

## **Week Six - Judging in Full**

Hello everyone,

We are down to the final regional weekends. Bring your full self to every contest. Competitive neighborhoods are tight and the performances continually improve. You are ready! Here are some reminders for week six.

**Candid, Frank Conversations** - As you cover the full points of comparison, it is imperative to recognize strengths and vulnerabilities for each team. Reacting in real time is always appropriate. Wrap ups are a good place to highlight your “over time” impressions of each team’s unique achievements and areas of question or opportunity. Be in the moments with the teams, share what you feel (your excitement and your concerns), and filter through the criteria.

**We Are Not Proxies for the Audience** - Our role is clear as system experts judging the performances through the lens of our caption. We reflect the audience response through the criteria in the areas of entertainment, appeal, communication, engagement, believability, excellence, and completion of skills. We are fans of the activity and the mastery applied to the creation of and the experience of the programs.

**Critiques** - This can be an intense and anxious time for the teams. Be open and encouraging and help the teams realize “this is not the end” but just an instant in the season. Take notes and listen. Remember that information you receive provides additional detail to your application of the criteria in your judging process. The teams don’t get rewarded against their synopses in competition suite but against the criteria as compared to the other teams.

Breathe in, breathe out.

Please let us know anything you need.

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