

“NO PLAY, NO PAY, NO TROPHY”

Running District and Statewide Tournaments, for a number of years, I find that players are again starting to flip a coin for placements in Consolation as well as in the Main Event, or just taking 4th place and leaving. I have been informed that this is not only being done by the District Amateurs, but by State Amateurs and the Pro players as well. The tournaments are set up for 3 days in all our Statewide, and most of the Districts have allotted the same amount of days. The Director of the tournaments will try and finish tournaments as soon as possible and not hold anyone longer for play than is needed to complete the tournament. If courts are available, a 64-bracket chart can be ran off in 2 days, but when a 128-bracket chart is used, 3 days might have to be used, for it means that some players will have to play 4 matches in one day. I will always ask players, if time permits, if they wish to play the 4th match. This would apply to Statewide Tournaments where players come from a distance and have to stay overnight. If these players wish, I feel that if they have to play local players, that the local players should go along with their desire to play the 4th match.

I am for “**NO PLAY, NO PAY, NO TROPHY.**” If rain causes a delay in play, this rule would have to be overlooked and the Director would have to use good judgment in a fair way to keep players from coming back, say, for just one game.

Further, no tournament should be called off before 12:30. Many have been called off at 10:30 and the sun was out shortly after. When there is time to play a round, or maybe more, *don't call off a tournament!*

So, Directors and Players, let's work together and not have a rule in our Rules and Regulations where “**NO PLAY, NO PAY, NO TROPHY**” will have to be used — and I'm sure it will if the continued use of flipping for placements is going to be used.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Coin flipping and the optional taking of a placement otherwise has been discussed at State Board meetings. However, the Board felt that forcing players to stay over could place an undue financial hardship on our people and so has been reluctant to take any action in regard to this problem. Briefly consider how strenuously you complete up to and in the quarter-finals. Doesn't it seem to make a mockery of the tournament after that point to resort to coin flipping? Think of the many efforts expended by the host club, the tournament

officials, the referees, the scorers — and yes, the kitchen help, too. Don't these willing workers deserve the respect to expect a completed tournament for their collective efforts? It seems very plausible that, should indiscriminate disregard for the integrity of the game continue, we may wind up with a stringent rule to govern this situation. Think about it!

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