

2021 NIETOC JUDGING OBLIGATIONS

-Judging Requirements - One judge covers four entries. \$25 per uncovered entry.

-Judge Bond - \$200 per school to ensure that hired judges fulfill all obligations. As long as at least one judge is provided and all judging responsibilities are met, this bond is refundable at the conclusion of the tournament. If unclaimed, it may be applied to your 2022 fees.

Because of the hybrid nature of our tournament, judges will be asked to participate in two ways:

1--ASYNCHRONOUS JUDGING: Our preliminary rounds and the octafinals will be judging asynchronously (via pre-recorded video) and will follow this approximate timeline:

*Prelim Rounds – Released morning of Tuesday, May 4th. Judges will have Tuesday and Wednesday to judge the rounds. Ballot return should occur by 7 pm CST on Wednesday, May 5th.

*Octafinal Rounds – Released morning of Thursday, May 6th. Ballot return should occur by 7 pm CST on that same day.

This means judges will have flexibility for viewing asynchronous rounds, but must submit prior to the deadline(s) in order to avoid losing your team's judge bond.

2--SYNCHRONOUS JUDGING: Our final three elimination rounds will be judged live on SpeechWire via Zoom rooms at these specific times:

Quarterfinal – Friday, May 7th at 6 pm CST

Semifinal – Saturday, May 8th at 10 am CST

Final – Saturday, May 8th at 4 pm CST

Judges for these live rounds must be available for the exact window during which each round will take place.

- Any judge you provide is expected to be available for at least 5 of the 7 rounds. If you wish to split a judging assignment between two judges, you may do so and indicate that on the judge availability. For example, one person could cover the asynchronous judging and another cover the synchronous rounds.

