

# ***Tamara's Tips for List Ministers***

1. Always phrase your question so the answer is yes. Open-ended questions lead to spontaneous answers that you will have to abide by. If there is a preferred answer, include it in the question. A disagreement will then have a reason.
2. Request to be on the south side of outdoor lists. The sun in summer will be at your back no matter what time of day. This is very important for all day tournaments.
3. The hosting group should provide a sunshade. If no sunshade is available, beg, borrow or steal one. If that is still not an option, make sure all tournament personnel have head protection.
4. Authorizations are the MIC's responsibility. Provide a pen but request that it be returned promptly. If you decide to help, be prepared to have your attention split. Also, you will probably be the one to explain how the paperwork should be turned in for the newly authorized fighter.
5. Items left at the list table are not the responsibility of the list minister to return. This includes glasses, cameras and authorization paperwork. The list table also reserves the right to move items as the tournament demands.
6. Picnic tables are not comfortable. Request a table without attached benches and provide your own chair. If a picnic table is the only option, bring extra padding to sit on.
7. Be prepared for the weather. On a cold and/or rainy day, have gloves and a cloak. On a hot day, have a fan.
8. If it is not your local group, your fee should be food delivered during the tournament (if the tournament will be in progress during a meal). This can be as simple as a fruit and a sandwich. Pickles and cheese are my personal favorite.
9. Bring a mug and drink frequently. When a waterbearer asks if you need a drink, seriously consider before answering. Even sitting, you can get dehydrated. Corollary: know how much alcohol you can imbibe and still be effective.
10. ***Have fun. This is the most important tip.***