



# Knowledge Bowl

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# What is Knowledge Bowl?

- It is an academic competition that allows CBI students to compete against each other in both a regional and a state competition
- It encourages teamwork
- It demonstrates that learning can be fun
- It develops student pride, confidence, and study habits
- It is good for resumes and future employment

# What is Knowledge Bowl?

- It contains 2,000 questions and answers from 20 different categories
  - 100 questions per category
- Many of the questions focus on content from End of Course Exams [EOCs], ACT, GED, Work Keys, various credential assessments, CBI classroom and work-related topics, financial literacy, and random, fun trivia!



# What are the 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
- Working World & Leadership

***20 categories x 100 questions per category = 2,000 questions***

# How Many Divisions Are There?

- Knowledge Bowl teams are separated into three (3) divisions based on grade level:
  - Middle School Division
    - CBI students grades 7 and 8
  - Junior Division
    - CBI students grades 9 and 10
  - Senior Division
    - CBI students grades 11 and 12
- A team's division designation is determined by the grade level of the oldest (*highest grade level*) participating student on the team



# Divisions During a Competition

- There will not be separate competitions for each division
- All three divisions will compete at the same time during the regional and state competition, however, each team will only be competing against the other teams in that same division



# What Does a Team Look Like?

- A team consists of any number of students between three (3) and ten (10) students
  - No fewer than three (3) students
  - No more than ten (10) students
- Each team will choose one student to be the:
  1. **Team Captain** – responsible for settling all differences of opinion among teammates' answers to provide the team's final answer
  2. **Team Scorekeeper** – keeps track of the team's score for each quarter using the provided score sheets

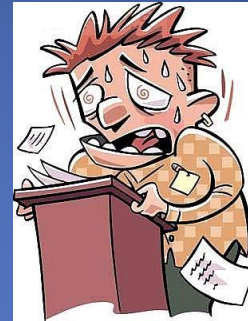
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# What Knowledge Bowl Is NOT!

- There is NO public speaking
- Students do NOT talk into any microphones
- It is NOT like Jeopardy where the first / quickest team to respond with the correct answer gets the points
  - All teams have the ability to answer correctly and earn points for every question



# Materials Needed for Competition

- At a competition, each team will bring:
  - An adult scorekeeper
  - An easel
  - Large flip pad for scoring
  - Writing instruments (pencils, pens, black markers)
  - 8 ½ x 11 blank white paper (captain's answer sheets)
  - 8 ½ x 11 blank colored 'scratch' paper
  - Calculators



# Materials Needed for Competition





# Team Score Sheets

- At both the Regional and State Competitions, each team will be provided with “Knowledge Bowl Team Score Sheet” papers
- This is the paper that the student Team Scorekeeper will use to keep track of the team’s score during each quarter
  - Category
  - Point Value
  - Points Earned
  - Total Points
- At the end of each quarter, the student scorekeeper needs to compare their total score with the adult scorekeeper’s score from their flip pad to confirm the points earned before signing the paper and turning it in



## Knowledge Bowl Team Score Sheet

School's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Division:** MS / Jr. / Sr.

Captain's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Quarter** (circle one)

Student Scorekeeper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>**

Question #	Category	Point Value	Points Earned	Total Points
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
<b>TOTAL for this QUARTER</b>				

Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Scorekeeper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Scorekeeper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# The Competition (1 of 8)

- The competition will consist of four (4) quarters with 15 questions in each quarter
- Three (3) questions will be randomly selected by a computer from each category for a total of sixty (60) questions
- Each question is assigned a point value of 5, 10, 15 or 20 points
- 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 score
  - If the team is incorrect, zero points are added
  - There is no subtracting of point values in the competition

# The Competition (2 of 8)

- The Master of Ceremony will read aloud the *category* and assigned *point value* twice (2)
- The *question* will then be read aloud twice (2)
  - The question will not be repeated a third time
- A time of twenty (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 (5) seconds remaining and also when time has expired

