

WIDI Policy

CHARGE OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE:

- The Policy Committee should recommend policies for adoption by the Board as a whole. The Board or the Affiliate Director may request the Committee to recommend a policy on a particular issue, or the Committee may do so on its own motion. Final adoption of any policy remains the responsibility of the full Board.
- The Policy Committee will use email, a special group mailing list, or personal meetings to exchange views and drafts. Discussion will be open, with all points of view respected. To the extent possible, a consensus shall be reached. Where unanimity is not possible, a majority vote will control the Committee's recommendation, but dissenting voters are encouraged to state their opinions to the Board as a whole.
- The Committee Chair shall act as official archivist of all emails on policy issues.
- Policies adopted by the Board shall be published on the WIDI web site.
- The Committee will adopt appropriate policies implementing policies as set by DI, Inc.
- Individual Board members should be encouraged to contact the Policy Committee when they feel new policies are necessary or existing policies should be reexamined.

A. Board Policies

A.1. Confidentially of the Board Communication

Information shared at the Board meetings is private and proprietary to the Board. Members should respect the confidentiality of Board communications. No message(s), attachments or related files, should be copied or forwarded to outside parties without Board approval or AD direction.

B. Regional Policies

B.1. Regional Transfers

Teams needing to transfer because of school or any reasons unrelated to grade conflicts must have their request into their RD by February 1. The request will be evaluated by the RDs and AD. Upon AD approval of the transfer request, the AD will then decide the regional tournament the team will compete at.

A team approved for transfer will pay fees in the following manner: For grade related conflicts, the team will pay the "home" region a \$10.00 transfer fee, plus pay the full regional fees for the new "host" region. For non-grade related transfers the team will pay the full

regional fees for **both** the “home” tournament and the new “host” tournament. All fees must be paid before the team is allowed to compete.

Teams transferring to compete in a different regional tournament assume all rights of membership in that region, including the eligibility to advance to the next level of competition representing that region.

B.2. Regional Size

The state of Wisconsin is divided in geographic regions of between 40 and 120 teams for competitive purposes. If a region falls above or below these numbers, the Board may consider reestablishing regional boundaries.

B.3. Merging Regions

When two regions, as defined by policy B.2. regional size, combine to hold a joint tournament, and both regions have the minimum number of teams for regional formation, then both regions will advance their eligible teams to the next level of competition. These two regions will remain separate for team advancement purposes and are to be viewed as two separate regions.

C. Tournament Policies

C.1. Personnel and Volunteers

C.1.a. Volunteer Code of Conduct

For the 2010-2011 tournament season all Challenge Masters, Regional Directors and Appraisers will be asked to read and sign the DI Code of Conduct. This form will ensure that individuals involved in the program agree to abide by the rules and regulations of DI. A copy of this form will be posted on the State Website.

For the 2011-2012 tournament in addition to the above individuals, Team Managers and other volunteers will be asked to read and sign the DI Code of Conduct. This will ensure that all individuals involved in any aspect of the program agree to abide by the rules and regulations of DI.

These records will be held until after global finals.

C.1.b. Team Managers as Tournament Volunteers

A Team Manager, or person directly related to a currently competing team member, may **not** be a Scoring Appraiser at a Regional or State Tournament in the **same Challenge and competition level** as the team involved.- If the tournament uses one appraisal team to score **all levels** of a Challenge, the said person may only appraise in a **non-scoring** role.

A Team Manager or person directly related to a member of a currently competing team may **not** appraise at any tournament in the Instant Challenge portion of the competition.

Individuals interested in appraising in a **scoring** role, must be **at least 18** years of age at the time of said tournament. Individuals younger than 18 may appraise in any non-scoring positions.

C.1.c. State Appraisers

Every effort will be made to create a regionally diverse appraisal team at the State level of competition.

C.2. Tournament Procedure Policies

C.2.a. Team Advancement

Each Regional has the right to send the 1st and 2nd place teams, including ties, from each challenge level on to Affiliate Finals provided they have met the minimum requirements as defined in the challenge rules and Rules of the Road.

At the discretion of the appraisal team, RD, ACM and AD, additional teams may be allowed to advance provided they have met the minimum criteria as defined in the challenge rules and Rules of the Road.

Primary Level – Any team competing at the primary level will be eligible to advance to the state level of competition. Each regional will provide the team specific information to the state tournament director within 1 week of the regional tournament.

C.2.b. Scoring Adjustments

When appraisers feel the need to change any score, they must initial the change on their individual worksheet. The score room will NOT accept any score sheet that is unreadable or appears to have been modified. When the score room has any question regarding team scores, the CM will bring it to the attention of the challenge appraiser.

C.2.c. Team Defaults

If an organization has not fully paid fees for the previous year's tournaments, to include registration fees, regional fees and affiliate tournament fees, then that *organization* will not be allowed to compete until the fees from the prior years tournament and the current tournament are paid. The term *organization* refers to the school or organization they represent.