

## Tournament Decorum

1. Respect shall be shown to all persons and property, especially host school facilities.
2. The *Head Coach, Assistant Coach*, and/or the person designated by the principal to function as supervising adult of a school at a tournament shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her 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 for raising questions/concerns, filing protests, or responding to protests.
3. No person at a league tournament shall audiotape or videotape any round or performance.
4. No coach or judge shall ask a student to reveal the name of his/her school. Similarly, students should not reveal the name of their school to anyone except a tournament official.
5. All questions and concerns should be brought to the Tournament Ombudsperson, who will be stationed in an area accessible to coaches and judges. The tabulation room is not the proper venue for initial concerns. The Ombudsperson, who shall have no other responsibilities during the tournament, will bring relevant issues to the attention of the tournament staff and/or league officers.
6. Formal protests must be submitted in writing on an official form provided by the Ombudsperson and in a timely manner as defined by the governing documents of the league. Unwritten and untimely protests will not be entertained. Coaches shall refrain from participation in gossip and hearsay regarding protests.
7. Requests that a judge divulge his/her decision/rankings in a round, the questioning of a judge's decision, and/or the harassment of a judge is unacceptable behavior. Contestants and coaches with concerns about a judge should bring that information to the attention of the Ombudsperson.
8. The use of language that is abusive, threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including using profanities, insults, or other disparaging remarks or gestures will not be tolerated.
9. No person with access to information about tournament results shall divulge those results to others.
10. No person shall provide coaching assistance to contestants from the time that a round begins to the time that a round ends, including the period of time after a contestant has drawn his/her question in extemporaneous speaking events and during prep time in all debate events.