



# RESPONSIBLE AI AND THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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*This session is also available as an AI generated video: <https://youtu.be/TR3Rtt8kvyU>*

# HOW IS AI RELEVANT TO THE ROTARY?

“Artificial intelligence can help in our projects. We have a guiding star, The Four-Way Test, so we aren’t really threatened by AI.

We can use AI to support our projects, making them more effective.”

**Mariam Fayez, vice-chair of the Rotary AI Fellowship  
Rotary International Convention, Calgary, 2025**

# USAGE EXAMPLE #1:

Use AI as a guide on how to most effectively apply the four-way test.



# Top 5 Tips

Ways to get the best out of AI

1. Start with a clear goal
2. Be EXTRA descriptive
3. Assign the AI a Role
4. Define the Audience & Tone
5. Treat it like a conversation

Does the prompt shown below meet these five criteria?

Archie - Your Rotary Companion Auto ▾

Log in

How can I organize a youth basketball tournament in a way that aligns with the Rotary four-way test?

**ARCHIE:** <https://rotarydistrict5240.org/stories/introducing-archie-ai-for-rotary-clubs>

# OPTIMIZED PROMPT:

**Role:** You are a Rotary Club program chair and experienced youth sports tournament director with expertise in ethics, safeguarding, and community partnerships.

**Audience & tone:** Write for a Rotary club planning committee and volunteer leads. Tone should be practical, optimistic, values-driven, and easy to follow.

**Goal:** Help me design a one-day (or two-day) youth basketball tournament that clearly aligns with the Rotary Four-Way Test in *planning, operations, communication, and follow-up*.

**Context (be extra descriptive):**  
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# OPTIMIZED PROMPT (CONTINUED):

## **Context (be extra descriptive):**

Participants: ages 11–14 (co-ed), 8–12 teams, school/community-based teams

Venue: local high school gym(s)

Budget: modest; aim to break even or fundraise for youth scholarships

Staffing: all volunteers, plus certified referees

Equity: we want low barriers to entry (fee waivers available), inclusive participation, and strong sportsmanship expectations

Risk & safety: child protection practices, medical plan, emergency contacts, background checks where appropriate

Stakeholders: parents/guardians, coaches, referees, school staff, sponsors, and Rotary members

Public-facing: flyers, social media posts, sponsor recognition, awards ceremony

## **Request (treat it like a conversation):**

Please deliver:

“Decision points” where ethics matter most (e.g., team selection, officiating complaints, schedule fairness, playing time expectations, sponsor influence), with recommended practices.

# AI RESPONSE:

Below is a values-driven planning guide written as if I were a Rotary program chair and youth tournament director helping your committee. The focus is on decision points where ethics matter, with recommended practices that apply the **Rotary Four-Way Test** in practical ways—not just as a slogan.

## **Rotary-Aligned Youth Basketball Tournament Ethical Decision Points & Recommended Practices**

A youth tournament for ages **11–14** is not just a sports event—it's a community values project. If done well, the tournament demonstrates Rotary principles through fairness, transparency, inclusion, and service.

Think of planning through four stages:

Pre-Event Planning

Tournament Operations

Communication & Community Engagement

Post-Event Follow-Up

At each stage, there are key ethical decision points.

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# AI RESPONSE:

## 1. Team Selection & Entry Policies

This is usually the first place fairness can be tested.

### **Ethical risk**

Favoring certain schools or clubs

Excluding teams due to cost

Unclear eligibility rules

### **Rotary-aligned practices**

#### **Truth**

Publish clear eligibility criteria (age cutoff, team type, roster size).

Use a public registration deadline.

#### **Fairness**

First-come-first-served OR lottery if demand exceeds spots.

Reserve 2–3 fee-waiver entries for underserved teams.

#### **Goodwill**

Encourage community teams, not just elite travel programs.

#### **Benefit to all**

Aim for balanced competition levels to avoid blowouts.

