For Community Judges: The Desert Gem Schedule and Terminology

Step 1 of Judge Registration will ask for your Contact Information. You will also be asked to check one of the following:

    ○   I am a competitor's parent

    ◉   I am NOT a competitor's parent / I am a community judge

    ○   I am an NCFCA/Stoa
              alumni

Please make sure you check the middle option, letting us know that you are a community judge.

Step 2 of Judge Registration will ask for your Availability

You can check the box/es next to the round/s when you will judge. (If you are available, you may sign up for multiple time slots – so long as they are not consecutive rounds.)

Note: It is not possible to judge consecutive rounds.

Included in the time block is the 40-minute training session held 1 hour before the scheduled round, as well as the 30 minutes needed after the round to fill out your ballot and enjoy refreshments. The total time you should allow for training, judging, and completing your ballots for each round is approximately 3 hours 15 minutes.

For example, if you choose to judge IE Pattern A Round 1 on Friday your training will begin at 8:30 am, you will be judging from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, and you should be able to complete your ballots by 11:45 pm, for a total of 3 hours 15 minutes for that round.

With that in mind, if you are available to judge more than one round on a given day, make sure they are NOT consecutive rounds.

Note on Terminology:

"IE" refers to: Speeches, which are divided into three patterns for this tournament ~
Pattern A includes speeches in these categories – Duo Interpretation, Oratory Analysis, Original Oratory, Persuasive (subject to change)
Pattern B includes these speech categories – Apologetics, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation (subject to change)
Pattern C includes these speech categories - = Extemporaneous, Mars Hill, Impromptu, Open Interpretation (subject to change)

Information about each event can be found at: http://www.stoausa.org/speech-events

LD refers to Lincoln Douglas Debate and TP refers to Team Policy Debate. Information about the different types of debate can be found at: http://www.stoausa.org/debate-events