

IAC Sports & Entertainment Bee Rules Sheet

Thank you for participating in today's Sports and Entertainment Bee match! This document is intended as an outline of the rules of the competition. If you have specific questions regarding more detailed aspects of the rules, please ask a tournament official.

The Bee is played in two sections – Preliminaries and Playoffs. During the Preliminary Section, students will play against up to 9 other students in an individual, buzzer-based competition in a race to answer 30 questions. Each correct tossup answer will earn students one point. Once students reach 8 points, they are finished for the round and they will earn bonus points based on how quickly they finish.

| If you reach 8 correct on Tossup #... | ...you receive # bonus point(s). |
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| 8 | 7 |
| 9, 10 | 6 |
| 11, 12 | 5 |
| 13, 14, 15 | 4 |
| 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 | 3 |
| 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 | 2 |
| 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 | 1 |

To prevent matches from going on too long, three incorrect answers will end the opportunity to answer a particular tossup question for all students. **If the reader is still reading the question, and students give the third incorrect answer, they will be deducted one point.** If the reader has finished reading the question, there is no penalty. There is no penalty for giving either the first or the second incorrect answer.

The reader will wait five seconds after they have finished reading the question before calling it dead. If someone rings in during this time, and is incorrect, then the five second count begins again. The reader will also allow students five seconds after they have buzzed in to give their answer. They should be recognized before they give their answer.

Protests

If students wish to protest, they must bring it to the reader's attention immediately (i.e. before the next question begins), then fill out a protest form at the end of the round. Only students may protest – coaches and parents may not. Students may also only protest answers they themselves gave that were ruled incorrect – not answers that other students gave that were ruled correct. Timing decisions are not protestable.

If the reader botches a question, then there are makeup questions included with each round that can be used. If students speak out of turn, they do not lose a point, but they are disqualified for the question. The question is still alive for everyone else.

Rules Regarding Cheating

Cheating is absolutely prohibited and players that cheat are subject to immediate disqualification from the tournament. This includes illegal conferring among teammates that is not inadvertent, accessing outside resources, and other obvious situations where a clear and unfair advantage is being obtained. Students must have cameras on at all times and are not allowed to have other people in the physical room they are playing from.

If cheating is suspected (definitive proof is not needed; a suspicion from the moderator suffices), the moderator must immediately contact IAC at the end of the question by emailing info@iacompetitions.com with the subject line being "Moderator Cheating Suspicion in Room (Number)." The match then immediately stops. The moderator will explain the situation confidentially to IAC officials, who may take further preventative action as needed, e.g. by sending an official proctor to watch the match. If a player currently playing or the designated coach in attendance (these are the only people allowed to do this) suspects cheating, they may likewise bring it to the attention of IAC by calling "Cheating suspicion" between questions, then emailing info@iacompetitions.com with the subject line being "Player or Coach Cheating Suspicion in Room (Number)." The match then immediately stops and the player or coach must explain the allegation in a way that both parties can hear all communication. The player(s) who is/are being accused then has/have the right of reply.

IAC proctors and tournament staff (not the moderator) at all times have the right to assess any penalty with the exception of a ban from the tournament of a player at any point without further recourse to protest. In the event that a ban from the tournament is considered, then the situation will be explained to the Tournament Director (Michael Borecki for Varsity and Junior Varsity, or Arthur Ramsay for Middle School and Elementary) and the Executive Director of International Academic Competitions (David Madden). Both the respective Tournament Director for the age division and the Executive Director must agree for a student to be disqualified from the entire tournament. The directors may consult with players, coaches, proctors match officials, or others as necessary in this, or any other punitive process.

International Academic Competitions reserves the right at any point to require additional measures from any student. These include, but are not limited to, asking students to maintain their hands in a certain manner, requiring screensharing, showing the camera around the room to instantly confirm no one else is in the room, etc. If a player refuses to comply, that player is automatically disqualified from the tournament.

IAC proctors and tournament officials (but not moderators) reserve the right at all times to assess penalties including, but not limited to, banning a particular student from a question, the match, or the tournament; as well as deducting points on a question or questions.

Supremacy Clauses

If there is a discrepancy between the Official Rules file and what is on this summary, then it is this summary that in fact takes precedence. The file, accessible at <https://www.historybowl.com/resources/official-rules/> labeled "**Official Conventions, Precedents, and Standards for Answer Acceptance**," also is considered to be an official part of the Official Rules for the purposes of the tournament.

As always, International Academic Competitions reserves the right to at all times make non-protestable executive decisions in the best interest of the tournament to handle situations that are not explicitly

discussed in this summary or the Official Rules. This is particularly true for issues involving internet connectivity, the COBA buzzer, or other peculiarities of running this tournament online. Questions on the rules, or on any aspect of the tournament should be directed to info@iacompetitions.com

Playoffs

After the Preliminary rounds are over, the top individuals will move into the Finals Section. **Ask your director how many students will make the finals in each division today, and what the finals structure will look like. Good luck!**