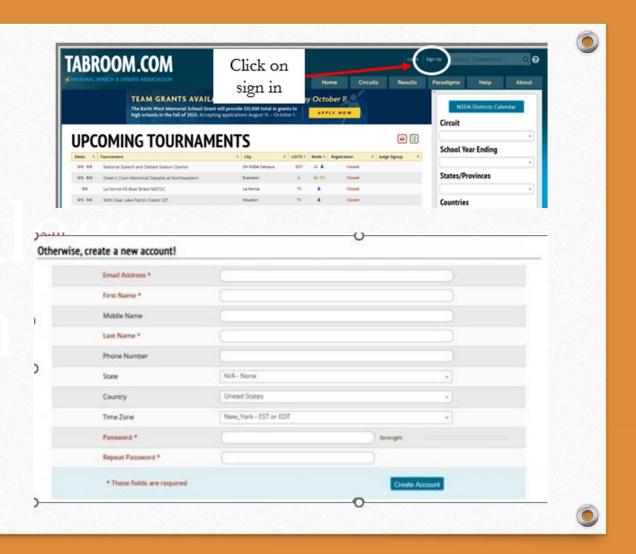


## Signing Up for Your Tabroom Account

- 1. Go to the Tabroom webpage https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml
- 2. Fill out sign up form and submit.
- 3. Tabroom account is linked to your email which will be your log in. That is how the tournament organizer will recognize you and assign you ballot.
- 4. Each volunteer judge in your family (you and your spouse) should have SEPARATE Tabroom accounts
- 5. Once your account is setup, you will use your email and your password to sign in for future tournament

