

WELCOME

Good morning! I'm \_\_\_\_\_, your emcee for this morning's event. Welcome to the Career Based Intervention Region \_\_\_ Knowledge Bowl Competition at \_\_\_\_\_.

At this time, would you please stand for the playing of our National Anthem followed by the Pledge of Allegiance?

~~Everyone stands and National Anthem will play~~

Now please join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

~~Pledge of Allegiance will be recited~~

Knowledge Bowl is an academic competition based on 20 categories: Capitals, English, Geography, Globalization & Technology, Government, Health, History, Income Tax & Finance, Literature, Math, My Ohio, Our United States, Potpourri, Safety, Science, Spelling, Sports, The Arts, VIP, and Working World & Leadership. This year's Knowledge Bowl has been updated in all categories and geared to academic, CBI, and state assessment standards.

There are three divisions competing today: the Middle School Division, the Junior Division, and the Senior Division:

- The Middle School Division consists of CBI students grades 7 and 8. \_\_\_\_\_ will be competing in this division
- The Junior Division consists of CBI students grades 9 and 10. \_\_\_\_\_ will be competing in this division.
- The Senior Division consists of CBI students grades 11 and 12. \_\_\_\_\_ will be competing in this division.

The top three teams from each division will qualify for the state competition, which will be held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at The Honda Heritage Center in Marysville, Ohio.

Welcome and best wishes to all teams!

We will now go over the rules for the competition.

## **RULE IGNORANCE & VIOLATIONS**

It is the responsibility of all team members, their teacher, judges, score keepers, and other contest officials to familiarize themselves with all of the contest information and rules. Ignorance of a rule by a team or teacher is no excuse. Violation of a rule will be addressed by the score keepers and judges and will result in that team losing points for the current question at the time the infraction occurs. A second infraction may result in team disqualification.

## **OBSERVER REGULATIONS**

Non-participants (students, teacher, parents, guests, etc.) may only watch from a designated area and will not be permitted to communicate with participants, in any manner, until the quarter and half-time breaks. The use of all electronic devices is restricted during competition. Devices are to be silenced during competition or turned off. If an emergency situation should arise, please leave the room to respond. Anyone found to be using electronic devices will be required to leave the premises and such behavior could result in the disqualification of the associated team.

## **TEAM MATERIALS**

Teams should supply an easel and flip pad for the assigned score keeper to keep the team's score for each quarter.

The only materials permitted at a team's table are:

- Writing instruments (pencils, pens, and black markers)
- 8 ½ x 11 blank white paper for the captain's answer sheets
- 8 ½ x 11 blank colored 'scratch' paper for all team members
- Score sheets
- Calculators

Please keep all coats, hats, purses, study questions, and other items away from the tables.

## **SCORE KEEPERS**

Adult score keepers for each team should position themselves near the team captain to determine whether a team's answer is correct. Additionally, they will ensure that all rules are being followed.

Each team is responsible for providing an easel and flip chart. Flip charts and easels will be used by the team's adult score keeper to display each team's total score by quarters. If requested, a score keeper will be provided a calculator to assist with scoring.

Each team should designate one team member to keep score on the provided score sheet. The team's student score keeper should also have a calculator to double-check the official score.

At the end of each quarter, the captain and the student score keeper are to make sure that the score on the score sheet matches the score kept by the adult score keeper. Score discrepancies must be addressed by the team captain to the adult score keeper before the start of the next quarter in order to be considered. The score keepers may make mathematical corrections to team score sheet before the beginning of the next quarter.

When all parties have agreed on the quarter's score, the team captain, student score keeper, and adult score keeper all need to sign the team score sheet. A Knowledge Bowl staff member will walk around the tables to collect the score sheets at the end of each quarter.

## **QUESTION & ANSWER PROCEDURE**

The competition will consist of four quarters with 15 questions in each quarter. Three questions from each of the 20 categories will be randomly selected by a computer for a total of 60 questions.

**Each team will begin each quarter with a zero score.** If the team gets the question correct, the full value of the question shall be added to the team's score. If the team is incorrect, zero points are added. There is no subtracting of point values in the competition.

The category and assigned point value will be read aloud to the teams twice. The question will then be read aloud to the teams twice. The question will not be repeated a third time. A time of 20 seconds to answer the question begins after the question has been read for the second time. A warning will sound when there are five seconds remaining and also when time has expired.

All teams will designate a team captain. All team members shall be permitted to write a suggested answer on colored scratch paper and then pass it to the captain. The captain must then legibly write the team's final answer on an 8½ x 11 piece of white paper in his or her own handwriting; only the captain is permitted to write an answer on the white paper and only the captain is permitted to stand with the team's final answer. The captain is responsible for settling all differences of opinion among teammates in regards to the team's final answer. Teams are cautioned to speak with low voices when discussing answers so other teams will not hear them.

The captain must be sitting when writing. If the captain stands with an answer before the allotted time is up decides to change their answer, **they must sit back down to change the answer.** If an answer is changed, the old answer must be thoroughly marked out so that there is clearly only one answer on the sheet. If there is any confusion, the answer will be considered incorrect.

