

# Role of PCC Judging and Critique Moderator

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A moderator plays a vital role in establishing the tenor of The Critique and guiding its conduct. The duties of moderators include facilitating introduction of participants in the comments, encouraging robust discussion of, maintaining order throughout the proceedings including staying on schedule and controlling the audience, ensuring that the interactions remain within the identified 5 categories or 12 elements.

## Discussion Facilitation

The main function of a moderator is to promote interaction among the judges and maker. The moderator introduces the judges to the audience. The moderator also answers questions that may arise in the course of the discussion.

## Thematic Control (12 Elements)

Every critique will be based on the 12 Elements and it is up to the moderator to ensure that the discussion stays within these parameters. In the event that the judges appear to be straying, the moderator guides the discussion back to the stated theme. Therefore, moderators ought to be knowledgeable about the 12 Elements for discussion.

## Orderly Conduct

It is the responsibility of a moderator to maintain order during discussions and to see to it that all participants behave with courtesy. Forums involve the exchange of ideas whereby participants air their views and sometimes engage in debates about the identified topics. Moderators order the forum by keeping the discussion civil and constructive.

## Content Relevance

A moderator has authority to determine the content of a critique so that it is relevant. Critiques gain more popularity when the content therein is consistently relevant to participants' Images.