

Scorekeepers

After the scores are in, organize all of the paperwork that came with the team and calculate scores. All paperwork other than long term and style score sheets should be put in the team envelope or folder. Usually there are four to six long term judges. Typically the scoring is divided among the judges, with two to three judges assigned to evaluate a scored item. All categories must always be scored by the same judges for all teams within a competition division. There are two types of long term scores, objective and subjective. Objective scores can be specific values, such as 0, 5, or 10. Usually one long term judge will be responsible for an objective score. If more than one long term judge is scoring an objective category, the scores from all of them must be the same. Objective scores are not averaged. Subjective scores are a matter of opinion, and multiple judges should always be assigned to subjective score categories. Subjective scores must be within a certain range, such as 1 to 10. A score of 0 is possible but only if the team has nothing eligible for scoring in that category. All judges scoring that category must have a 0 if that is the case. Subjective scores are averaged and rounded to the nearest hundredth.

Scoring mistakes by judges

If you come across these while calculating scores, have your judges correct them before continuing with the score calculation and before sending anything to the score room.

- Subjective scores out of range, such as a judge's score of 12 on a category that can be from 1-10 points. This is the most common scoring error.
- Objective scores from more than one judge that are not the same
- Some but not all judges scoring 0 points for a subjective category.
- Penalties must be a whole number. Penalties are to be discussed and agreed upon between the judges rather than averaged.
- A judge who has judged some teams on a particular item leaves a score blank for another team in the same division. All judges that judge some teams in a subjective category must judge all teams in a competition in that category. If a judging team is handling more than one division in a problem, they can switch judging assignments when going from one division to the next.

Organizing calculated scores

The objective scores and averaged subjective scores should be written on the NCR score sheet, the white-yellow-pink triplicate score sheet. Add these scores and write the total in the long term box on the NCR score sheet. Write in all penalties, if any. The penalty box should not be left blank, put a 0 in it if there is no penalty. After the long term scores are totaled, separate the white, yellow, and pink NCR copies. The white NCR copy and long term score sheets should be stapled together with the NCR copy on top and put in the team envelope to be sent to the score room. The yellow sticky notes with positive comments from the judges should be placed on the pink NCR score sheet. The head judge will take the pink score sheet with the sticky notes to give to the team's coach. The yellow NCR score sheet is kept on site in case there is a need to look at it later.

All style scores are subjective. Scores are transferred from the style judges' score sheets to the master style score sheet. Style scores are averaged by category, rounded to the nearest hundredth, and totaled. Also fill out the coach's copy master style form. Put the master style form on top of and staple it to the style score sheets and place them along with the coach's copy master style form in the team envelope to be sent to the score room. A score runner will come by to pick up the envelopes.