

Public Forum Judges:

1. When you see your Code/ Name on the schematic (posted 20 minutes before each round, immediately go to the Ballot Table and pick up your ballot... will have you're your name on the label). Go to your room and await your competitors. Judges not picking up ten minutes before the round will be swapped out and a \$25 fine assessed your school.
2. Once in the room, wait for all 3 judges to come to the room before you begin the debate. If a competitor or judge is not present and it is five minutes after the posted time for the round, please call Debate Tab (540.421.0337) and we will give instructions. There is a fifteen minute forfeiture rule in NFL Events.
3. Judges should not consult before writing their decisions on the ballots and returning those ballots to the Ballot Table.
4. Judges should judge under the codes assigned. Please do not switch judge assignments without official approval. To do so may invalidate the round and will risk forfeiture of the entire Judge Bond.
5. Judges need to monitor speaking times during the round. Speech times are listed on the ballot. Each team has two minutes of preparation time total in each round to use as they choose.
6. The winner of the Coin Flip determines if they choose Side (Pro or Con) or Speaking Order (1st Team (A) Speaking or 2nd Team (B) Speaking). The team that loses the Coin Flip can choose either the Side or Order that isn't chosen by the team that wins the coin flip.
7. After the Flip, write in students CODE, SIDE, and NAMES in the appropriate blanks. Team A should be in the left box on your ballot and sit to your left; Team B should be in the right box on your ballot and sit to your right. Judges should confirm that students have their names in the appropriate blanks.
8. Judges should return ballots, together, to the Ballot Return Table in Cabell Hall.
9. No Oral Critique or Disclosure is allowed in NFL Rounds. We need speaker points for each team as a way of double-checking the round.

Thank you for judging, enjoy the rounds.

Public Forum Debate Round Timings

First Speaker - Team A	4 Minutes
First Speaker - Team B	4 Minutes
Crossfire	3 Minutes
Second Speaker - Team A	4 Minutes
Second Speaker - Team B	4 Minutes
Crossfire	3 Minutes
Summary - First Speaker - Team A	2 Minutes
Summary - First Speaker - Team B.....	2 Minutes
Grand Crossfire	3 Minutes
Final Focus - Second Speaker - Team A.....	1 Minute
Final Focus - Second Speaker - Team B.....	1 Minute
PREP TIME (per team).....	2 Minutes

General Guidelines for Judging...

You are the adult in the room, take charge. We will have debate judges on the panel, they will be responsible for clear time signals.

Public Forum is neither Policy, nor LD Debate. It is a debate designed for the general public. Put yourself in that mind-set and you're golden.

Do not let personal biases for the Resolution impact your judgement. Whichever team presents the best and most persuasive argument wins.

