

PROTOCOL

Many people in our district host tournaments or work in tab rooms, but some individuals do not, and that makes it more difficult for them to appreciate some of the inherent problems that surround a tournament. Please consider the following issues before you “complain” to your tournament host:

- The only person who can really answer questions about a tournament is the host, so if you have specific issues (e.g. what is for lunch, when does the tournament start, why doesn't this tournament host a certain event, why are there category limits, etc.) it is really better to contact the host directly. Their decisions are not random! They probably have reasons for offering the competition that they do! On the other hand, if you have generic questions (e.g. what is prose, how do I write a bill for congress), most people in the district will be more than willing to help!
- It is not appropriate to invite yourself into a tab room to tab. At NFL, CFL and state districts, the committees tab. At local invitational tournaments the host picks a group of people to tab. If you think you would like to learn more about the process, ask someone about it. Your interest will be noted, and more than likely you will soon find yourself tracking down judges, and finding contestants, and tabbing numbers!
- While it can be very confusing to new coaches, please remember that the three leagues in this area all have different rules. Concerns or complaints about one league cannot be addressed by another.
- In terms of leagues, please remember that there are only three official NFL tournaments. Membership in the local and national NFL leagues is necessary in order to compete at these official qualifiers.