



South Dakota FBLA 2022 State Leadership Conference Judge's Information



Thank you for volunteering to be a judge for South Dakota FBLA. We appreciate your time and expertise. This information is to familiarize you with your volunteer role. You may visit the judging page on our [website here](#). Please don't hesitate to contact me at <mailto:tina.k.miller@usd.edu> or (605) 658-6527. We look forward to seeing you at the Aberdeen Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, 1400 8th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401, on Monday, April 4, 2022.

[Do I need prior experience with FBLA?](#)

No prior experience with FBLA is necessary. Your professional experience is valuable, and we ask that you provide constructive feedback to each competitor on their score sheet.

[What is the dress code?](#)

We ask that judges abide by the dress code at their place of employment. Competitors will be dressed in business professional attire.

[What time do I need to arrive? When will I be finished judging?](#)

Please check in at either 9:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. in Dakota Room C for your shift. Our judge coordinator will hold a brief meeting to familiarize you with your event. Every attempt is made to stay on schedule, but occasionally adjustments need to be made. We appreciate your flexibility in these instances. We hope to have all judging completed by 3:30 p.m.

[What can I do to prepare for judging?](#)

You can review the event [guidelines](#), [rating sheets](#) and [sample case studies and prompts](#). You may also search YouTube for your events to see how they have been conducted in the past. The guidelines will list your event individually and are the competition rules used at the national conference. The rating sheets are the ones you will receive the day of the competition. The sample case studies and prompts are from previous competitions, but they will give you an idea of what to expect.

[How many students will I evaluate?](#)

This will vary based on the competition you judge. You may judge individuals or teams.

[What COVID procedures are in place?](#)

At checkout in Dakota Room C there will be a basket with hand sanitizer, N95 masks, and wipes for tables. You will also have a shake/no shake tent card in your judging packet to display your preference and a name tent. Please observe whatever protocols you feel comfortable with.

[How do students qualify to compete?](#)

FBLA members have been preparing in their classrooms all year. Top performers at the State Leadership Conference advance to compete at the National Leadership Conference this June in Chicago, Illinois.

[Can I bring my child\(ren\)?](#)

No. Sorry, children are not allowed in the competition area.

[May I take a break?](#)

You are free to take a quick break if there's a gap between competitors, but please be conscientious that we are generally on a tight schedule. Water, snacks, and a deli sandwich lunch will also be available in Dakota Room A.

[What will the competition room look like?](#)

We are moving to a new competition format. To maximize our space and time there will be tables placed around the convention hall. Competitors will enter from the preparation room and go to their assigned booth. A timer will give verbal commands of when to begin/end. A bell will ring at one minute left. There are some competitions that will be held in separate rooms such as Job Interview.