

Tournament Code of Conduct

FGCCFL, Florida Sunshine NSDA, and FFL Region III

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/their 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 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/their school affiliation during a tournament round. During a round, a student should not reveal her/his/their name or school affiliation to anyone except a tournament official, **except** in Student Congress 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/their 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.

Addendum for Coaches, Judges, and Observers

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In addition to the Tournament Decorum in effect for all participants, judges, observers, and coaches, the following rules are also in effect immediately:

1. Coaches must remain in the Judges' Lounge at all times except lunch. Coaches may be used to work the tournament or judge rounds.
2. No coach may refuse (or reassign) a ballot without SPECIFIC TAB ROOM APPROVAL. Coaches are not registered in the judge pool so that they can be used as needed to judge throughout a tournament.
3. No coach may watch debate rounds until the final round and only with the permission of BOTH TEAMS and the permission of the coach/coaches of both teams. This rule applies to all events.
4. Coaches may not give ballots away in order to watch rounds.
5. No coach, observer, or judge may speak to other judges or competitors during the round or after a round until the ballot has been submitted to the Tab Room.
6. All competitors and observers, including coaches, must leave immediately after the round is over and may not speak to or wait for the judge.
7. Under no circumstances shall coaches or judges or anyone else disclose the results of any rounds.
8. The Tab Room is open to tournament officials only and no ballot reading or disclosures are allowed.
9. Failure to adhere to the tournament expectations and the above expectations may result in tournament disqualification or full team suspension from future competition.

COACHES: Please be sure that you, your students and adults understand the expectations for all tournaments. Coaches will be held accountable for their behavior and the behavior of their teams. Please remember that this is an educational activity and coaches are expected to be role models for all students.

FGCCFL will suspend competition for teams if infractions are reported and substantiated.