Schroeder: Recommendations from Training Judges Workshops

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TRAINING JUDGES WORKSHOPS

The consensus of our group in that National Developmental Conference on Individual Events should recommend workshops for training judges. It is proposed that the American Forensic Association appoint a committee, with representation from each district, to organize and establish yearly SCA short courses to train judges/coaches. Further, districts should try hosting workshops in conjuction with tournaments to provide training for local judges, both volunteers and paid.

Workshops should be used to:

Develop critical tools in the definition of the educational objectives, writing ballots, oral comments, etc. to improve the adjudication phase of the activity.

Provide information about rules, conventional practices, criteria concerns and ethical practices.

Strive for a general consensus about the event and its evaluation. (This is not designed to discourage creativity; rather to distinguish it from something done incorrectly.)

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