**Tournament General Rules:**

In all tournaments all officials, coaches, team members and spectators are expected to abide by the rules as stated in the Rules Manual. This includes rules specific to each event and the General Rules.

Violations may include any of the following.

1. **Interference:**
   - Only the team members assigned to the event may enter the competition area along with those supervising and judging the event. All others are to remain out of the room or the competition area at all times.

   If any student, coach, teacher, chaperone or parent interferes with or disrupts the conduct of the event, the team associated with the person will be penalized at the discretion of the event supervisor in conjunction with the appeals board. The team, coach and the site director will be notified of this action.

2. **Cheating:**
   - Any individual who cheats during an event will be penalized by disqualification. The team and the coach will be apprised of this action.

   If an event team or team member deliberately takes an action that impairs the ability of another team to fairly compete, that team will be disqualified from that event. Depending on the severity of the action taken by the team members, further action by the appeals board may result that the team members are disqualified from other events. Upon reporting this action to the State Board, the team members may be barred from further tournaments.

3. **Vandalism:**
   - If a member of a team or a person associated with a team commits an act of vandalism, the team will be disqualified from the tournament. Vandalism means deliberate action that results in damage to property. This includes, but is not limited to, graffiti, damage to facility property, and damage to personal property of competitors, judges and supervisors.
   - The school associated with the member must agree to pay the cost of repairing the damage for any act of vandalism. A school must pay this restitution before it can register a team in future years.

4. **Qualifying teams unable to attend the State Tournament:**

   Any team that qualifies for the State Tournament and cannot attend the tournament must notify the state director as soon as possible. The state director will then invite the next team from the same region to fill the vacant spot.

   If a team fails to notify the state director until any time within two weeks of the State Tournament, the spot will remain open and that team will not be permitted to attend the State Tournament the following year even if they qualify.