



WHY AREN'T THERE MORE TOURNAMENTS FOR MY TEAM TO PLAY IN?

1] Most people are busy and are willing to wait for someone else to be the tournament host. Back in the old days, tournaments tended to be invitational – and if you didn't host a tournament, you weren't invited to anyone else's. For a variety of reasons, we don't want to go back to that policy.

2] Gym space is difficult to find. See related FAQ. IREVA will waive the tournament sanction fee {\$25 per court] for new sites – see TD Guide.

3] Gym space is expensive. See related FAQ. Tournament entry fees must continue to rise to cover costs.

4] It is a lot of work to host a tournament, with the prospect of little or no profit. IREVA's TD Guide and associated forms and checklists are intended to make life easier for a TD. IREVA's Tournament Coordinator and other Board members have a standing offer to assist novice TDs. IREVA will waive the tournament sanction fee {\$25 per court] for a new team hosting tournament – see TD Guide. IREVA's policy of capping referee costs at \$325 per court substantially eliminates a TD's financial risk. Tournament entry fees must continue to rise to allow for a profit. We would hope that making a substantial profit is not the primary motive for hosting a tournament! See #1 above. Also see the related FAQ on Non-Profit / Tax-Exempt Status – teams can have concessions at tournaments; seek sponsors and donations; etc.

5] TDs who host a lot of tournaments may suffer from burnout, particularly if they put in the effort in to have excellent events. TDs also have family [!] and job [!!] obligations, and other interests [!!!]. TDs need to work on their team to identify assistants, mentor them, and encourage them to be ready to take over some day. [The same is true of club directors and team reps.]