

## DDF STANDARDS OF ETIQUETTE

1. Debaters should introduce themselves to their opponents before the match and shake hands with them afterwards.
2. Observers should never enter a competition room while a competitor is speaking, debating or performing. Wait for a break.
3. Observers should sit quietly while a competitor is performing. They should not cheer or show favoritism. Politely applaud all performances.
4. Competitors should make eye contact with the judge and timer and thank them politely before leaving the room.
5. Competitors should show good sportsmanship throughout a tournament. They should not leave a competition room in anger, regardless of what happened during their event.
6. Debaters must maintain a neutral demeanor while listening to an opponent. No sarcastic remarks or personal attacks during rebuttal.
7. All competitors, regardless of ability or personality, must be treated with courtesy and respect. The same goes for judges and timers.
8. Debaters should not monopolize an opponent's cross examination time with needlessly long answers.
9. DDF has a tradition of self critique. Comments to teammates should be constructive and accepted gracefully by the recipient.
10. Students will be expected to "dress up" for tournaments. No jeans, Carhartts, shorts, T-shirts or similar clothing. Males should wear a jacket and either a tie or turtleneck. Females should wear comparable conservative attire. (Casual clothing is acceptable while traveling and at the hotel.)

I hereby agree to follow the DDF Standards of Etiquette.

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Student

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Coach