

Debate Evidence Review Guidelines for Competitors

At the conclusion of the round, debaters should be prepared to hand the judge (or upload) the requested specific piece of evidence that they presented in the round. Remember, according to [General Debate Rule A.3](#) regarding interaction with judges, “Debaters may not discuss the substance of the round with the judge(s) outside of their own assigned speaking times in the round.”

For In-Person Tournaments: After handing the requested evidence, both teams will politely excuse themselves and wait outside the room while the judge reviews the evidence. If evidence is requested from only one team, both teams will still wait outside the room.

For Online Tournaments Request: After the round concludes, do not ask a judge if they would like to see evidence, but do graciously wait a minute before exiting the room to see if a request will be made or if the Room Status changes to Debate Evidence Review.

Be prepared to upload the specific piece(s) of evidence in pdf form in the Evidence Center at the bottom right of the screen. (In Team Policy, a best practice is to create a pdf that includes only the mandate and plan so that you do not need to hand over the whole case.)

The Evidence Center icon will turn green for the judge when evidence is uploaded. Both teams will wait in the room with cameras and mics off until the judge completes the review.

Once the judge has completed the review, debaters should leave the room.

Elimination Round Request or if judge requests more than 2 pieces:

Judges are instructed to make these requests to Tournament Administration. Compliance staff will notify debaters via text with instructions. The text will include your designated adult(s), but they are not required to come. It is important to pay attention to phones for these text messages for about fifteen minutes after the round has finished.