**Parent Judge Training Session**

**Basic Debate Language**

1. **Round**
2. **Resolution/Topic**
3. **Affirmative or Pro**
4. **Negative or Con**
5. **Speaker Points**
6. **Decision**
7. **Oral Critique/RFD (Reasons for Decision)**
8. **Prep Time -- 4 or 5 Minutes in LD/Usually only 2 Minutes in PF**
9. **Speech Order and Speech Times for LD**

Constructives -- AC -- 6 Minutes/NC -- 7 Minutes

Rebuttals -- 1AR -- 4 Minutes/NR -- 6 Minutes/2AR -- 3 Minutes

Cross Examination -- 3 Minutes After Each Constructive

1. **Speech Order and Speech Times for PF**

Constructive/Rebuttal/Summary/Final Focus -- Each Side Gets One of Each

Constructives and Rebuttals are 4 minutes each/Other Speeches 2 minutes Each

Each pair of speeches until the last two followed by a Crossfire -- 3 minutes

**Basic Tournament Operations**

1. Arrival (Including Registration)
2. The Rounds Themselves
3. How Rounds are Put Together
4. Meal Breaks
5. Awards
6. Departure
7. Supervisory Responsibilities

**How Judging Works**

1. What You Say to the Debaters and When
2. What the Debaters Say to You
3. What You Think About While the Debaters are Speaking
4. Flowing -- AKA Taking Notes During the Debate
5. Filling out the Ballot

**Ballots**

1. Can Be on Paper or Electronic
2. Electronic Ballots Require Tabroom Accounts
3. Making a Tabroom Account is Easy (And Lasts Forever)
4. Filling Out an Electronic Ballot is Efficient, and the Computer Double Checks You
5. You Should Also Double Check Yourself
6. Paper Ballots Need to be Picked Up, Filled Out and Returned in a Timely Fashion
7. Electronic Ballots Need to be Started Appropriately and Also Ended on Time

**Important Reminders**

1. NEVER start a new ballot/debate until you finish the old ballot.
2. ONLY push the Start Round button when all personnel are present.
3. NEVER talk to debaters about the debate until you have sent in your ballot.
4. NEVER listen to arguments made by debaters outside of the official speech/CX times.
5. NEVER discuss the round with another judge until you both have completed your ballots.
6. ALWAYS put aside your own opinions about a topic when you are judging.
7. ALWAYS follow the recommended speaker point scale, if there is one.