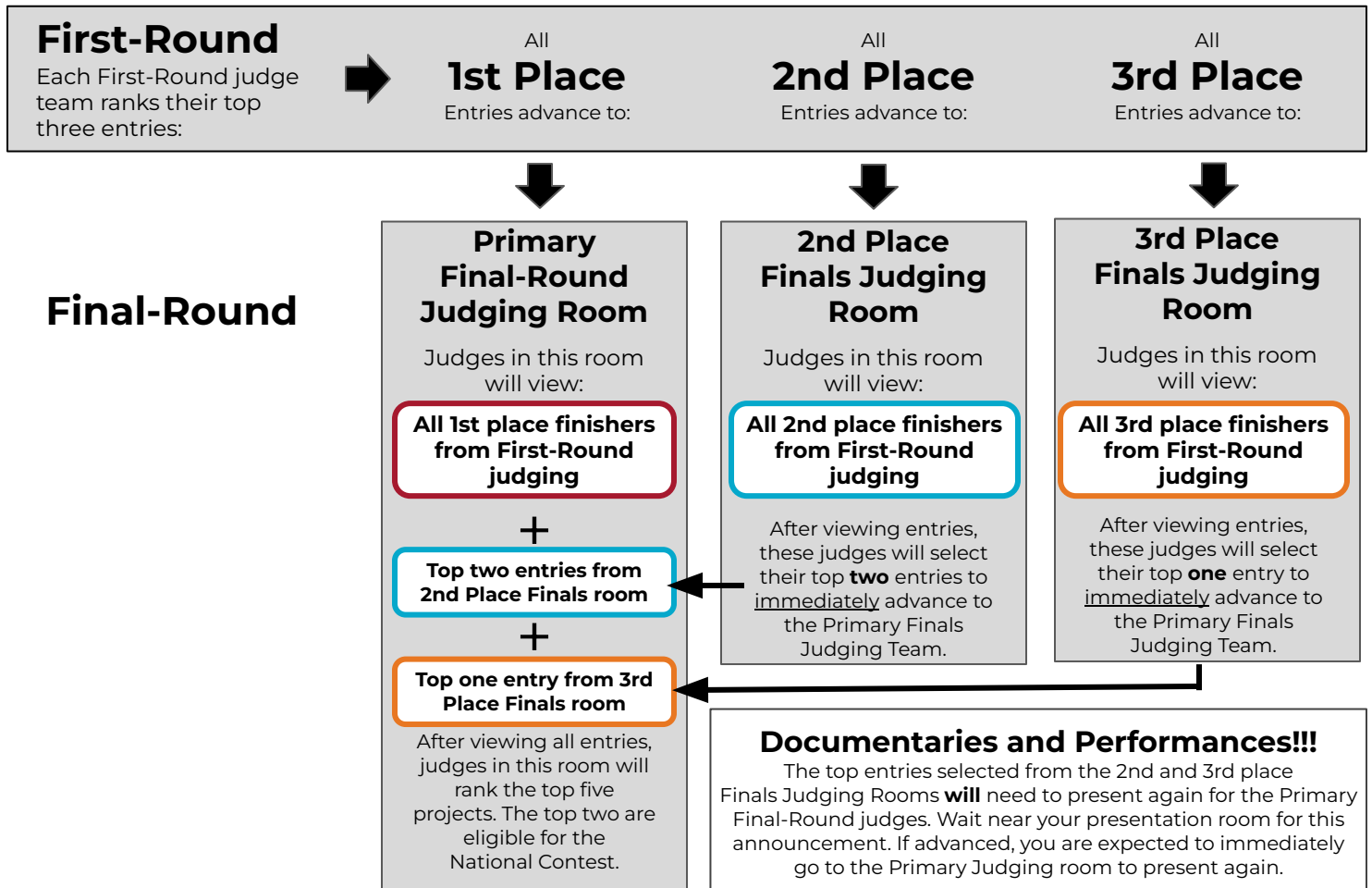


Final-Round Judging

We consider the top three entries from each First-Round room for finals, rather than advancing only the top one entry to the Final-Round. **Why?** Entries are randomly assigned to First-Round schedules. This means that some rooms may end up with a stronger pool of entries. This helps to balance the randomness of the competition.

First-Round judge teams will rank their top three projects. **A project's First-Round ranking will determine the project's progression through the Final-Round process** within its category/division.



Documentaries and Performances: Online postings list entries selected for Final-Round judging. See event schedule for times. If selected, students should report to the designated room and will re-present their work. Students will not be interviewed in the Final-Round. Students in the 2nd and 3rd place judging rooms need to wait for judge announcements to see if they need to present a third time in the Primary room.

- **Senior Performances:** Given the smaller number of entries in these categories, there will be NO Final-Round of competition. Students in these categories will only present once during First-Round judging.
- **Senior Documentaries:** Given the smaller number of entries in these categories, the top three entries from each First-Round judging team will compete in one Final-Round room.

Exhibits and Websites: Students are not present and will not be interviewed in the Final-Round of Exhibit or Website judging. Entry lists will be available at approximately 3 pm. Lists will be posted online at mn.nhd.org. Exhibit areas are closed during this time. Students who do not advance to the Final-Round of judging may NOT remove their Exhibits until all Final-Round judging is complete.

- **Senior Websites:** Given the smaller number of entries in these categories, the top three entries from each First-Round judging team will compete in one Final-Round room.

Research Papers: Through the off-site competition, the top 12 Research Papers interviewed at State *are* the Final-Round. No additional results will be available before the Awards Ceremony.

ALL FINALISTS WILL RECEIVE MEDALS: All students entering the Final-Round of judging, including Paper Finalists interviewed at State, will receive an Honorable Mention or top-five placement medal.