



NHD-CA 2021 Virtual Contest

Virtual Judging Basics & FAQs

How does virtual judging work?

All judging in 2021 will be conducted in virtual Zoom rooms

- Judges will work as a team of three to score and rank projects.
- Judges will receive an email with login information.
- Judges will meet together in Zoom for an orientation.
- Judge captains will moderate breakout rooms where judge teams will view and score projects.
- Judges will use the online scoring platform to record scores and write comments for students.

What about tech?

Judges will need access to a laptop or computer to view the projects, to participate in the Zoom calls, and to use the online judging platform

Rule and Rubric Changes:

- Beginning with the 2021 contest, NHD-CA will be using the new NHD rubric for the junior and senior divisions. Training will be provided.
- NHD released a new rule book. These rules will be covered during the orientation.

Judge Training

All judges are required to participate in judge training.

- Judges will complete a self-paced online module and attend a live orientation the day of competition.

What is the Schedule?

Judges will work with their team in a Zoom room throughout the entire session.

Morning Sessions: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
(includes required training)

Afternoon Sessions: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Sample Session Schedule

90 minutes to view projects & read
60 minutes to discuss, score & rank
30 minutes to write comments

- There will be no student interviews
- Paper and website judges will still preview projects ahead of the contest.
- All comments *must be completed* by the end of the session