The directors of the Upstate NY JSHS and its affiliates make every effort to ensure that the judges at all Sub-Regional Symposia and at the Upstate New York Regional Symposium are the best judges available. All of the speaker presenters at sub-regionals are judged by research professionals whenever possible and by persons proficient in pertinent science fields when a research professional is not available. All of the speakers at the Upstate Regional are judged only by research professionals.

At both the sub-regional and regional levels, the decisions of the judges are final, irrevocable, and may not be questioned by anyone. In the rare event that the directors find a judge to be unsuitable, for whatever reasons, that judge is simply not asked to return to future symposia.

Student presenters who want feedback on their performance may speak with room moderators who sit in on the judging and are able to comment on the student’s strengths and weaknesses. The JSHS sub-regional and regional judges are not to be contacted for comment by presenters. The room moderators provide verbal comment only and that comment is open only to the student presenter and teacher. It is not open to classmates, friends, and others. It is also not to be recorded other than as that student’s notes.

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