

Listing Entries

There is a way in tabroom.com to publish who all your teams are (and elsewhere, who all your judges are). DON'T DO THIS.

Or more to the point, don't do it yet.

I run some tournaments that are very popular, where everyone can't get in. Fact of life. I have a whole set of calculations and procedures to work through that. It takes weeks. The last thing you want, early in the process, is to have people who haven't gotten in bugging you that someone else got in, and why didn't they? If School X, who registered yesterday, sees that School Y from down the street, who registered two months ago, has 6 PFers, and they have none, they will harangue you. Trust me on this.

Once you've got your waitlist cleared to the capacity of the tournament, and accommodated everyone so far, and cleared all the TBAs, about a month before the tournament, then you can publish. Everything will look on the up and up, everyone will have the same max of entries, and latecomers will know that they're coming late. Besides, how does the name "TBA" provide any useful information?

For smaller tournaments, the advice is the same, but for a different reason. The thing is that people look at who's going to any tournament to get a measure of the competition. Publishing that list provides that measure. You might not want to provide it at all. If you're trying to build a small tournament, showing small numbers might deter people on the fence. Keep in mind that there are way too many people out there who think they're too good for the room and will only do circuit events. Then keep in mind that lots of those people aren't circuit-worthy, and regardless, there is a limited number of circuit slots available. People need rounds. Why shouldn't they get them at your tournament?