

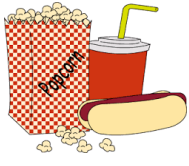
FROM OUR MEMBERS

Questions, comments and concerns from Badger Region members (tallied from the Badger Region survey, phone calls and emails the Region receives) for Tournament Directors



CONCESSIONS

* Pressure hosts of tournaments to allow players to bring in healthy food and snacks. Most tournaments at high schools only offer things like nachos and pizza. The athletes need nourishment, not junk.



* Be considerate of athletes with food allergies.

* Costs of food available is too expensive.

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* Paying admission fees to stand or sit on the floor to watch a tourney is unacceptable.



* Please lower spectator cost at all your tournaments.

* There seems to be a blatant disregard for preservation of family time and worship/Sunday School on Sunday mornings.

REFGING

** Many of the games we played in the score was inaccurate. There has to be a better way to keep score. If it is always inaccurate what's the point, the girls are only learning to do it wrong and the players get frustrated.



** I would like to see **more training accountability for the line judges**. some players are clueless on their role/calls. I would like to see teams held accountable if their players did not complete the required line judging training.

** **Coaches need to be more diligent** in making sure their teams are more engaged and paying attention.

** **Accountability at the score tables/player refs**. Coaches need to be sure their girls are prepared to ref and keep score, are paying attention, and the tournament officials could be watching this more closely.

** It is really up to **the club directors and coaches to ensure that each junior player is taking their role as a scorekeeper seriously**. While any number of changes to the current system could be made, improvements will only be the result of a commitment to improve by the club directors and coaches. In all honesty, most clubs do not view it as a priority, but instead a distraction that takes away from practice time.

** Coaches need to stress to players that **score keeping is very important** and to pay attention and take it seriously. No phones allowed at scorers table. Coaches should be required to be at the court when their team is refereeing or scoring to make sure they are taking it seriously and paying attention.

PHILOSOPHIES/POLICIES

* More tournaments! We sign up for every Badger Region tournament possible and most **tournaments end up getting cancelled last minute**. Our membership fee basically grants us admission to play at Nationals. I know tournaments are dependent on the number of teams, but I think a more advanced notice of tournaments would increase numbers. People are busy and need to plan ahead-more than a month in advance.

* Would be nice to get tournament **info more than 3 days in advance** for planning purposes.

* I would like to see a few **tournaments geared towards less experienced players/clubs**.

* **Tournaments need to be categorized** so you know what you are playing in similar to softball where you sign up for either A, B or C level play.

* Offer **more tips for parents**. Where to park, where to stay for tournaments, etc.

* Each **tournament should award top 2-3 finishers** with medals.

* Sometimes the **tournaments are rushed a bit**. More than once we had trouble getting a break due to play ref play situations.

* The biggest thing lacking is getting enough information together to **properly seed teams in tournaments**. There were many times (including the Badger Region Championship) this season where there seemed to be no thought put into seeding for pool play. This information is easy to gather and sort through to make more informed decisions on seeding.

* Two-day tournaments now only require 5 matches total? That's too few matches for around \$400 when you can play two single-day tournaments and get 8-10 matches for less money.

