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SUBJECT:ISA Player Gifts Exchange Policy

In the past few years, I have heard comments from various individuals about a necessity to create a policy regarding the exchange of gifts which takes place between players before the start of each match. Most feel it has become somewhat exaggerated and if a player does not have a gift to exchange, they feel embarrassed or are placed in an awkward position immediately before the start of a competitive match. Originally this exchange, which I realize dates back to the beginning of ISA Championships, involved a simple exchange of pins especially when it was the first time a player played an individual from that country. Recently it has grown to include but not limited to wall ornaments, knitted items, pot holders, flashlights, statues, knife sharpeners, crying trees, necklaces, bracelets, nick nacks, hats etc. Many of these items are given away or left behind due to traveling limitations and or simply get tossed into a drawer somewhere when they get home.

Therefore, I would like to establish the following official ISA Gift Exchange Policy:

The exchange of gifts, between players on the court, during any ISA Championship, is non-compulsory and should it take place, will be limited to only an exchange of National, State or club pins. Other gifts, no matter how beautiful they may be, are inappropriate and discouraged by the ISA.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Zellner".

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