

## Final Reminders for Connectathon Participants

1. You and the Connectathon monitors and managers are under non-disclosure for the event. That means
  - a. We (sponsors) only report successful completion. If you have a system that does not complete the tests for an actor/profile pair, they are not listed in the final result. It is as though you never registered.
  - b. Connectathon monitors and managers will not discuss results they saw outside of the Connectathon.
  - c. You (participants) will not disclose results that you observed. Do not make statements such as “We were better at the Connectathon than all our competitors”. Do not disclose the failure of any system that does not complete testing.
2. It is considered rude to fire a transaction at someone without warning, walk over and ask “Did you get it?” Besides the first answer “Did I get what?”, my second answer would be “No, I was not prepared to receive that; please wait 10 minutes and come check with me first before you try again.”
  - a. I observed last year that some receivers were swamped with such un-announced messages. I hate to suggest this, but you might want to consider a software firewall on your receiver that you only open to your current partner. The risk is that you turn this on and forget about it. “No, my server is listening; you should be able to connect”.
3. Before you connect to the network, make sure your anti-virus software is current.
4. There are four Connectathon managers (Moore, Felhofer, Furst, Poiseau). This does not include the New Directions groups. These four managers are responsible for general policy decisions during the event. Do not ask a Connectathon monitor grading your test “Am I done for the Connectathon”, or “I cannot get this working with 3 partners; can I drop back to 2?” Those and other policy questions should be given to four managers.
5. During testing you may discover problems in the Technical Frameworks or related standards that are not critical to the week but could use review. In that case, send email to all four Connectathon Managers. One of us will carry the ball forward.
6. The Connectathon test days (Mon-Thurs) are geared for unit tests of the Integration Profiles. While you might be thinking about your HIMSS, ACC or SBI demonstration, do not be distracted from the requirement of completing those unit tests. If you do not complete the unit tests, you will not move forward into the demonstrations.
7. I have two boys, 11 and 13 and have worked at over 10 Connectathons. Do you really think there is a bad excuse I haven’t heard?