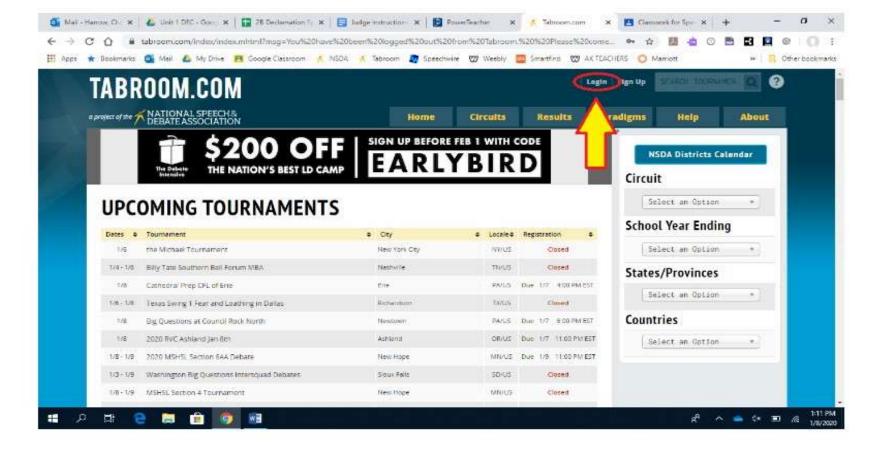






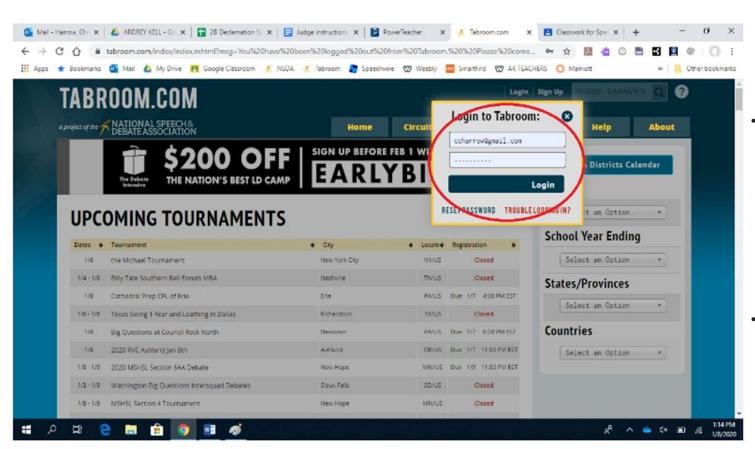


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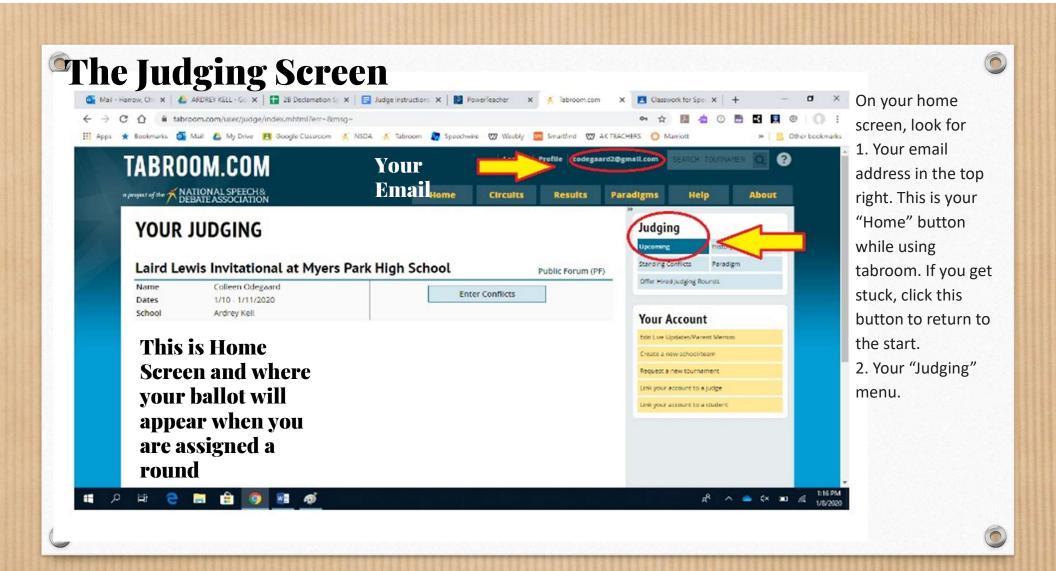




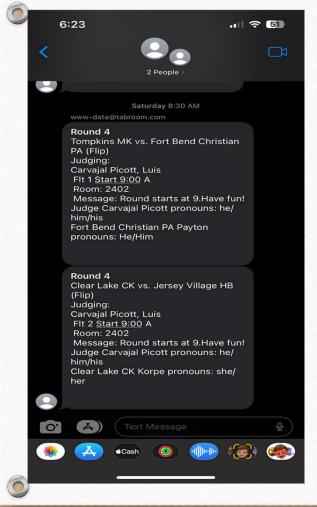
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- Your login information is your email address and password.
- · If you have issues logging in, first check with your team's coach or the tab staff.
- Stayed Logged into Tabroom all the time so you don't miss a Blast



### Congrats! You Have Got A Blast/Ballot



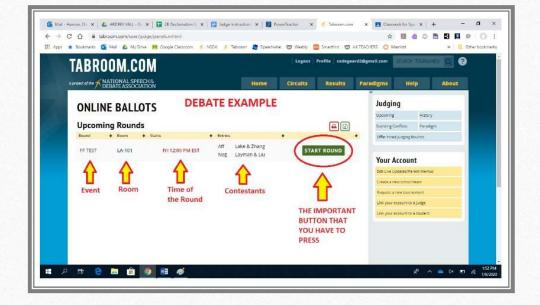
- You will get a notification from Tabroom when you are assigned a Blast/Ballot – a round to judge.
- The Ballot will tell you the following:
  - The event you are judging (e.g. VPF is Varsity Public Forum)
  - The students and school in the round
  - The Room the Round is taking Place
  - The time the round starts
  - You need to Press the button that is labelled "Begin Round" as soon as you get the ballot to let the Tabroom staff know that you are ready to judge
  - Start to proceed to the room at least 10 mins before the start of the round.
  - If you need direction to the room, ask one of the tournament volunteer usually dressed in the host school's tee shirt





# STARTING YOUR ROUND – DEBATE EVENTS

- For **<u>DEBATE</u>** events, you need **<u>BOTH</u>** teams/students present and correctly identified before the actual debate begins
- If you are still missing a debater or team 10 minutes after the posted start time, please alert the hall or room monitor so they can let tab know. Do NOT leave. If one team is forfeiting, someone will personally let you know.





