



Competitive Event – Volunteer Judge Guide

Introduction:

First and foremost, thank you for volunteering to serve as a competitive event judge for Nevada FCCLA. Because of your support and guidance, we are able to better prepare our students to be college and career ready in an ever-changing economy and post-secondary landscape. We strive to work closely with our competitive event judges to ensure each volunteer is well prepared for his/her judging experience. To that end we have outlined several policies and procedures that govern our judging experience and that volunteer competition judges are expected to abide by:

- 1) **Promptness:** With so many students and competitive events, the day of competition is a tightly packed schedule of student success. Please do your best to arrive at your scheduled volunteer shift with plenty of time to account for parking, traffic, etc. so that you can be ready and prepared to be impressed by the students in your assigned event. If you are running behind or unable to make it on the day of the event, please be sure to contact the on-site judge coordinator. Also, during competition times please abide by the time limits set for student presentations and do not go over time with questions/discussion or allow students to exceed their allotted time. Event administrators (Room Consultants) will oversee the competition timing and will notify you and the student when time has expired.
- 2) **Limit Screen Time:** We understand that each volunteer judge is taking time out of their busy work and personal schedule to serve as a volunteer judge and we simply ask that you do your best to limit distractions (cell phones, laptops, etc.) during competitive event presentations. If you need to take a call or respond to an email or text we ask that you do so during a designated break or outside of the presentation room, but not in front of the students during their presentations.
- 3) **Empower Students:** For many of our emerging student leaders, this may be one of their first professional experiences and we want to do our best to ensure their experience remains educational and empowers them to be successful in their desired career and educational paths. We know that to do this, it is necessary to provide age appropriate and constructive criticism as well as positive feedback. We ask that you help us in achieving this by keeping these goals in mind as you score the student presentations and provide written feedback on their score sheets.
- 4) **Remain Fair and Balanced:** As a judge you may encounter a situation where you have a personal relationship with a student, a particular school, school district, etc., and we ask that you remain neutral and remove bias during your evaluation of students. If you are ever assigned to judge a student with whom you have a direct relationship (familial or otherwise) we ask that you request that the student be assigned to another judge to avoid potential conflicts of interest.
- 5) **Judging Procedures:** On the day of competition, there will be a variety of teachers and conference staff managing the competitive events. Please listen closely to their instructions and follow the rules and guidelines that they share. Our competitive events are carefully organized to abide by FCCLA's strict competitive event standards and it is important that all judges abide by these guidelines.

Thank you for your time and service!