



Debate Evidence Review Guidelines for Judges

You may request up to two pieces of evidence directly from either debate team for clarification or accuracy. In Team Policy, you may also request to see the specific text of the Team Policy plan.

After the round concludes, announce that you would like to review evidence. You may cite the tagline or give a summary statement to identify the evidence. The competitor will provide the specific evidence you requested and both teams will wait outside the room.

Return the evidence to the providing team(s) as you exit the room. Please complete any review within 5 minutes to keep the tournament schedule running smoothly.

Additional Details for Online Tournaments

After your verbal request at the end of the round, set the room status to Debate Evidence Review. When the competitor(s) upload the requested evidence the Paperclip icon at the bottom right of the screen will turn green. Click the button and the link to open the evidence in a separate window. When your review is complete, close the window and let the competitors know you are finished. Competitors will wait with cameras and mics off.

If you need further assistance, or if the teams have left the room, please use the Contact Tournament Administration button on the tournament dashboard.

Elimination Round or more than 2 pieces

For both in-person and online tournaments when judging an elimination round or if requesting more than two pieces of evidence in any round, please make this request within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the round. To make this request, select the Contact Tournament Administration button on the tournament dashboard or at in-person tournaments you may also speak with the Compliance staff in the Judge Hospitality area. You may continue to fill out the ballot while waiting for tournament staff to bring the requested evidence.