

Head Judges Duties

The Head Judge position is an appointed Board position, approved by the Board of Directors.

1. To establish a list of experienced judges for all contests.
2. Establish a judge's schedule if possible for each contest.
3. To oversee all judges at contest
4. To handle any protest on the judging. Head judge should consult with the Competition Director before taking action on any judging protest.
5. Have all judges coordinated and in position ready to judge at least 10 minutes before the contest begins.
6. After each heat collect judges' sheets and submit to tallier.
7. Check with tallier on the judging consistency and make adjustments if necessary.
8. Coordinate a timer & flag changer.
9. Be sure that all judges are informed of any new judging criteria, which may be done at a meeting of all judges prior to the start of the contest.
10. Check with Treasurer after the contest to be sure that all judges will be paid the correct amount for their work.

Judging Tips

- When selecting judges try to use non-competitors when possible.
- Do not use people that have never judged before unless they are being trained and monitored.
- There must be at least 3 judges on the panel for each heat being judged.
- Any judge that has an average of over 2.00 should be replaced.
- Judges must be of reasonable age and have contest experience or judging training.
- Positively no more than 1 team member from anyone team on any judging panel at the same time.
- Always secure the judging area with barriers so that non-competitors and competitors are restricted from the area.
- Check judging equipment before contest starts (timer, horn refills, pencils, binoculars, clipboards, judge's sheets, flags & holder).
- Be courteous to everyone.