



# NCFCA Club Speech Ballot App – Absolute Final Specification

(November 26, 2025 – Truly minimal version for your club)

## App States (only 3 possible global states)

State	Judges See When Opening the App	Competitors/Parents See	
1. No tournament active	“No club meeting is currently active. Check back later.”	No access, no emails sent	
2. Tournament active	Immediate access: <b>Speaker dropdown only</b> → Judge	No access yet	
3. Tournament closed	“This meeting has ended and ballots have been released.”	Magic link works → view + download PDFs	

## Admin Functions (you only – one password in .env )

ID	Function	Description	
A1	Start New Club Meeting	One click → creates fresh active tournament (auto-ends any previous one)	
A2	Add/Edit Competitors	Simple list: First Name, Last Name, Email (parent or competitor)	
A3	Close Tournament & Release Ballots	Big red button + confirmation → instantly sends magic-link emails + closes the tournament	
A4	Resend Magic Link	Edit a competitor’s email → click “Resend”	
A5	View All Ballots (optional)	See every submitted ballot + optional bulk export as ZIP of PDFs	

**Removed:** No events, no rounds, no speaker-to-event assignment.

Every speaker is simply “in today’s meeting.” Every judge picks any speaker from the full list.

## Judge Workflow (100% open – no password, no login ever)



### Step    Action

J1	Open yourapp.com on tablet or laptop
J2	If tournament active → immediately sees <b>one dropdown: Speaker</b>
J3	Select speaker → ballot opens (event is not asked – judge just judges)
J4	Type own name (free text – appears exactly as typed)
J5	Choose the Event they are judging from a dropdown on the ballot
J6	Fill official 2025–2026 NCFCA 5-category rubric, time, comments
J7	Everything auto-saves instantly
J8	Click “Submit Ballot” → big green confirmation → done
J9	Close browser mid-ballot → reopen same device within 48 h → resume
J10	If no tournament or closed → friendly message

## Competitor / Parent Access (only after “Close Tournament & Release Ballots”)



ID	Feature	Details
C1	Automatic Email	One email per competitor/parent with personal magic link
C2	Magic Link View	Click link → see only their own ballots (all events, all judges)
C3	Ballot Display	Shows: event, judge name (as typed), all 5 scores, comments, rank, time
C4	Download PDF	Button → pixel-perfect replica of official 2025–2026 NCFCA ballot
C5	Link Expiration	Works for exactly 1 year after the meeting date

## Non-Functional Requirements (final)



## ID Requirement

N1 Tablet / computer-first design (optimized for 10–13" tablets & laptops). Fully usable on mobile but not mobile-first

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N2 Auto-save every keystroke while judging

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N3 PDF output must be visually identical to official NCFCFA 2025–2026 sample ballots

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N4 Only one tournament exists at any time

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N5 Old tournaments auto-archived but still accessible via magic links

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N6 No user accounts or passwords for judges or families

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N7 Admin panel protected only by one hard-coded password in `.env`

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This is now the absolute simplest possible version that still works perfectly for your club.

Copy-paste this entire document into your repo's `README.md` — you are 100% ready for development.

↳ Provide NCFCFA rubric details

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↳ Suggest Stoa ballot app

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↳ Make spec more concise

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