

Student Congress Manual

Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensics League

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General Rules

§ 1 Procedure Manuals and Officials

(a) Manuals. At all FGCCFL tournaments, consult this manual first, followed by the most recent editions of *NCFL Student Congress Manual* and *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. Nonbinding guidance appears in small print; commentary appears in footnotes.

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(b) Judges. The Scorers (Parliamentarians at Grand Finals) may make rulings at the request of the Presiding Officer. They generally should not intervene but may do so if necessary to correct major errors. Rulings made in the chamber *will not* be overturned unless they directly contradict the written rules.

(c) Tournament Officials. The Congress Director and tab staff may make rulings at the requests of the Scorers or Parliamentarians. They may additionally issue rule interpretations or modifications and take any other actions they deem necessary to ensure fairness and efficiency. Contestants should bring any concerns to their coaches, *not* to the Congress Director.

¹USAGE NOTE: This manual uses masculine pronouns (he/him) for legislators and feminine pronouns (she/her) for Presiding Officers. All pronouns should be interpreted as gender-inclusive.