

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	3 rounds of prelim judging for 1 Lincoln-Douglas entry
Congressional Debate	1 full time judge for up to 7 entries (schools with more than 6 entries must provide at least judge who may serve as a parliamentarian)
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 triple octofinals 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 triple octofinals, 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.

We have increased fines for missed rounds and missing judges across the board. Fines for missed rounds will be assessed \$150 per preliminary round and \$200 per runoff and elimination round. The tournament reserves the right to increase fines for excessive missed rounds by a judge or a school.

Judging Philosophies

All Policy, LD and Public Forum judges must post reasonably detailed judging philosophies prior to preferences and strikes opening and preferably at least one week in advance of the start of the tournament. 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 judge 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: \$100 per round

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: \$100 per round

Public Forum Debate: \$400 per judge

Congressional Debate: \$250 per judge

Speech Events: \$250 for judge

A school with a missing judge does not automatically entitle the school to a hired judge. It is the school's responsibility to affirmatively request a hired judge and to monitor whether the tournament has accepted the request.

Other Information

Schools may make judge name changes in Policy, LD or Public Forum until 9:00 p.m. NY time on October 13. **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.