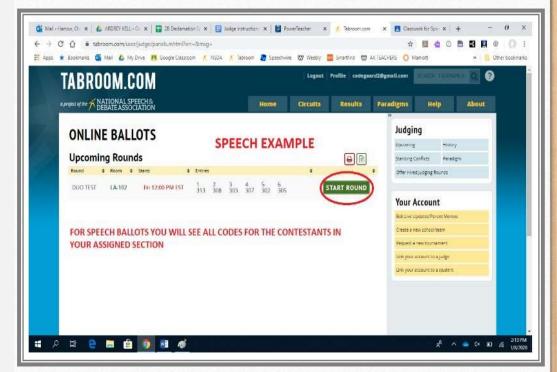




- •For **SPEECH** events,
- •You DO NOT need to wait for all the students to be present to start the round.
- •Students with a cross like symbol next to their names are "cross-entered" in parallel events and may not present at the start of round.
- You can change the "speaking order" on the ballot based on students' availability. If a student or team that is "cross-entered" is present in your round, move them to be the first speaker(s).
- There may be gaps where you are still waiting on a student to arrive, after all the other students have all presented,
- If the missing student is "cross-entered", judge should wait for 15 minutes. DO NOT marked the student as "NO SHOW' until you have checked with the Tabroom staff

#### STARTING YOUR ROUND – SPEECH EVENT









# Make sure you do these 4 things for every round!

The very first thing you should do is hit the Start Button!

First, HIT THE GREEN "START ROUND" BUTTON. This lets the tab room staff know that you are present and ready to judge.

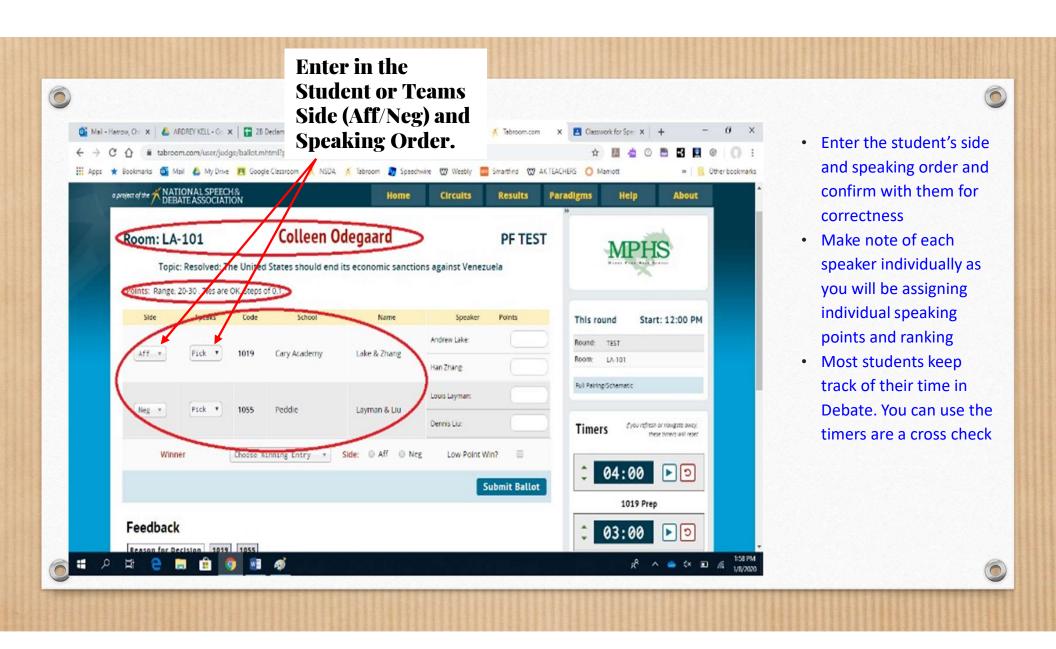
**Second** Please go directly to the room at least 10 mins before the posted time for the round. If you can't find the room, ask a volunteer student for help

