

220.10 ADJUDICATOR GUIDELINES

- (1) At all WDCA sanctioned events including the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament, the following expectations will be met in addition to those detailed within the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the WDCA.
 - A. Any judge who finds him/herself in a conflict of interest including, but not limited to, judging a student from a school with which the judge is affiliated, shall notify the tournament director immediately.
 - B. A judge shall neither shorten rounds nor render a decision on the ballot until the completion of the round. The judge shall listen to the entire round in a fair and impartial manner before making a decision.
 - C. The judge should decide the round based upon the arguments presented in the round and not upon his or her personal beliefs or biases.
 - D. The review of evidence by a judge is not allowed unless there is a dispute by the opposition regarding the meaning, context, or validity of the evidence, or suspicion by the judge of falsification.
 - E. A judge is expected to adapt expectations and award speaker points appropriate to the level of debate being judged. A judge should not give speaker points lower than 20 in policy debate and below the respective minimums for Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum.
 - F. A judge shall fill out the ballot completely. Comments for individual speakers and a written justification for the decision shall be provided. Comments on ballots are to be instructive and constructive. The school of any judge that does not provide a written justification for decisions, as prescribed by the Tournament Director, will be required to pay \$15 to the WDCA Scholarship Fund for each round where no written justification was provided. The first notice would be sent by the tournament host to the coach of said school. Failure to respond and remit payment within one month will result in a letter being sent to the school's principal by the WDCA President. Repeated violations could result in disqualification from WDCA sponsored tournaments by Executive Committee decision.
 - G. While oral critiques may be of educational value, lengthy oral critiques are unacceptable. A judge should, therefore, fully communicate his or her decision on the ballot and allow the tournament to proceed as close to the scheduled time as possible.
 - H. The WDCA does not recognize "Games Playing" as a legitimate and educational paradigm by which a debate round may or should be judged. A judge may not, therefore, employ a "games player" paradigm to render his or her decision.
 - I. In preliminary rounds, observers are allowed unless one of the teams objects. A coach of one of the teams may always observe. Active participants cannot observe a round in their division. Once a school has no active teams in the division, its students are always allowed to watch any elimination rounds.
 - J. No high school student may be used to judge any round at the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament nor at any WDCA sanctioned tournament.
 - K. If while judging a round, the judge leaves to go and confer with his or her team, the team conferred with takes a loss. Any judge who leaves a round for any other, non-emergency reason shall be fined \$20 per round.
 - L. Debaters shall not leave a debate round for any non-emergency reason or else they shall forfeit the round.
 - M. Novice limited topics and a no kritik rule are in effect for all WDCA sanctioned events throughout the entire season including the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament.