

Community Judge Safety Guidelines

Welcome to NCFCA Christian Speech and Debate! We are so grateful that you have taken the time to be here, and we hope you will be inspired by what you see and hear with us. We ask that you join our commitment to provide a safe and effective learning environment for our competitors, who range in age from 12 to 18 years old. In order to facilitate safety for all participants, please observe the following guidelines:

- We ask that you wear your nametag at all times.
- Please keep competition room doors open unless a debate round is in progress or a competitor is actively in prep time or speaking in a speech round.
- Be mindful of personal space and physical boundaries.
- Please remain within areas designated for NCFCA use and follow instructions on signs.
- Please do not take photographs or recordings of our competitors.
- If you have children under 12 years old with you, please ensure that they are under your direct supervision or the supervision of another designated adult.
- Keep all communication appropriate and edifying, being mindful of appropriate topics as well as the tone and content of the feedback you offer. We appreciate honest and constructive critiques that help our competitors know how they can improve, but please remain gracious and kind.
- The behavior of all adult participants should be above reproach and serve as a model for our students.
- We have a zero-tolerance policy regarding physical, verbal, or sexual harassment of any kind at our events, and we do not allow individuals who have been convicted of a crime against children or who are required to register as a sex offender to participate in any way.

For ONLINE events:

• Please do not turn on your camera or microphone when a minor is present until there are a minimum of 3 people in the room.

Once again, thank you for your time and commitment to helping us fulfill our mission and to keeping children safe. We hope you enjoy your NCFCA experience.

Our full <u>Child Safety Policy</u> is available here. If you have questions or see anything of concern, please notify a tournament staff member and act immediately to remove any students from imminent harm should the need arise.