

Central Conference Speech Tournament

Judge Instructions

The Central Conference coaches would like to thank you in judging the Central Conference Speech Tournament. You are an integral part of this tournament, and we need you to help make this tournament a success. We follow NSAA rules in all events, and will be using NSAA ballots. In addition, we'd like to give you the following guidelines to help make this tournament successful.

- *Please fill in the ballots with lots of helpful comments. We're all preparing for districts, and we want to hear your suggestions.
- *Please use a stopwatch. If you do not have one, please ask. Penalties for time can only be given if exact time is kept.
- *Please turn in ballots to the tab room (room _____) after every round before moving on to your next round. This is very important in helping the tournament run on time. Runners will be provided for this purpose at your disposal.
- *We'd like to remind you the only disqualifications allowed are those printed at the bottom of each ballot.
- *Please do not ask for names or schools – only codes. Ballots should be marked with the correct codes, and will be sufficient for tabulation purposes. If you run into any problems, please ask the tab room.
- *If competitors are double entered, it is permissible to let them speak out of order so they can attend their other event.
- *Please refrain from oral critiques. A good speaker in the room waiting to speak will adjust to the critique you give, leaving early speakers at a disadvantage.
- *The judges' lounge is located in room _____, and will be stocked by speech boosters all day. Don't be shy.
- *If you are slotted to judge a final round please remember that you aren't the only one! You must wait until the 2nd judge shows up to begin the round. If he/she is running late please alert the tab room (room _____) and we will try to find a suitable replacement.
- *Again, thank you for your work and attention. Please ask if there is anything we can do to help your day run smoothly. We hope you have an enjoyable day!**