



Judge and Guest Safety Guidelines

NCFCA is committed to providing a safe environment for all students who participate online or in-person. While NCFCA leadership and tournament staff will be present and actively monitoring tournament activities, vigilance is the responsibility of all participants.

Registration Requirement

Judges must be registered for the tournament and complete a “referred by” section during the tournament registration process.

Check-in Requirements

All community judges must check in approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of the round in MyPlace.NCFCA.org.

Immediately upon arrival at in-person tournaments, all visitors, observers, and Community Judges must check in at the welcome table and present a valid form of photo ID.

Identification

In-Person Tournaments: All attendees must wear an NCFCA nametag while onsite with the name they normally use (not an alias).

Online Tournaments: All attendees must sign in using an NCFCA account and be identified onscreen throughout the tournament platform with the full name they normally use (not an alias).

“More than Two” Rule

Adults may not enter a competition room where there is only one student present unless the student is a member of their family.

Open Doors

Competition room doors are to remain open unless there is a speaker speaking or there is a debate round in progress.

No Further Contact

Adults may not take the initiative to share or solicit contact information (e.g., phone numbers, email, or physical address) with competitors or other minor participants via ballot feedback or any other means.



Response to Safety Concerns

If an unsafe condition exists, immediate action should be taken to remove the student(s) from harm and to notify tournament administration by contacting the nearest Communications team member.

If necessary, our tournament team will implement our [Standard Response Protocol](#).

In online tournaments, the participant should immediately notify tournament administration by emailing Safety@NCFCA.org or calling 214-531-3857.

Supervision of Young Children

Children under 12 years old must be directly supervised by their parent, guardian, or a parent-designated adult while they are at a tournament.

Tournament Boundaries

NCFCA participants must remain in areas of the facility designated for NCFCA use as communicated through tournament announcements and/or signs.

Tournament Administration

Tournament administrators will have the authority to immediately dismiss, remove, and block any attendee for violation of NCFCA's rules, policies, or other behavior deemed detrimental to the tournament community as a whole.

Background Checks, Safety Training, and Eligible Participants

NCFCA has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse as defined in our full [Safety Policy](#) document.

All adults attending a tournament, including parents, coaches, alumni, community judges, and guests will receive training on our safety policies.

All adults attending a tournament must affirm that they are not required to be on a sex offender registry and have not been convicted of a sexually related crime involving a minor. Anyone who is required to be on a sex offender registry or has been convicted of a sexually related crime involving a minor shall not be allowed to participate in NCFCA activities.