

FPS EVALUATION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who evaluates?

Our evaluation team consists of current and former FPS coaches, parents of FPS students, college students who once participated in FPS, principals, teachers, and other interested adults who have no FPS experience. High school students currently in grades 10-12 who have participated in FPS for at least two years may also evaluate booklets in a lower division. Basically, we welcome anyone who is willing to participate!



Where is evaluation held?

Our primary evaluation site is at Madison College, Truax Campus. In November and January, we sometimes have groups who evaluate in Luxemburg and in the Milwaukee area. Luxemburg makes sense if you have been involved in the program there. If you are in the Milwaukee area, we highly recommend that you come to the Madison site if it is your first year. After that, you could join the folks evaluating in Milwaukee. For the February evaluation, we only run the Madison site.

What happens on evaluation day?

We start in a large group by discussing the future scene, issues that might arise, and potential underlying problems. Then evaluators work independently on their assigned student booklets.

What if I've never evaluated before?

You will be sent some basic information about evaluating the current topic about two weeks prior to our first session. On evaluation day, after the large group discussion, new evaluators will:



1. Work with Bill Hartje, our evaluation director, who will talk through the FPS process and rubric for scoring student work.
2. Work side-by-side with an experienced evaluator. You will go through an entire student booklet together, so that you become familiar with how to apply the information you receive from Bill.
3. Evaluate one or two booklets independently, with the mentor available to answer questions.

In November we only evaluate the first 3 steps of the process. In January, new evaluators will once again work with Bill to learn more about evaluating steps 4-6. Then most people will have four to six booklets to score.

How long is the evaluation day?

We begin at 8:30 and generally work until 2:00 or 3:00. Some evaluators may stay later at the evaluation for the qualifying problem.

What about lunch?

We typically order pizza or subs for lunch. You may also bring your own lunch or purchase one at MATC if you choose.

How are evaluators compensated?

Evaluator pay is \$5 per hour plus \$4 or \$5 per booklet, depending on which type you are doing.



What happens at State Bowl?

Evaluation begins at about 11 am on the Friday of the Bowl (April 11th this year at the Green Lake Conference Center). Most evaluators will complete 6-8 booklets. We can accommodate those who need to be finished and leave by 6:00, but some evaluators will be working quite a bit longer than that. Evaluators who are also student participants and coaches with teams at State are only expected to work during the afternoon session (first round), so that they can be done in time for the swap. We provide overnight accommodations if you are willing to help us judge student skits on Saturday morning.

What if I can't make all of the year's evaluation dates?

If you are an experienced evaluator, we'll take you whenever we can get you! However, if you are new, it only makes sense to become an evaluator if you can make most of the 4 dates in your first year. We always desperately need evaluators on Friday afternoon at State Bowl.

What Is ROCS?

ROCS is an online system for booklet writing and evaluation that is used only in the senior division. Martha Barlow may be contacting some of our experienced evaluators about participating in this opportunity.

What if I have more questions?

Don't hesitate to contact our director, Lynn Buckmaster, at 608-824-9695 or wisfps2@charter.net.

