

# Congress Judge “Cheat Sheet”

## Student Congress (CON)

Students become federal legislators charged with the task of fulfilling the responsibilities of the USFG legislative branch.

### Regulations:

Students choose a PO (presiding officer) within their chamber who will preside over the session.  
Student speeches are up to 3 minutes long. Students have a 15 second grace period after the 3 minute mark.

First speeches on legislation followed by a 2 minute questioning period.

First negative speeches on each legislation followed by a 2 minute questioning period.

Alternating affirmative/negative speeches followed by 1 minute questioning periods

Students may have non electronic visual aids

### Content:

Focused on topic  
Arguments organized  
Factually accurate  
References

### Delivery:

Appropriate eye contact  
Confidence  
Appropriate/professional

- Points range from 1 (poor) to 8 (excellent). Some tournaments have points ranging from 1 (poor) to 6 (excellent).
- Please make sure to rate the PO (presiding officer) if he/she is elected from within the congress session. PO's get scored once per hour of competition. So for a 2 hour round, the judge must score them twice.
- Please make detailed positive and negative comments on each student ballot
- You should maintain some record as to who the top 8 legislators are at any given time. The PO (presiding officer) can be ranked in the top 8.