

Senior High Knowledge Bowl Competition Reminders

(for Sub-Regionals and Regionals)

READERS: Read to students before beginning the first oral round

1. 4 students can compete at one time. The 5th person serves as an alternate. Alternates can rotate only in between rounds.
2. Each team will identify their spokesperson. An alternate spokesperson must be identified prior to the expiration of time.
3. Questions will be read *in their entirety one time only*. (If a question has been only partially read and no correct answer given, the remaining team(s) can have the question read from beginning to end.)
4. The reader/judge will announce and do score checks after questions 15 and 30 of the oral rounds.
5. Reader will stop immediately after a team has buzzed in and give them the full 15 seconds to answer.
6. When a team is not answering, please remain quiet as a courtesy to other teams.
7. If a question and/or discrepancy arise, and consensus can't be reached, the officials can opt to go to an alternate question.
8. A dispute on a question can only be raised through the spokesperson or their designee, and must be done prior to the next question.
9. When a team is discussing an answer, they should keep voices down as a courtesy to others and to prevent giving away answers. If it is determined that a team is purposely giving a wrong answer aloud or giving verbal or visual signs before they have buzzed in, a warning will be issued. If there is a second time, the team will be disqualified for the remainder of the round.
10. A student serving as a pocket box operator will not mouth or sign any answer to his/her team. If it is determined this is happening, the student AND the team involved will be disqualified for the remainder of the competition.
11. The alternate should remain quiet and not have any interaction with the rest of the team while he/she is sitting out. The alternate may remain in the competition room.
12. The judge has control of the room. If a problem arises with student behavior, a verbal warning will be given. (Examples: Excessive talking, noise between teams, etc.) If there is a second time, the student will be asked to leave the room and is disqualified from the remainder of the competition. In these cases, the competition coordinator and the student's advisor will be notified.
13. Relevant information means it must be relevant to the answer (not just the question).
14. NO electronic devices are allowed in the competition rooms.
15. All cell phones will be collected by advisors prior to the written round and returned at the end of the competition.
16. Students will not be allowed to wear hats.
17. Tables must be clear (except for team table sign, scratch paper and pencils).

Failure to adhere to these rules will result in the student's disqualification for the remainder of the event.