \$50 per preliminary round and \$75 per elimination round. Excessive missed rounds by a judge or a school may result in additional penalties levied at the description of the tournament.

Judging Philosophies

All Policy, LD and Public Forum judges must post reasonably detailed judging philosophies prior to preferences and strikes opening and should be done at least one week in advance. At the

discretion of the tournament, failure to post an adequate judging philosophy will make that judge ineligible and result in the removal of that judge from the school's entry. Schools will not be able to enter judge prefs to the extent philosophies are not posted. A judge that is removed from the pool is a missing judge for that school.

Hired Judges

There will be a limited pool of hired judging available. Schools are encouraged to request hired judges early and preference will be given to schools traveling great distances.

Policy Debate: \$50 per round

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: \$50 per round

Public Forum Debate: \$300 per judge

Congressional Debate: \$200 per judge

Speech Events: \$150 for judge

Other Information

Schools may make judge name changes in Policy, LD or Public Forum until 9:00 p.m. NY time on October 14. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The tournament will release MPJ and strike sheets shortly thereafter. Any judge change for those events afterwards will make the judge ineligible which may result in a missed judge penalty or entries being ineligible to compete.

All judges must have their accounts set up before registration. In tabroom, all judges will be required to provide a cell phone and email where they may be reached during the time they judge at the tournament.