

Being an Effective Judge

CODE of ETHICS

- a) Demonstrate objectivity and fairness throughout judging
- b) Support the contest by refraining from public criticism of its rules. Critical evaluations are directed one on one in private with the Chief Judge.
- c) Score, ranking and comments are to be handed to the Ballot Counters and revealed to the Chief Judge only.
- d) Exhibit care and heed the rules and judging standards as specified.
- e) Avoid personal opinions or bias when scoring the speaker on the objectives.
- f) To judge is to pick a Winner.

GOOD JUDGE ATTRIBUTES

- a) Detach from speaker and subject.
- b) Adapt quickly to different speech types.
- c) Judge with consistency.
- d) Focus on: "Was the speech effective?"
- e) Listen intently, and respond quickly on scoring form.
- f) There will be bias, as we are human. No one is totally objective so try to focus on being as objective and detached from personal opinions as much as possible.
- g) Judges do not discuss the rules.
- h) Judges do not reveal their scoring worksheets.
- i) Ballots are signed folded in half and handed to the Ballot Counters.