

Hints for Contacting Your Elected Officials

- Use the following websites to determine U.S. Congressional Representatives and Senators for your team's geographical areas. Don't forget your local elected officials also.
- Contact the Washington offices plus the District (House of Representatives) offices and State offices (Senators).
- **E-mails or Faxes are the only way to communicate since postal service mail is a problem due to security concerns.**
- Write "ATTN Scheduler" in the subject line of the email, or in the upper right hand corner of the letter, if faxed.
- Address the official as "To the Honorable *Joe Smith* "
- Invite your Congressional representatives to visit your team's schools, Regional events and the Championship, summer camps and workshops.
- Please do **not** ask for funding or solicit contributions in your invitation letters.

Websites

- U. S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>
- U. S. Senate: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
- Another website that is helpful is with the Library of Congress: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
- An additional website is the U.S. Government's official website, FirstGov.gov, <http://www.firstgov.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

Getting your Team into the Congressional Record:

<http://www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/98-266.pdf>

- Teams could also write 1-2 paragraphs about *FIRST* and the team. The team could ask if the elected official would honor your team by inserting this information into the Congressional Record. This is a favor that your team is asking.

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