

For Members of Christian Communicators of Ohio (CCO), and those attending CCO tournaments:

The Standard

1. The conduct of the leaders, parents, coaches, and participants who attend a CCO event or who associate themselves with CCO will be guided by Biblical principles.
2. Everyone associated with a CCO event will be treated with, and will treat others with, respect before, during, and after rounds, regardless of the outcome.
3. Language will be wholesome, and Christ honoring. No crude or vulgar language or conduct will be tolerated.
4. In order to show respect for the activity, opponents, and judges, professional business attire is required for all CCO participants. All clothing shall be modest.
 - For men, this means modestly cut business suits or blazers with modestly-fitted slacks, shirt, tie, and dress shoes. (Suit jacket is optional for Jr and JV boys.) Professional grooming for men includes being clean shaven or having neatly groomed beards and/or mustaches.
 - For ladies, this means modestly cut and modestly fitted pant or skirt suit (the hem line should fall below the knee), no form fitted shirts or exposed midriffs, and professional close-toed shoes. For Individual Events, dresses are permitted (the hem line should fall below the knee). Professional grooming for ladies includes hair, jewelry, and makeup.

Parents, coaches, participants, and siblings at competition events are expected to dress appropriately.

Participants no longer competing will stay in competition attire through the award ceremony.

The Tournament Director shall have final authority as to whether or not these standards have been met.

5. Cheating, plagiarism, and deception will not be tolerated.
6. Physical violence or abuse will not be tolerated.
7. CCO events are not appropriate venues for physical displays of affection between unmarried couples.
8. Facilities used during CCO events will be treated with respect and care. Any damage to facilities, regardless of the magnitude of the damage, will be reported to CCO leadership.
9. Students, parents, and coaches will acknowledge the authority of the judge in competition, and will accept the judge's decision as final and correct.
10. Parents will make every effort to have at least one parent present at all CCO events when the child is competing.
11. Parents and participants agree to submit to the authority of the CCO leadership during CCO events and with respect to CCO-related issues.
12. Parents will be the first line of enforcement of this code of conduct as it relates to their children. All people associated with CCO are expected to ensure that this code is honored.

Handling Offenses:

In the event that an offense occurs, Matthew 18:15-17 will be the guiding Scripture. Please follow these steps: start privately, then, if necessary, involve one or two witnesses, and finally, if it becomes necessary to go before the group, the CCO board will be involved. Since gossip is also a sin, refrain from discussing any offenses with anyone not involved. Actions that stray from Biblical principles will be reported to CCO leadership for resolution.