



How to Require NSDA Judge Accreditation at Your Tournament

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www.speechanddebate.org/judge-accreditation

What is NSDA Judge Accreditation?

The NSDA now offers judge accreditation to help prepare judges for adjudicating a speech and debate tournament. This module-based system is available to any judge who creates a free [NSDA account](#). Each module is 10-15 minutes long and includes an instructional video, a short quiz, and a certificate. Judges must receive 100% on the quiz before the module is considered complete, and they can retake the quiz as many times as needed.

Judge accreditation modules include:

- Level 1: Intro to Impartial Judging
- Level 1: Intro to Judging Debate
- Level 1: Intro to Judging Speech
- Level 1: Intro to Judging Congress
- Level 2: Judging Dramatic, Humorous, and Duo Interpretation
- Level 2: Judging Extemporaneous Speaking
- Level 2: Judging Original Oratory and Informative Speaking
- Level 2: Judging Program Oral Interpretation
- Level 2: Judging Congressional Debate
- Level 2: Judging Public Forum Debate
- Level 2: Judging Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Level 2: Judging Policy Debate
- Level 2: Judging World Schools Debate
- Level 2: Judging Big Questions Debate

Level 2 modules build off of knowledge gained in the associated Level 1 module. For example, a new judge should take Level 1: Intro to Judging Debate before taking Level 1: Judging Public Forum Debate. All judges, new and experienced, can learn from the Level 1: Intro to Impartial Judging course.

After a judge completes a module and earns 100% on the quiz, confirmation will automatically appear on their Tabroom.com profile within 24 hours of completion. To check, a judge can navigate to Tabroom.com and select the “Judge Certifications” button under the Judging header on the right sidebar. They will see “Confirmed” next to completed courses. The confirmation will only appear automatically if their Tabroom.com account and their NSDA account use the same email address. If a judge used different emails or their confirmation does not appear for any reason, they can email info@speechanddebate.org for assistance.

What does it mean to require judge training at my tournament?

Any tournament held on Tabroom.com can add a requirement that judges in their tournament complete one or more of the judge training modules. These requirements are on a per-category basis; a tournament can require different modules of judges in the PF judging category than they do of the judges in the Speech judging category.

Adding a judge accreditation requirement will not prevent a school from registering a judge who has not yet met your requirements, nor will it automatically prevent a judge who has not met requirements from being assigned to judge. Instead, it will add the requirement to any registered judge’s Tabroom.com homepage and give tournament hosts a tracking screen where they can find out which judges have completed their requirements. Any actions beyond that (contacting judges missing requirements, removing judges from the pool, etc.) are not automatic and can be done at the discretion of the tournament director. This means that you are welcome to use this process to encourage judges to take the training as well, as there are no automated penalties for failing to complete the modules.

How to Set Up Required Training in Your Tournament

1. Navigate to Settings > Judges > [Select Judge Category] > Register tab
2. Under “Qualifications & questionnaires,” select the judge accreditation module(s) you would like judges in that category to complete. You can require as many as you’d like.
3. Save Registration Settings.

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Registration settings

Category Name	Big Questions	Category Abbreviation	BQ
Suppress judge codes (names only)	☒	Show judge contact info on registration printouts	☐
Publish the list of judges online	☐	Ask for judge qualifications and histories	☐
Require judges to have linked accounts	☒	Registrants can mark first year outs	☒
Require judge accounts to have phone numbers	☒	Label for FYOs	Junior or Senior in high school with at least
Non-judging attendee group	☐	Registrants can mark neutral judges	☐
Ask for judge departure times at registration	☐	Allow judge double-entry in other categories	☐
Judge details due	Date Time	Ask to specify an 2nd/alternate judge category	☐

Burden method

Pick only one

Entries per judge owed	2
Rounds owed per entry	

Alter burden

Drops do not count against judge burden	☐
Fine per missing judge	
Minimum judges owed if school has entries	
Maximum judges a school can owe	
Free judges: reduce judge burden by	
Maximum number of judges that can count towards their alternate category	

Charge for judges/bond

Fee per judge in attendance	
Fee per judge obligation, hired or registered	

Save Registration Settings

Qualifications & questionnaires

Add requirement

How Tabroom.com Appears for Judges

When a judge is logged in and selects “Upcoming” under the Judging header, they will find the tournament they are registered for and the training module listed under “additional information.”

The module will have a red x next to it if the required course has not yet been completed, or a green checkmark if that course has been completed.

Note: A green checkmark will appear automatically within 24 hours of a judge completing a module and earning 100% on the quiz. The confirmation will only appear automatically if their Tabroom.com account and their NSDA account use the same email address. If a judge used different emails or their confirmation does not appear for any reason, they can email info@speechanddebate.org for assistance.

YOUR UPCOMING JUDGING

Test Tournament

Category: Big Questions

<https://springboard6.tabroom.com>
Online Ballots will be available
starting Tue November 19 at 5:00 PM CDT

Name Lauren Burdt
Dates Nov 19 - Nov 20
School Tournament Hire

Your Conflicts

Additional Information for Test Tournament

Tournament required questionnaires

✖ NSDA Accreditation Level 1: Intro to Multicultural Competence



How Tournament Hosts Check Who Completed Training

Tournament hosts can check which judges have completed the requirements by navigating to Entries > Judges > [Select Judge Category]. Columns will appear in the table labeled with the abbreviations of the required judge modules for that category. Hovering over the abbreviations will tell you the full name of the module.

Each judge will have a Y in the column, or the column will be left blank next to a judge's name. Y signifies that the judge has completed that module and their certification has been approved by the national office. No Y means EITHER the judge has not yet completed the course OR the certification has not yet been approved by the national office. Certification of approvals occurs once a week, but any judge is welcome to reach out to us at info@speechanddebate.org if they need their certification approved earlier due to tournament requirements.

Big Questions

1 active judges

First	Last	School	FYO	NAL1ItMC	Notes	ADA
Lauren	Burd	Hired		Y		