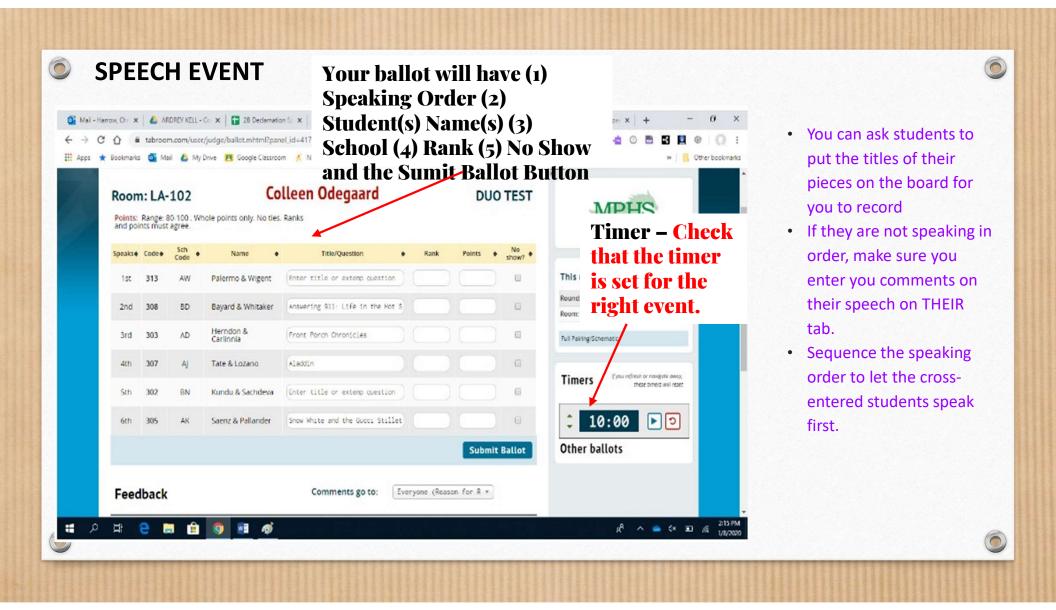
**Third**, make sure it is the **correct** room. Consult with the students if they need to move the furniture for sufficient space for their speech/performance.

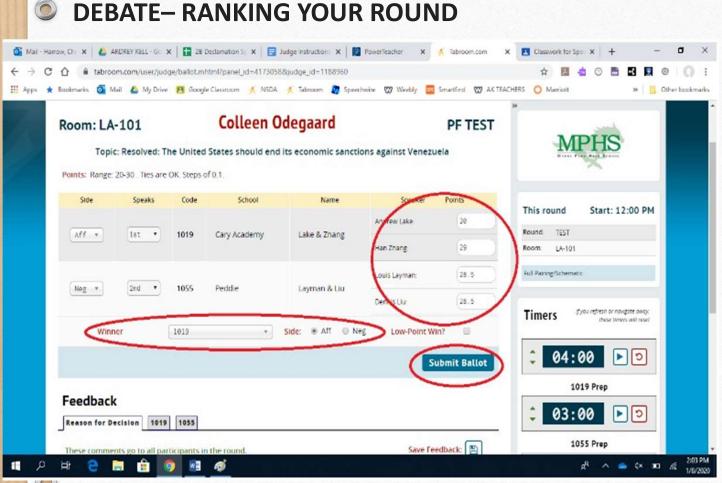
Fourth, verify that you have the **correct** students and event. If a student's name is not on your ballot, ask them to check with the tab room staff.





