

Illinois Judging Mentoring Program

Welcome to the Illinois Judges Mentoring Program! This program is designed to help aid newer judges with questions about judging, help provide practice judging opportunities, or get in gym time for skill recognition. We have an amazing group of experienced judges all over the state of IL to help you on your way. As a level 9 or under judge you will be paired with an experienced Level 10 or above judge to help you on your way to being the best judge you can be and moving up to higher levels of judging.

Your mentors can help you via phone call, email, facetime, or even face to face time. Once paired with your mentor, please discuss how you prefer to learn / communicate. We understand that different people learn different ways. Please discuss how you learn best with your mentor. There are so many educational opportunities out there!! There are flash cards, sample tests, practice judging DVDs, live practice judging at meets, in gym observation, congresses, and judging aids that you can purchase, and more. Your mentor can help you navigate through these study/ judging aids to help you the best way they can.

This mentoring program is beneficial to both the mentor and you. We always appreciate you asking tough questions or about unusual circumstances that happen. This helps keep us fresh and up to date as well!! If your mentor doesn't know the answer, they will find someone who does. We are an extremely supportive group that is ready and willing to help new judges. Remember, "Communication is key". No question is a dumb question!!

