

## I/N Tournament Recommendations

From Wayne Eckerling:

1. Play only 36 boards for Swiss teams – players seem to appreciate ending the day (Sunday) by 4:15 to 4:30
2. Players did not seem bothered by not having a speaker – they seemed to sit and enjoy socializing with friends
3. Quality lunch, dessert, and snacks make a big difference
4. Limiting the number of tables may be helpful – it makes planning for lunch and snacks much easier and gives the tournament a bit more cachet
5. The email registration and reminder worked well
6. Door prizes are not necessary – if we do it again, I suggest doing something bridge-related like a free play with a local pro
7. Players seemed to enjoy two hospitality breaks rather than one
8. Having dessert during a hospitality break worked well (almost a necessity this year because of limited space for food)
9. Consider having the caterer supply plates, cups, etc., as this is the most time-consuming part of tournament preparation.
10. Ensure that the tournament director is knowledgeable about the electronic aspects of the job like uploading files to ACBL and BridgeResults
11. Continue to offer \$2-off coupons at the Sectional prior to the tournament

From Dianne Vanoss:

I think your recommendations are spot on. This tournament put the spotlight on two things I/N players may want: a comfortable, hospitable atmosphere with good food and some socialization in addition to bridge competition. I wonder if the notion that I/N players want something different than the "big guys" would fit well with the discussion about modifying the player ranking system from a recent Bulletin.