

Judge Affiliation Criteria:

The AIA / FLA Speech and Debate Committee understands that there are many times when a school acquires a judge to meet their required judge quota for a tournament, but the judge has no affiliation with the school or its team, and therefore should be designated as Unaffiliated. A school may enter a judge as unaffiliated, but still count that judge toward the school's quota, if the judge meets the following criteria:

1. If the judge is an alum of the school, the judge must have graduated at least 5 years previously.
2. The judge is neither a blood relative of, nor can reasonably be identified as the significant other of any member of the school's team or coaching staff.
3. The judge has not been a member of the school's coaching staff for at least 5 years.
4. The judge must agree not to act in a coaching capacity at that tournament. (This would include, but not be limited to: sharing flows; critiquing IE performances; critiquing rounds in debate events over and above the normal extent of critique in that event.)
5. The judge does not meet the above criteria for any **other** school at the competition. (It is the judge's responsibility to disclose any affiliations within the last 5 years to the tournament staff, so the judge may be properly blocked from judging a school or an individual competitor for which they do not meet the above criteria).

If a reasonable doubt exists as to whether a judge should be considered unaffiliated, the default course of action is to affiliate the judge.

It is the responsibility of a team's head coach to make clear to unaffiliated judges their responsibilities under (4 and 5) above.

Statement of Affiliation:

The judges who have been identified as unaffiliated must sign the affidavit below attesting to the fact that they indeed meet the above criteria.

Judge Name: _____ **School:** _____

I, _____, have read and understand the above criteria
(Please print full name)
and can attest to the fact that I meet the above criteria to be qualified as an unaffiliated judge.

(Signature)