

BCDSS

Guidelines for Tournament Member Sign Ups

Do's and Don'ts

Don't show up at the field on the day of the tournament expecting that the Tournament Director has assumed a BCDSS representative will be there. (For that matter, don't even assume the Tournament Director has heard of the BCDSS!)

Don't assume that players are wandering around with too much cash in their pockets looking for people to give it to. (Again, don't assume that players have heard of the BCDSS!)

Tournament Sign Ups take a lot of preparation, and not just on the tournament days. Yes, make sure you are prepared on Sign Up days, but that should be the culmination of weeks of pre-work.

Once the Board has gotten word of a new tournament and a Director has volunteered to be the BCDSS representative, that rep. should get on the horn to the Tourney Director.

" Hi, I'm (insert your real name here), and I'm a Director on the BCDSS Board. The British Columbia Disc Sports Society promotes disc sports in BC, and we've heard that you are planning a tournament in Bella Coola. How can the BCDSS help? {and by the way, where is Bella Coola?} "

Very simple (so far). You've opened up the lines of communications and will hopefully given them a good impression of the BCDSS. If they need funding, explain how the BCDSS board works. Explain we need a written proposal with details, asking for a specific amount, and whether they are expecting a loan or a grant. Will the BCDSS collect a share of the profits? Does the Tourney Director need the help of an experienced Tournament Director? How about a "*How to run a successful Tournament*" package? Would they like the name of the official BCDSS T-shirt supplier and Disc supplier? Get involved! The Director will most likely be very appreciative.

Now, for this assistance, we request that BCDSS members are offered reduced tournament fees. Explain the benefits of BCDSS membership. Ask her to include a spot on the Tournament sign up form for the BCDSS membership number. And of course, if players aren't members, they can sign up at the field or through the mail! Just include a number of BCDSS Membership Information forms with the team sign up kits.

Then go to Bella Coola a few days before hand, if the Directors need you. There is a ton of work to be done in the last couple of days! (And you'll probably need the extra time to *find* Bella Coola!) Help prepare the Captain's Packages, making sure to be generous with the *Sponsored by the BCDSS* stickers! (We need to make sure our help is acknowledged.) Perhaps the Captain's Packages can be in zip lock bags (in case of rain), or in DuoTang covers, with the latest edition of SPIN! Throw in some BCDSS Hotline stickers. Maybe the BCDSS Director's spouse or significant other will make up big JELLO molds, spelling "BCDSS" in various colours! Ask the Tournament Director to publicly acknowledge the support of the BCDSS at some point.

Not every tournament will be this much work for the BCDSS Director. Some may be more (Don't be afraid to ask other board members for help). But a job well done will be very satisfying, and will go a long way in establishing the BCDSS as a good thing in many members minds! And we can always use good publicity!

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Sign Up Kit

Don't forget this stuff!

- Information forms
- Pens and pencils
- Clipboard
- Whiteboards and markers
- Sign making equipment (optional if you have whiteboards)
- Blank membership cards and expiry stickers
- Laminator
- Laptop (and printer?)
- Extension cord
- Tent / shelter
- Table and chairs
- BCDSS banner
- Masking tape
- Blank paper
- A cash float for making change