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# Debate Round Protocols for Judges

## Check-in & Ballot Selection

Please log in to [MyPlace.NCFCA.org](https://MyPlace.NCFCA.org) approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of the round you are scheduled to judge so that you can be assigned to a ballot with specific teams and the room in which you will judge. The round can begin as soon as all judges and competitors are present and ready.

## Introductions and Interactions

When the round is ready to begin, the speakers will introduce themselves and may also ask about your judging experience or background. Feel free to share honestly about your experience or inexperience.

We ask that you refrain from engaging in discussion or asking questions of the debaters about the round and that you not reveal your win-loss decision to anyone during the tournament.

## Debater Responsibilities

Debaters are responsible for explaining their arguments in an understandable way. If you are confused by the use of jargon or about something they say, that is their fault, not yours.

Debaters will know their correct speaking order, keep track of their own time limits, and hold one another accountable for following rules.

## Evidence Review Requests

**At the end of the round**, you may make a request in accordance with our [Debate Evidence Review Guidelines for Judges](#) if you would like to see a piece of [evidence](#) that debaters referred to in the round for clarification or accuracy.

## Questions

If you have any questions about how to handle something in a round, you can reach out to tournament administration in person or through your judge dashboard.

## Additional Resources

We have many tools available to help you learn about our events and judge with confidence. You can see the complete list on our resources page.

> [Debate Judge Resources](#)