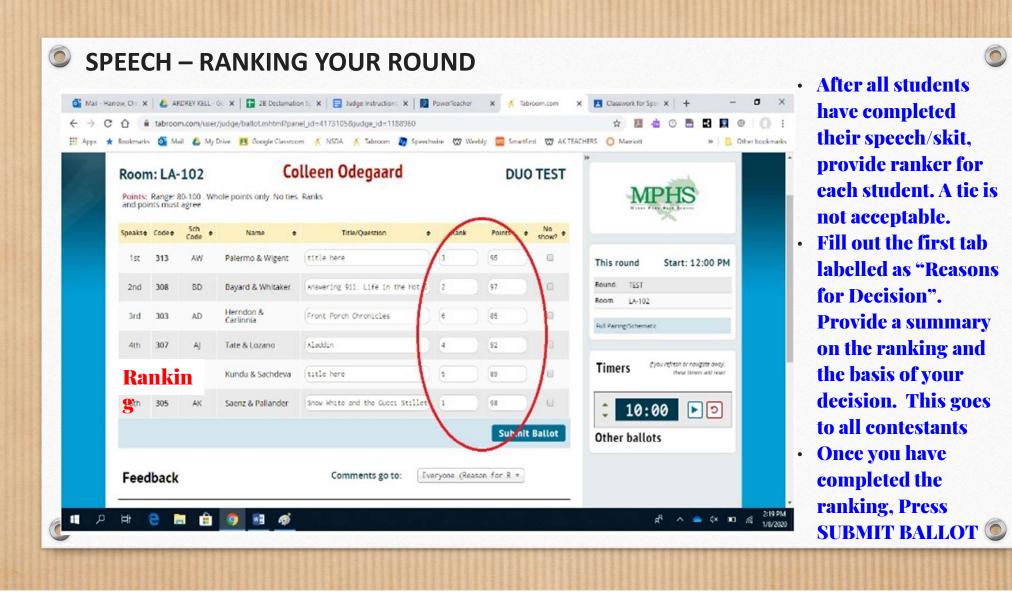


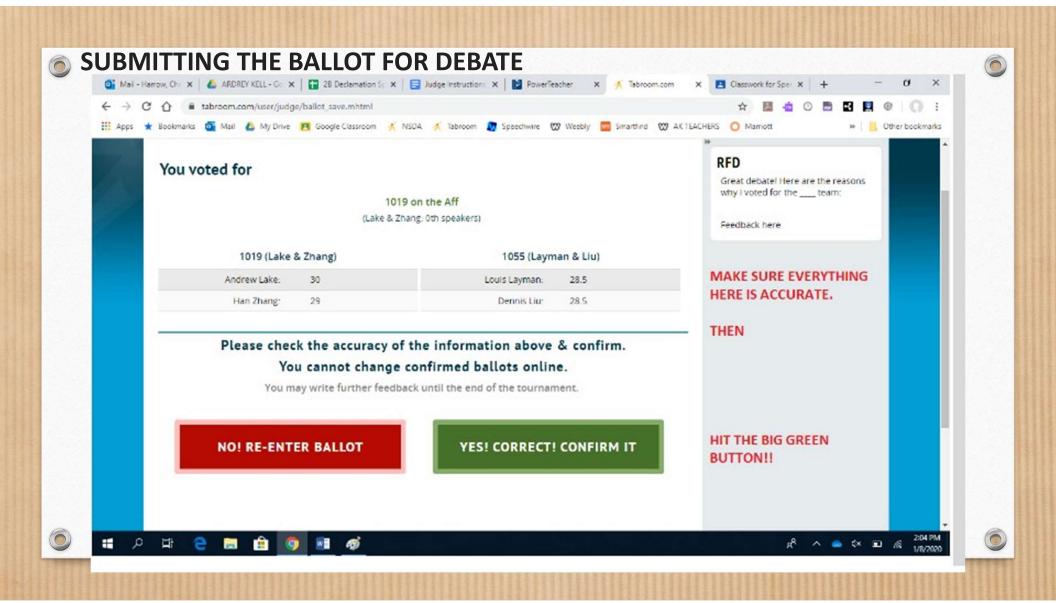


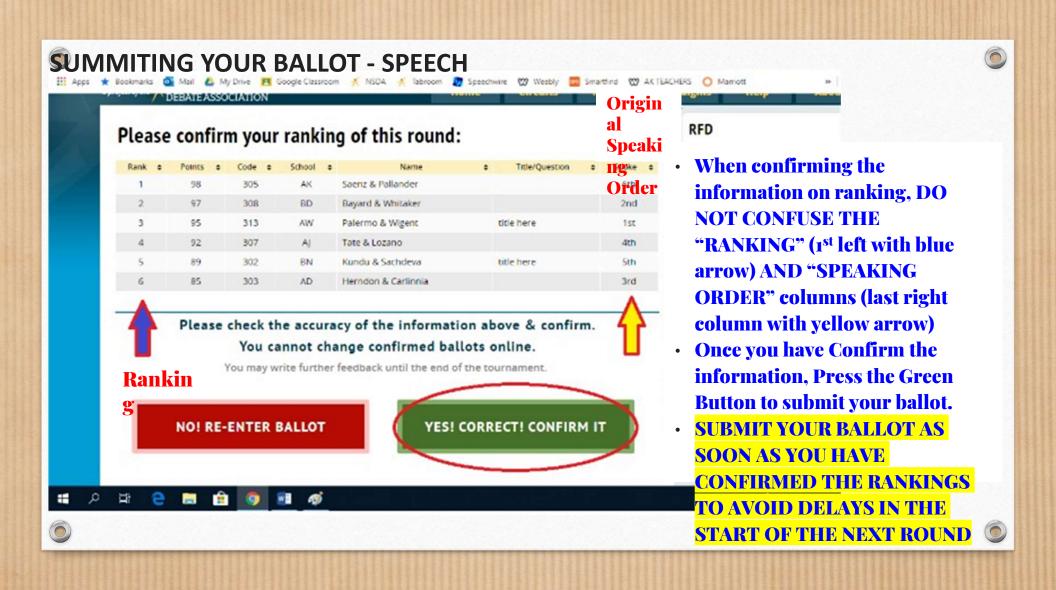


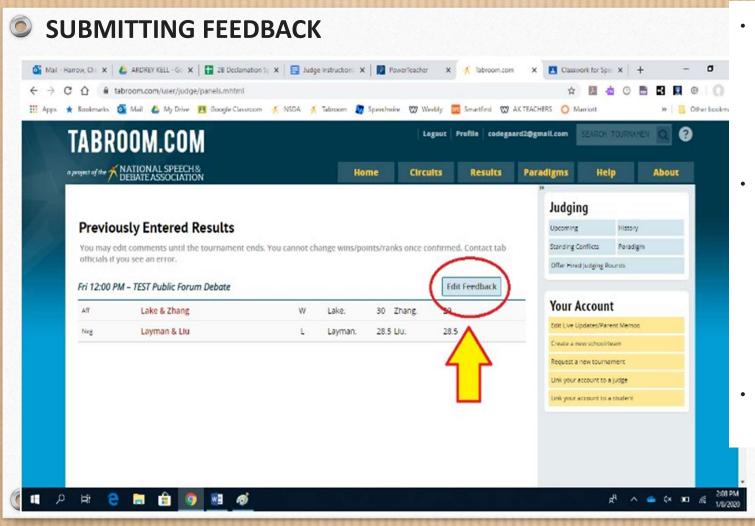
- After the debate, you will select a side as the winner of the round.
   You will enter the side and the name of the school
- You will assign speaking points to EACH of the contestant.
- Fill out the Reason for Decision tab and indicate exactly who you are voting for – " I voted for Seven Lakes CL on the Pro because..."
- Once you have completed both categories, press SUBMIT BALLOT,



