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## *Judging Reminders*

CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL SPEECH & DEBATE

- Turn off cell phones
- Sit front and center
- Check the competitor names on your ballot to make sure that you have no conflict of interest.
- Make sure all judges are present prior to beginning the round.
  - Typically, there are 3 judges, but some rounds will have fewer.
  - You may ask a hall monitor to check with tournament staff if you have questions.
- Use time before the round begins to read rules on the back of Tabulation Ballot.
- Turn off cell phone and ask the audience to do the same.
- Students enter one at a time but may speak out of listed order
- Audience members may come and go
- Set aside personal bias and expertise and judge based on ballot criteria.
- **Be responsive!** However; do not interrupt or question speakers about the content of their speech at any time.
- Please use ink pen (not pencil) to fill out your ballot evaluation and rank sections.
- Write initial impressions & key notes on ballots after each speaker.
  - Timer should give you two minutes between speakers.
- Rank speakers by stacking ballots (while in the room). First place on top, second place below, etc.
- Stay in room until all competitors listed on the Tabulation Ballot have delivered their speech.
- Ask a Hall monitor to help you if you have any difficulties or confusion before or during the round.
  - You may send the timer to locate the hall monitor for you.
- Return to the Judge's Hospitality area immediately after the last speaker to fully complete ballot with rankings and additional comments.
  - Please record the exact ranking (1 - 8) on the tabulation sheet. If you have any penalties, please see staff to complete.
  - Please do not confer with other judges or students about your individual rank and comments.