

## Rules for Teachers, Chaperones and Other Observers at the 2023 Synopsys Championship

Only adults with badges are allowed on the floor during judging.

Teachers (pre-registration required) and other registered visitors must wear **Name Badges** that distinguish them from Judges. Pick up your badge at the Information Desk and return it when you leave.

### **Do not coach the students**

#### **Move away when judges are interviewing the students.**

- Avoid eye contact or any action that might be seen as “coaching.”
- Many students find the judging interview to be stressful and may be more nervous if they know you are watching.

**Do not interact with the judges.** Interaction with judges in the project display area is not allowed. If found in violation, you may be asked to leave South Hall. You will see 2 types of judges:

- Category Judges (blue ribbon badges) are selecting projects for scientific category awards given by SCVSEFA.
- Sponsored Award Judges (white ribbon badges) are selecting projects according to criteria set by scientific societies, universities etc.

**Tell students who are wandering around to return to their projects.** If judges can't talk to the student during repeated visits, the project may be disqualified.

**Move around the floor** unless you are supervising a special needs student. Watch for groups blocking the aisles.

**Observe and supervise** in a general way to help the judges work efficiently with the students at their projects. Move away when a judge is interviewing a student to avoid unnerving the student and even the appearance of “coaching.”

Chairs and tables marked for “Teachers Only” are for your use during judging. They are on the Market Street side of South Hall.