

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

The River Valley Speech and Debate League was created to give schools in the River Valley more competition and more opportunities to compete. ACTAA rules now require tournaments that count as state qualifiers to be open to all Arkansas schools. We are happy to welcome outside entries, but our tournament has limited space and a limited judge pool. Because of that, the judging requirements below will be strictly enforced.

DEBATE JUDGING RATIO

1 JUDGE : 2 ENTRIES

One qualified judge for every two debate entries

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS RATIO

1 JUDGE : 6 ENTRIES

One qualified judge for every six IE entries

ENTRY ENFORCEMENT

If your school cannot supply the required number of judges for its entries, entries will be removed until your school is in compliance. A judge only counts toward your quota if that person is actually available and able to judge the rounds for which they are entered. A person listed in the system who cannot judge any round does not satisfy your judging requirement.

NO REQUIRED JUDGES = ENTRIES WILL BE REMOVED

RESPECTING OUR JUDGES' TIME

Because this is a smaller tournament, we must keep rounds moving and respect the time of the community members and coaches who are judging. Rounds will not be held late for competitors or schools. The only exception is when the delay is the tournament's responsibility - for example, if an assigned judge does not arrive on time.