If the team does not know the answer and does not wish to guess, the captain may either leave the paper blank or simply not stand up by the end of the 20 seconds. A captain who is determined by the adult score keeper to not be standing by the end of the 20 seconds shall have that answer be considered incorrect and receive zero points for that question.

## **ANSWER DETAILS**

All answers must be legibly written on a white 8½ X 11 sheet of paper with a black marker by the captain.

Except in the Spelling category, and any question that specifically requires it, answers do not have to be spelled correctly. Appropriate and easy to understand abbreviations are permissible but not suggested since the adult score keeper and judges may interpret the intent differently and count the answer as wrong. Dollar, cents, decimal points, percent, and other signs are considered part of the answer and must be displayed.

Unless otherwise stated in the question, last names are sufficient and shall be counted as correct.

For answers containing the word 'or' in them, any one of the answers is correct. Participants do not have to list all of the answers given, just one of them.

For answers containing parentheses ( ) in them, the information contained within the parentheses does not need to be included in the answer for it to be correct.

It is not required that teams give their answers exactly as they appear in the program. An answer can be different than what the program shows and still be correct, however, the final decision will rest with the judges.

## **ANSWER CHALLENGES**

If the team captain or adult core keeper has any question as to whether the answer given by the team should be accepted or not, the team captain must indicate so by saying, “Challenge.” The team captain will approach the judges’ table at the front of the room to challenge their answer.

The judges will determine if the given answer is correct or wrong. If it is correct, a judge will use a colored marker and write “yes” on the paper. If the given answer is wrong, a judge will write ‘no” on the paper. The team captain will return to their table and show their adult score keeper for correct scoring. All decisions on answer discrepancies will rest ultimately with the majority opinion of the competition judges. All judges’ decisions are final.

All challenges must be made before the reading of the next question; a challenge to an answer cannot be made on any previous question.

## **BREAKS**

There are no time-outs. A break will be announced at the end of each quarter for players to stand and stretch at their tables, get more water, etc. Break duration will be determined and announced by myself.

Students are expected to remain at their tables during the breaks after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters. Students are permitted to leave their tables after the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter for a halftime break and after the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, which is the end of the competition, to use the restroom, get more water, etc.

## **ENDING the COMPETITION and TIE BREAKERS**

The winning teams are the top three teams in each division that have accumulated the most points at the end of four quarters in each division.

If a tie for any top place occurs, it will be broken using the following process:

- The scoring table will review the score sheets from each quarter for each of the tied teams. The scoring table will be looking for the first question missed by each tied team. The team that missed a question first will be awarded the lower of the two places, while the team that went the longest without missing a question will be awarded the higher of the two places.

Ex: If Team A and Team B tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place and the first question that Team A missed was Question 8 and the first question that Team B missed was Question 10, Team A would be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Team B would be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place.

## **TODAY'S JUDGES**

The judges for today's competition are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

## **FINAL QUESTIONS**

Are there any final questions or concerns?

# DURING the COMPETITION

We are now ready to begin the first quarter of the competition.

1. Read the **Category** and **point value TWICE**
2. Read the **Question TWICE**.
  - After the **second** reading, *click* **START TIMER**.
  - When the timer **beeps**, say “**5 seconds.**”
  - When timer is on **zero** say “**Time.**”
  - *Click* on **SHOW ANSWER**.
    - Read the answer **TWICE**.
  - *Click* on **NEXT QUESTION**.
3. Wait a few seconds for the scorekeepers to total the points earned
4. Repeat steps 1-3

\*\*\*After 15 questions, that is the end of the quarter. Say, “**This is the end of Quarter (1, 2, 3, 4). Score keepers and captains need to double-check your scoreboard and your team score sheet. If the total points match up, score keepers and captains will need to sign the team score sheet and Knowledge Bowl staff member will be around to collect them. If your scores are different, please raise your hand so that a judge can come over to help solve the discrepancy. We will break for 5 minutes to collect the scores, however team players must stay at their tables.**”

\*\*\*When beginning a new quarter, say, “**We are now ready to begin Quarter (2, 3, 4). All teams should have their players at their tables. Let’s begin.**”



# AFTER the COMPETITION

You will be announcing the winners; awards starting with those who didn't place. Captains and / or Coordinators will come up to get the certificates and awards, wait to announce the next team until awards are given.

**Thank you to all teams for your participation and efforts in the Region \_\_\_ Knowledge Bowl Competition. You all are winners!**

**As your team and name is announced, please come forward to receive your certificate.**

**Middle School Division, Junior Division, Senior Division**

- Non placing team **Congratulations to** \_\_\_\_\_.
- Non placing team **Congratulations also to** \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - **In 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with a total score of \_\_\_\_\_ and qualifying for the State Knowledge Bowl Competition is** \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - **In 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a total score of \_\_\_\_\_ and qualifying for the State Knowledge Bowl Competition is** \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place - **In 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a total score of \_\_\_\_\_, your Region \_\_ Champion in the \_\_\_\_\_ Division and qualifying for the State Knowledge Bowl Competition is** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Congratulations and thank you for attending.**