

Individual Competitions

General Eligibility Requirements

Each state selects its representatives through statewide competitions. The state's first-place competitor/team or alternate is eligible to represent the state on the National level. Only **one** (1) representative from each state per competition is eligible to compete. (Or in the case of debate, only one team per state is eligible.) Contestants must be fully registered to attend the Year-End Meeting or Annual Meeting prior to the time of competition; one-day registration is not permitted. Competitors must be of Jaycee age (18-40) at the time of national competition, or their dues must still be current. Each competitor must also be a Jaycee in good standing and a member of a recognized Jaycee chapter. In the Andrew and Charlotte Mungenast Family of the Year competition, at least one family member must be of Jaycee age and meet the above requirements. Note: Family members that are outside of the USJC age limits (either older or younger) are not required to be registered for the Year-End Meeting or Annual Meeting.

Other Eligibility Factors:

1. Current or past National officers, National staff officers, National Award Committee Chairs and current State Presidents are **not** eligible to compete in any of the competitions.
2. National Award Committee members are not eligible to compete for a period of three years after leaving the committee.

3. Unless otherwise specified, current State Officers (elected or appointed), ineligible State chairpersons/program managers (see below) and local chapter presidents are **not** eligible to compete.

- “**Current**” is defined as “having served during any portion of the year on which judging is based.”
- “**State Officers**” are defined as: President, Vice Presidents, Regional Directors and District Directors.

4. Competitors are allowed to compete once at the Year-End Meeting and once at the Annual Meeting in a given competition. After a member has competed in the same competition at both the Annual Meeting and Year-End Meeting, the member is no longer eligible to compete in that competition. The member is eligible to participate in other competitions providing that he or she still meets all of the qualifications of the competition, as well as the General Eligibility requirements. (Note: The portfolio competitions are only held at the Year-End Meeting.)

5. Once a member has placed first in competition at the International level (Area C or World Congress,) he or she is no longer eligible to compete in that particular competition again on the National level.

Program Manager Eligibility

Program Managers **are** allowed to compete in Individual Competitions on the National level **only IF THEY MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- Meet all General Eligibility requirements and qualifications of the particular competition
- Are (or were) **NOT responsible** for **ANY** of the following Individual Competitions during any portion the of the year on which judging is based:

Durward Howes (Speak-Up), Write-Up, Brownfield, Armbruster, Mungenast (Family of the Year), John W. Clark “Jaycee Jeopardy”, Jaycee Debate, Master's Speak-Up

Jaycee Debate

The Jaycee Debate competition is held twice each year (Year-End Meeting and Annual Meeting) to determine the most outstanding debate team in the U.S. Junior Chamber for that year. It is not the intent of this award to recognize debate professionals, including but not limited to litigators, mediators and lobbyists. The first, second and third place winning debate teams will be recognized during the awards ceremony. Any teams (regardless of if they placed during National competition) may represent the United States Junior Chamber in competition at the Area C Conference of the Americas, held in May and/or the JCI World Congress, held annually in November. Members should consult the JCI website to obtain additional information regarding competing on an international level, including deadlines and registration procedures.

Additional Eligibility Requirements

A Jaycee Debate team must include three (3) members: a "Captain" and two speakers. All three members must be from the same state, but do not have to be from the same chapter. **One** member of the team may be a current State officer or local chapter president. "Current" is defined as "having served during any portion of the year on which judging is based." "State Officers" are defined as: President, Vice Presidents, Regional Directors and District Directors. Both of the remaining two members of the team **must** meet the same eligibility criteria for all other competitions listed under "General Eligibility Requirements."

Competition Procedure

Competition will be on a single-elimination basis with winning teams moving on to the next level of competition. Depending on the number of teams competing and the combined score from previous rounds, the top 3 or 4 finalist teams will face off in "head to head" style competition or a "round-robin" style competition. The winners of the Debate competition shall remain secret until reveal at the awards ceremony. Audiences are invited to witness the Debate Competition throughout all rounds.

Teams will argue opposite sides of the topic. A coin toss prior to the announcement of the topic will be used to determine which team will be able to choose their preferred side. The team winning the coin toss will be provided with 30 seconds to make their decision to choose either "for" (the Pro side) or "against" (the Con side). Each team will be given the topic fifteen minutes prior to the start of the debate. Both teams are provided with the topic at the same time. Different topics, chosen via random drawing, will be used for each round of competition. The topics may be either Jaycee or non-Jaycee related. Speakers should take care **not** to identify their chapter or state (or that of their opponents) at anytime during their arguments.

During the Debate, speakers will adhere to the following **speaking order** and **time limits**:

Captain FOR the motion (PRO): **2 minutes**
Captain AGAINST the motion (CON): **2 minutes**
1st Speaker FOR the motion (PRO): **3 minutes**
1st Speaker AGAINST the motion (CON): **3 minutes**
2nd Speaker FOR the motion (PRO): **3 minutes**
2nd Speaker AGAINST the motion (CON): **3 minutes**
Captain FOR the motion (PRO): **2 minutes**
Captain AGAINST the motion (CON): **2 minutes**

The "Captains" for each team will be responsible for the team's "introduction" of their point of view and "summary" or "closing argument" for their point of view. **NO NEW MATERIAL MAY BE INTRODUCED** during the closing arguments; the speaker may only restate their point of view and rebut material already presented.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Only a participating speaker can give a Point of Information. Substitutes, supporters, members of the audience **cannot** offer or answer Points of Information. A point of information may be made only during the second and third minutes of the first or second speaker's time. A Point of Information is not permitted anytime while the Captain is speaking.

Following are the procedures for giving and accepting Points of Information:

- a) If giving a Point of Information, raise your hand or place your hand over your head, stand up and address the speaker at the podium, saying, "On A Point Of Information."
- b) Wait for the speaker to indicate whether he or she will listen to your point. If the speaker says "No, thank you", or indicates by way of a gesture that the point will not be taken, or continues with their speech without yielding the floor, then sit down.
- c) If the speaker indicates that he or she will take the point, then deliver it clearly and briefly and then sit down. Do not retort to the speaker's reply. At no point should the speakers engage in a conversation with each other.
- d) If speaking, and an opponent offers a Point of Information, you can accept it right then, you can refuse to accept it, or you can indicate you will deal with it in a moment when you are finished with the point you are making.
- e) When replying to a Point of Information, be brief, humorous if possible, and then return to your speech.
- f) The time used to ask and answer the question (or Point of Information) counts against the current speaker's time. Thus it is important that the speaker keep control of his/her allotted time.

TIMEOUTS

- (a) Each team is allowed a quantity of one (1) time-out, one-minute in length, during the debate.
- (b) A timeout may be taken at any time during the debate as long as it is called in between speakers.
- (c) The team captain shall indicate to the Chairman that his/her team wishes to use their timeout, at which time the Chairman will ask the Timekeeper to inform them when the minute is up.

NOTE: Debate competitions held on the International level require a fourth member of the team, who shall to serve as an "adjudicator." An adjudicator is a judge for the competition. Since the US Jaycees have other methods in place for assigning judges for each competition (including debate), this position is not part of the US Jaycees Debate Competition.

If a member has competed in the Debate Competition at both National Meetings, he or she is ineligible to compete again on the National level. However, the member is eligible to participate on the International level in the position of adjudicator, Captain or speaker so long as he or she meets the International eligibility requirements. For the most updated International rules and guidelines, please visit the JCI website at www.jci.org.