

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

Please make sure you and your student are aware of the judging requirements for the team. This was covered at Parents Night, but reminders are always helpful.

Parents need to fulfill these requirements in order for their child to compete at tournaments.

1. Novice parents must attend mandatory judge training sessions in order for their child to be able to compete.
 - a. September 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Room I1
2. Parents are required to judge *at least one* TCFL (league) tournament. This is a rule for BOTH Speech and Debate.
 - **Invitationals are NOT included in this obligation.** If your child attends Long Beach and/or any invitational you are required to attend and judge.
 - **State Qualifiers and States are NOT included in this requirement.** If your child attends either or both of these events you must attend and judge.
 - **Even if your child doesn't attend, you still must fulfill this requirement.** For example, your child decides to attend the FALL TCFL DEBATE OPEN on November 19th, but you cannot judge. That's ok, but keep in mind you are then on the books to judge at the SPRING TCFL DEBATE OPEN *if your child attends or not.*
 - **For those that don't compete:** We understand some of our Captains or Seniors may not compete this season because they are teaching and leading. The obligation is then negotiable and can be worked out.
3. **Those of you participating in Speech AND Debate:** You must fulfill the requirement for both. For example, if your child 'Joe' is competing in Speech and Debate this season, **you are required to judge at one TCFL Debate tournament and one TCFL Speech Tournament.**
4. Those who have 2 children involved. You are required to judge at two TCFL tournaments. There are many extenuating circumstances with this rule and conversations are welcomed for unique situations.

Please look at the [schedule](#) and plan accordingly. This is also on the website.

NOVICE TCFL TOURNAMENTS (Varsity students judge - no parent judges needed)

October 19 - Debate

October 26 - Speech

DEBATE TCFL OPEN:

NOVEMBER 16

JANUARY 11

SPEECH TCFL OPEN:

DECEMBER 14

FEBRUARY 1

Examples of what is NOT INCLUDED, BUT JUDGING REQUIRED IF CHILD ATTENDS:

LONG BEACH INVITATIONAL

SEPTEMBER

FULLERTON INVITATIONAL (Tentative)

OCTOBER

UCLA INVITATIONAL ONLINE (Tentative)

NOVEMBER

STANFORD INVITATIONAL ONLINE (Tentative)

FEBRUARY

Harvard University

FEBRUARY

DEBATE STATE QUALIFIER

FEBRUARY

SPEECH STATE QUALIFIER

MARCH

STATES

May

Please email with any questions regarding judging at Ophsspeechanddebate@opusd.org