### **Practical policy example**

12 team cap

2 scholarship entries

Waitlist system if full

(and so on)

# VERIFY THE AI RESULTS (NEW PROMPT):

**Role:** You are a Rotary Four-Way Test auditor and youth sports tournament safety reviewer.

**Audience & tone:** For students/volunteers. Clear, practical, supportive.

**Goal:** Check whether the tournament plan truly aligns with the Four-Way Test and is workable.

**Do this:**

Make a quick table: Four-Way Test (Truth / Fair / Goodwill / Beneficial) × (Planning / Game-day / Communications / Money-Sponsors).

In each cell, point to the *exact line/section* in the plan that supports it, or write **GAP**.

List the **5 biggest risks** and 1 fix for each.

Give 2 short stress tests:

“Coach disputes officiating”

“Sponsor asks for special treatment”

Say what to do, step-by-step.

Score each Four-Way question **0–5** and give the **top 3 improvements**.

**Rule:** Don't add new assumptions—flag anything you had to assume.

# AI RESPONSE:

Below is a Rotary Four-Way Test audit of the previously proposed youth basketball tournament plan. I reviewed it as a safety reviewer + ethics auditor using the principles of the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Because the earlier plan was written as guidance rather than a formal document, I referenced section titles or policy statements from that plan.

If something required interpretation, it is flagged as ASSUMPTION.

## 1. Four-Way Test Alignment Table

Four-Way Test	Planning	Game-Day Operations	Communications	Money & Sponsors
<b>Truth</b>	“Publish clear eligibility criteria” (Team Selection section)	“Officials’ calls stand during games” (Officiating section)	“Publish the full bracket before the event” (Scheduling section)	“Share a simple financial summary with the Rotary club” (Financial Transparency section)

(and so on)

# USAGE EXAMPLE #2:

Use AI to verify that content conforms to the four-way test.

9th Annual

**Pecan Harvest Festival of Richmond** **FREE!**

Presented by: **Rotary Club of Richmond TX**

[www.pecanharvestfestival.com](http://www.pecanharvestfestival.com)

**November 23rd**  
**10 AM - 4 PM**

Car Show Kids Zone  
Pecan Bake-Off Contest  
Vendors Live Music  
Beer & Wine

Historic Downtown Richmond  
Morton Street, Preston Street  
and Wessendorf Park

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**Frost** BANKING INVESTMENTS INSURANCE

**TSTC** Texas State Technical College

**MCCOY'S** Local Hand Supplies

**Wharton County Junior College**

**Former Students & Friends**

**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION**

**H-E-B**

**GFL**

**BAGLEY PECANS**

# PROMPT:

**Role:** You are an independent Rotary Four-Way Test auditor and plain-language editor.

**Audience & tone:** For Rotary leaders and volunteers. Clear, practical, supportive.

**Goal:** Evaluate the uploaded file for conformance with the Rotary Four-Way Test and recommend specific improvements.

**Instructions:**

Summarize the document in 5–7 bullets (what it’s trying to do + who it affects).

Create a Four-Way Test evidence table:

Rows: Truth / Fair / Goodwill / Beneficial

Columns: Claims & facts / Stakeholder impact / Tone & respect / Transparency (money, rules, data) / Actions & follow-through

In each cell, quote or cite the exact passage (short excerpts) that supports it, or write GAP.

List the top 5 conformance risks (where it could fail the Test). For each: why it’s a risk + a concrete fix.

Provide 3 rewrites (before → after) for the weakest passages to better match the Test (keep original intent).

End with:

Scores 0–5 for each Four-Way question

Top 3 changes that most improve conformance

**Rules:**

Stay grounded in the uploaded text—don’t invent missing policies or facts.

If key info is missing, ask up to 5 targeted questions at the end.

Keep quotes short (1–2 sentences max each).

# AI RESPONSE:

**Uploaded Document Audit Event Flyer:** *Pecan Harvest Festival of Richmond*

This review evaluates the flyer against the principles of the **Rotary Four-Way Test**.

(partial response shown below)

## 3. Top Five Conformance Risks

### 1 Ambiguity Around “FREE”

#### **Risk:**

The flyer says “FREE!” but also advertises **vendors, beer & wine, and contests**, which likely involve costs.

#### **Why it matters:**

Could confuse attendees and conflict with the **Truth** principle.

#### **Fix:**

Clarify wording:

“Free admission. Food, drinks, and vendor items available for purchase.”

(and so on)



**QUESTIONS**