

# Tournament Code of Conduct

Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensics League

1. Respect shall be shown to all persons and property, including host school facilities.
2. The *Head Coach*, the *Assistant Coach*, and/or the person designated by the principal to function as supervising adult at a tournament shall be responsible for the conduct of her/his students, judges, and observers affiliated with the school. This person must be on campus at all times during the tournament and available to answer questions from the tournament staff. Only these persons may speak on behalf of a school, either to raise questions/concerns or to file/answer protests.
3. No student shall enter or remain in a competition room without an adult present, **except** for entries in Student Congress (Congressional Debate) with respect to their chambers.
4. No person shall capture audio, video, or photos of any round or performance.
5. No coach or judge shall ask a student to reveal her/his school affiliation during a tournament round. During a round, a student should not reveal her/his name or school affiliation to anyone except a tournament official, **except** in Student Congress (Congressional Debate) or where this information has been furnished to judges in writing.
6. All questions and concerns should be brought to the Tab Room by a coach and presented to one of the league officers.
7. Formal protests must be submitted in writing and presented to one of the league officers. A league officer will then discuss the issue with the coach of the school in question. Proof of publication, evidence, sources, and other items may be required for presentation.
8. Requests that a judge divulge her/his decision/rankings/scores in a round, the questioning of a judge's decision, and harassment of a judge are unacceptable behaviors.
9. The use of language or behavior by any person present at a tournament (including students, adults, and coaches) that is abusive, threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including using profanities, insults, or other disparaging remarks or gestures will not be tolerated.
10. No person with access to information about tournament results shall divulge those results to others during the tournament.
11. No person shall provide coaching assistance to contestants, and no contestant shall accept coaching assistance from any person, from the time that a round begins to the time it ends, including the periods of prep time in rounds and recesses in Congress.
12. Attire for all involved in a tournament, including students and adults, should be appropriate and professional. Clothing should fit properly and meet standards for acceptable appearance at public affairs.

**Failure to adhere to the above tournament expectations may result in tournament disqualification or suspension from future competition.**

*COACHES: Please be sure your students, judges, and observers understand the above expectations during tournaments. Coaches will be held accountable for the behavior of their teams.*