

# Why We Need You to Judge

## [Judge Training Sign Up](#)

In order for our students to compete, we must supply enough judges to cover the number of entries we have at the tournament. This means

### **ONE Judge for every FIVE speech entries or part thereof**

If your child participates in Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking (USX or IX), Informative Speaking or Original Oratory, we need parent judges each week!

→ If 11 speech students sign up to compete, we must provide 3 judges.

### **ONE Judge for every FIVE Congressional Debate entries or part thereof**

If your child participates in Congressional Debate, we need parent judges each week!

→ If 11 Congress students sign up to compete, we must provide 3 judges.

### **ONE Judge for every TWO debate entries or part thereof**

If your child participates in Lincoln Douglas or Public Forum debate,, we need parent judges each week!

→ If 4 Lincoln Douglas students and 5 PF teams want to compete, we must provide 5 judges.

### **YES, You Can DO this!**

Remember that you didn't learn how to walk without taking that first step, and you didn't learn to swim without getting into the water. So, after you have been trained and seen some sample performances, "take the plunge" and plan to judge an actual tournament as soon as possible. It's fun, informative and, most of all, a great way to help young people participate in an extremely valuable learning experience. All judging is done through a program accessed on your personal laptop or tablet.

In addition to judge training, I have put together a [TRAINING MANUAL](#) so that you can access the document on your computer at every tournament, thus providing a review of categories rules.

You can sign up for JUDGE TRAINING IN OCTOBER [HERE](#). Additionally, we will offer Virtual Training on a Thursday in December for those who cannot attend the October training. You will receive instructions about all high school and middle school categories because you must be trained for both. However, you will learn how to judge only SPEECH or DEBATE, not everything. Judge training generally runs for 90 minutes, but we will remain to answer any questions you may have.

Our first local tournament is at Princeton High School just off of I-75 north of Cincinnati. Your child can sign you up to judge at the bottom of every tournament sign up sheet. Our Calendar is [HERE](#).