

How Stoa Members Can Make NITOC 2017 the BEST EVER

Parent Judging

Simple Truth

The Stoa Board is grateful to God for all the wonderful families in Stoa. Many of you will be traveling to NITOC this year. The only way we can make an all-volunteer event like NITOC a success is if the family of every attending competitor commits to filling parent judge slots commensurate with their competitor's speech and debate events. All parents are expected to roll up their sleeves and serve as judges! This is the beauty of all Stoa speech and debate tournaments and NITOC is no different – volunteering as a parent judge helps to provide the best possible competitive environment and experience for our speakers and debaters.

Simple Premise

Parent judges fill the majority all judging slots

- Judging needs are not based upon the number of students in the tournament, but are based upon the number of events entered by each student
- The more events each student enters, the more judging need is created

Simple Action

Preliminary Speech and Debate Rounds:

1. Each family registering for NITOC must provide a judge for a *minimum* of 8 preliminary rounds of judging.
 2. Families with multiple students or students in multiple events may have an increase in their judging responsibilities based on the following formula:
 - Each Speech event = 2 rounds of judging
 - Each LD debater = 4 rounds of judging
 - Each TP debater = 2 rounds of judging
 - Each Parli debater = 2 rounds of judging
- For example:
 - A family with three children in one speech event each will need to judge the minimum 8 preliminary rounds because the calculation only comes to a total of 6 preliminary rounds (2 for each student).
 - A family with two students in two speech events each will need to judge 8 preliminary rounds because the calculation equals a total of 8 rounds (2 IE x2for student #1 + 2 IE x 2 for student #2).
 - A family with three students in one speech event each, one in Lincoln Douglas, one in Team Policy, and one in Parliamentary debate will need to judge 14 preliminary rounds (6 for IE + 4 for LD + 2 for TP + 2 for Parli).

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Speech and Debate Out-rounds:

1. In addition to the preliminary round requirements, each family has the following out-round requirements:
 - Speech = 1 speech out-round
 - LD debate = 3 debate out-rounds
 - TP debate = 3 debate out-rounds
 - Parli debate = 2 debate out-rounds

Parents: Every student must provide or enlist enough judges to meet the minimum preliminary round and out-round judging needs they create. We know that for those of you with multiple children or with children competing in multiple events, this will mean you have a heavy judging load. Here are some ideas to help you meet your judging requirement:

1. Bring additional family members to help meet your requirement.
2. Coordinate with other parents in your club that are not required to judge as many rounds.
3. Contact alumni and request help for meeting your judging need.

We are looking forward to working together with all of you to give our students a wonderful championship experience, with plenty of judge feedback and all the volunteer help needed to make NITOC 2017 the best tournament ever!! 😊

Hoping to see you in Jackson!

The Stoa Board of Directors & NITOC 2017 Staff