

## Team Policies

### I. Practices

- A. Punctuality. The beginnings of practices, approximately 5-5:30, is the time to get new info about team activities such as tournaments, fundraising and other events. If you are not there, you are still responsible for getting and acting on the information shared during this time.
- B. Attendance. Attendance will be a factor in team decisions regarding state and national qualification. Make sure you're signing in at every practice.
- C. Participate. Be an active participant. Practice. Watch. Critique. Just being there isn't participating. You must be heard or provide feedback to get credit for attending that practice. If you're not being watched, or aren't sure what to do, ask! This is a communications activity. Make sure you're communicating your needs.

### II. Tournament Etiquette

- A. Dress. Dress should be professional. This includes suit jackets, modest clothing, the absence of offensive or distracting items, and professional shoes. This dress code is required for all tournaments. Changing out of this attire without coach approval is not allowed.
- B. Commitment. Once a student has committed to a tournament, they are expected to attend said tournament in its entirety, from the opening meeting through awards. Special circumstances and prior approval on a per tournament basis is obtainable, but arrangements must be made with the coaches.
- C. Punctuality. This is necessary. Don't be late for departure times, meetings, rounds, awards, or any other part of the tournament.
- D. Respect. Show respect not only for your teammates and coaches, but also to competitors, judges, and volunteers. Be a courteous audience member. Pay attention.
- E. Learning Experience. Once at a tournament, you will have fun, but you will also better yourself. You will attend all rounds, and you will be watching a final whether you break to one or not.
- F. 55 Rule. No statements about the tournament, people, or organization that can be in any way construed as negative will be uttered unless you are moving at 55 miles per hour (ie driving home).
- G. Attendance. Students are permitted at all tournaments, once they get coach approval. IF they sign up and are interested in a tournament, and then are unable to attend, they should contact coaches ASAP. We need to hear directly from the student, not the parent. Canceling without notice, or failing to cancel, or skipping a tournament without an excuse may result in the fees incurred by the tournament to be the burden of the student.

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- H. Parents are allowed and encouraged to attend tournaments. The more parents know about this activity, the better.
- I. If you have not advanced to a final round, you will be expected to attend one. You can choose to attend the final round in the event you competed in, an event that interests you, or a final where a teammate is competing.

### III. Attitude

- A. Supporting teammates. Coaches will take notice as to whether or not you are a positive or negative influence on your teammates, we will also be reviewing teammate ballots, be kind and constructive!
- B. Outside of Practice and tournaments. Attitude is just as important outside of our practices as in. Show respect and support in all you do, including your online presence.
  - 1. We work and play together like a family. We spend entire days together at tournaments and we function the entire year unlike other activities. Remember that a general level of respect is expected.

### IV. Day-to-Day Expectations

- A. Please do all the work assigned to you by coaches. If you say you're going to do something, get it done.
- B. Fundraising Expectations. We need you to follow through. This activity is not low-budget. We have hotel and travel expenses as well as registration fees. We need everyone to pull their weight so we can survive.