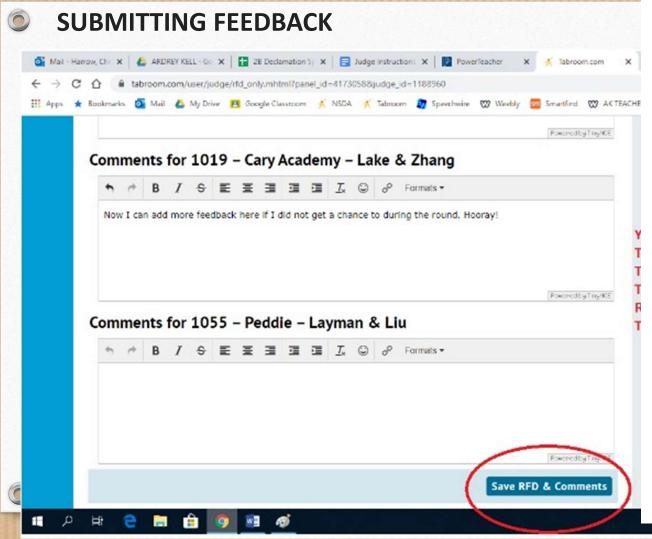








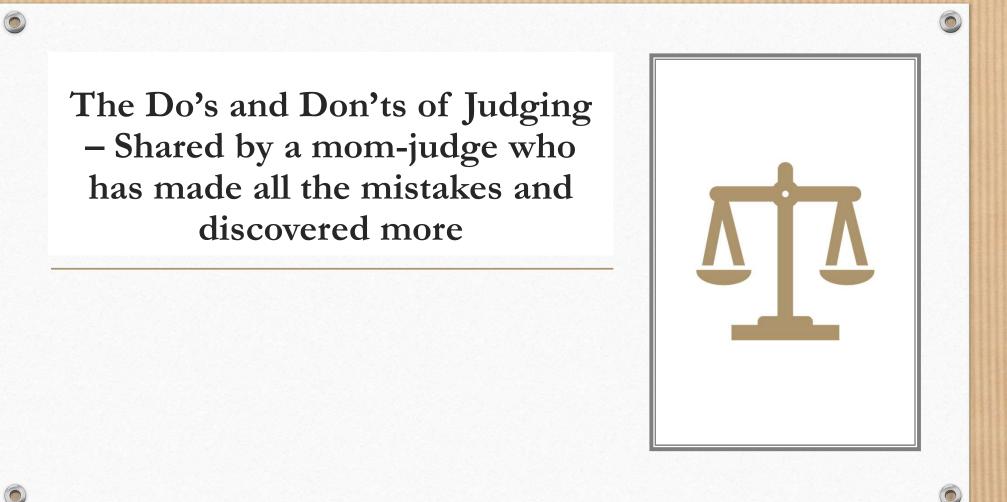
- Submit Additional
  Feedback (optional) for
  each student/team only
  AFTER YOU HAVE
  SUBMITTED YOUR
  BALLOT.
- Trying to complete your feedback before submitting your ballot will delay the next round and earn you a personal visit from one of the Tab Room staff to expedite you.
- You will also be entered into the Hall of Shame for being the last judge to submit
  your ballot



- These Feedback tabs will only be submitted to the students/teams and their coaches.
- Students appreciate constructive feedback and for those that did not "rank", it will give them an explanation on their results.
- Always point out something that you like about their speech and how they can improve.
   Please do not be too critical. All of the students have worked very hard and should be recognized for their efforts.







## The Good Mindset (the DO's)

- Bring your laptop or tablet with charging cable.
- Bring a sweater or a thin jacket and wear comfortable shoes. Temperature of rooms can vary, but a lot of walking is guaranteed.
- Eat (fast) between your rounds especially on a Friday evening.
- Walk in with an OPEN MIND and park your opinions and biases at the door.
- Be Fair, be professional and engaged (take notes even if it is your 5<sup>th</sup> LD round of the day.
- Listen, Observe and Enjoy. You will learn so much about current events and public policies that even your debate kid will be amazed.
- Enjoy all the speech events, embrace them like short stage performances on Broadway and marvel at the talents these young adult posses
- Judging Debate is like a Box of Chocolates you never know what event you are going to get that day. The element of surprise is what makes judging fun.

# **Good Judges Don't**

- Judge a debate based on his or her own opinion about the topic of the debate. Judges must be impartial and fair your political, religious and social views is not in the judging guidelines.
- Live "fact-check" a student's argument and/or interject his or her excerpt opinion during the rounds. If the flawed information is not picked up by the opponent, the mistake can not be used to judge against the speaker. You can, however, point out the mistake in the comments section so the fact can be corrected.
- Mismanage time Don't cut off a speech prematurely and don't extend prep time
- Be overly critical in your comments. Always leave a positive comment and give constructive suggestions.

