



# Ace Peak x Ziggy Competitor Manual

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# You Should Actually Read This

This isn't your typical student orientation asking you to pick up your trash and not park in faculty spaces. It contains critical information to make sure you have a good tournament experience. Please read it carefully.

## You Are Responsible for Yourself

At a physical tournament, there is a small army of grownups telling you what to do. You know when postings are up because everyone starts moving. You know when you're not supposed to be somewhere because a grownup will tell you so. If you need a new desk or lectern, the tournament will find one for you.

In an online tournament, you are on your own. There is no student orientation, no hall monitors, no clubmates, and tournament staff can only do so much. You are responsible for keeping yourself on schedule, knowing the rules, having working equipment and reliable internet. You are also responsible for your judges (more on this in a moment).

We do not accept excuses, no matter how great they are. If you missed your round because your arch-nemesis locked you in his shed and then burned your house down, we'll feel sorry for you, but we'll still give you a forfeit. You must show up to your rounds ready to compete. There is no Plan B.

Get in the headspace of radical personal responsibility. You owe it to yourself, your partner, and your opponents.

Of course, if you need help, we're here to provide it. Click the Contact Us link at the bottom of the tournament registration page, or just [click here](#).

## You Are Responsible for Your Judge

You are responsible for providing a judge for up to 4 rounds at this tournament. This is an area you're not used to worrying about. At a physical tournament, the staff will train the judges and get them to their rounds. At our online tournaments, you do.

If your judge doesn't show up to their assigned round, or can't judge it for any reason, you will forfeit that round - even if the judge in your debate voted for you. Please don't let that happen! Take responsibility for your judges. Plan everything with them step by step; teach them how to judge; make sure they have good internet and equipment and know how to use Discord. Do a test call with them. Go over the schedule with them. Remind them of time zone differences. Text them 45 minutes before each round, making sure that they're ready for postings.

Please do not be passive with your judges and expect them to succeed on their own. If you help them, they'll help you by ensuring that your win/loss record is entirely based on your debate performance.

## Debate on Discord

A list of matchups - or “Postings” - will go up on the Ziggy website half an hour before the round is set to start. On the matchup page that lists the debate teams, the judge, and the ballot, there will be a “Room” link which will take you to the debate.

Debates are hosted on a website called Discord. To join, just click the link to your assigned server, then click “Join the Debate” on the left. We recommend installing the [Discord app](#) and setting up a username in advance. That makes joining servers a breeze.

If you prefer, you can use the app anonymously from your browser. When you click the server link, you’ll be asked to enter a temporary username and your birthday. Discord will then encourage you to claim your account. If you don’t want to, just left click the dark gray area around the popup to go past it.

On the left side of the screen, you’ll see a “Join the Debate” voice channel with a yellow exclamation mark next to it. When you join, you may be asked to let Discord use your microphone and webcam. You don’t need to start a call; the call is always going on tournament servers.

Turn on video with the Video button in the bottom left. Mute yourself with the microphone icon below it. Please mute your microphone whenever you’re not speaking.

You may ask to add spectators to the server. That’s fine if everyone in the room is okay with it and they don’t cause any disruptions or delays. Spectators must be muted at all times.

# Additional Resources

## Read the Rules

The complete rules are available online at the Ace Peak website. [Click here](#) to read them.

## Read the Judge Manual

We created a Judge Manual to help you support your judges. Download it [here](#). Consider reading it yourself, since the judges in your rounds will probably have read it, too.

## Contact a Tournament Official

Contact an Ace Peak x Ziggy tournament official by [clicking here](#). We're happy to help.