# The Master of Ceremony



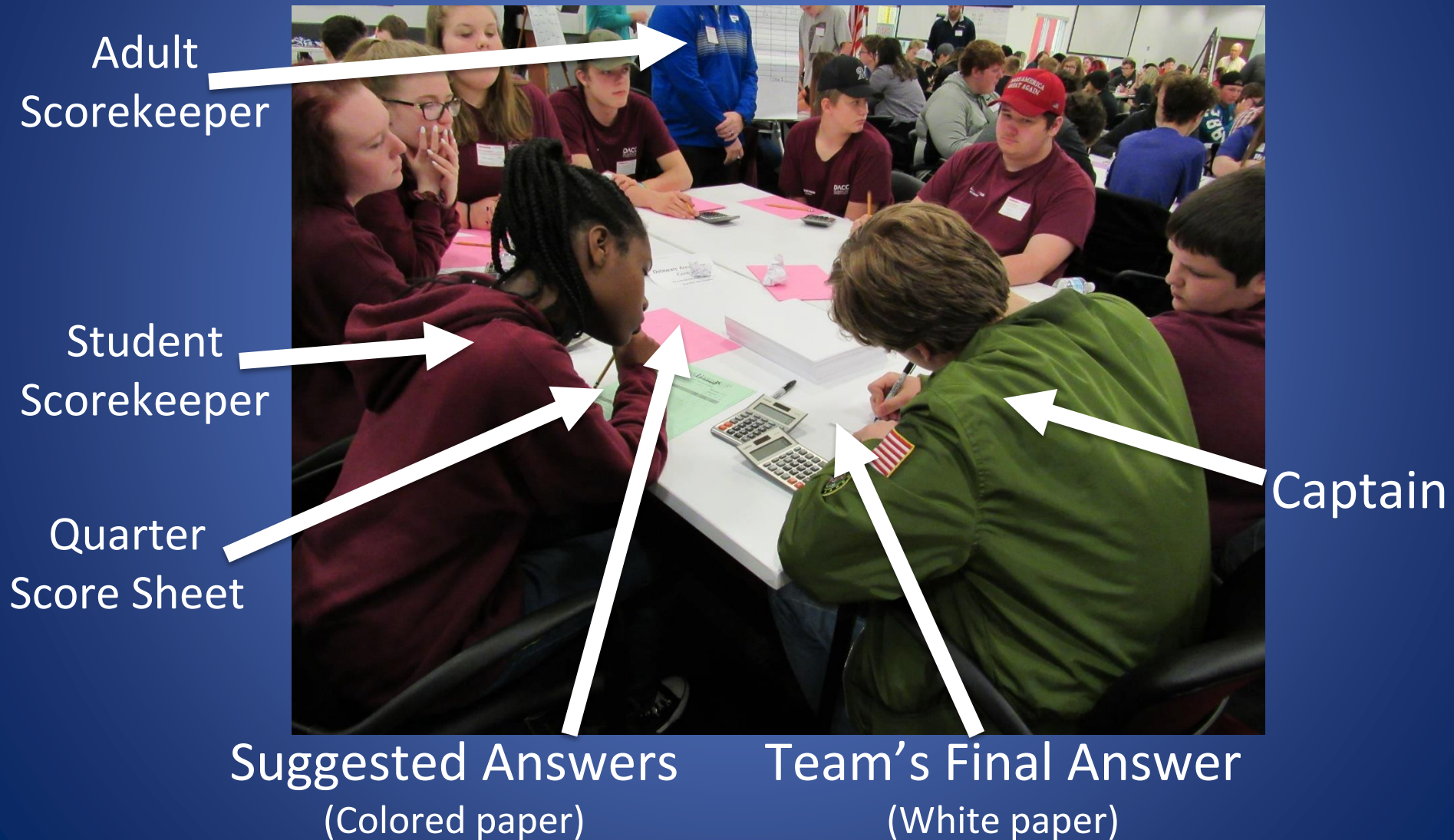
# The Competition (3 of 8)

- 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 8 ½ x 11 piece of white paper in his / 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 final answer



# The Competition (3 of 8)

*The parts of a team*



# The Competition (3 of 8)

## *Team Conversations*

Teams are cautioned to speak with *low voices* when discussing answers so other teams will not hear them, because...



...there are a lot of teams and the tables can be very close to each other



# The Competition (4 of 8)

- The captain must be sitting when writing
- If the captain stands with an answer they would like to change before the allotted time is up, 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



# The Competition (5 of 8)

- 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 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

# The Competition (6 of 8)

- After the 20 seconds, the correct answer will be read aloud twice (2)
- The captain will show their team's answer to the assigned adult scorekeeper to determine if the correct answer was given
  - If the answer is correct, the full value of the question shall be added to the team score
  - If the answer is incorrect, zero points are added



# The Competition (7 of 8)

- If the team captain or scorekeeper 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 panel of three (3) 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” or a “✓” on the paper
  - If the given answer is wrong, a judge will write “no” on the paper or an “X”
  - The team captain will return to their table and show their 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



# The Competition (7 of 8)

## *Challenges & The Judges*





# The Competition (8 of 8)

- The winning team is the team that has accumulated the most points at the end of four quarters (60 questions) in each division
- Awards at the State Competition:
  - Top Three (3) teams in each division will be awarded a team plaque and individual medals for each student team member



# The Winning Teams & Awards





# When & Where are the Competitions?

- **Regional Competition**

- Compete against other teams within your region
- Takes place towards the end of February or the beginning of March
- Awards are given to the top 3 teams in each division

- **State Competition**

- Any team who competed in a regional competition, during the current school year, is eligible to compete at the state competition
- Takes place in April



# Why Should You Participate?

- It's a lot of fun!!



- You can be a part of a team that works together to work towards a common goal and achieve success
- Provides a fun and exciting way to prepare for classroom content, state exams needed for graduation, college study habits, and more!
- Yes, it can be a lot of work, but it is all worth the fun, self confidence gained, and memories created





# ARE YOU READY TO GET STARTED?!?!

**LET'S  
GO**



# For Teachers

- The following information is for teachers:
  - Why should I participate?
  - How do I register?
    - Can I register more than one team?
  - What materials do I need to provide at competitions?
    - What materials will be provided for my team?
  - Who can be the adult scorekeeper?
    - What does the adult scorekeeper do during the competition?
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

# Why Should I Participate?

- It provides CBI students with a sense of belonging and accomplishment
- It is a great way to get nontraditional students involved in a school activity
- It teaches students to work together for a common goal
- Your students will become motivated and accountable for their assigned categories to help their team thrive
- It presents an opportunity for CBI students to be successful and be recognized for it
- It is a great public relations component for the promotion of your CBI program

# How Do I Register a Team?

- For a \$100 fee teacher's will have access to the online program and can register one team to compete at the state competition
  1. Additional teams can be registered for an additional \$50 per team.
- Registration is a two-step process:
  1. Complete and submit the Knowledge Bowl Order Form
    - Order form can be found under the Knowledge Bowl tab at [www.CBlohio.com](http://www.CBlohio.com)
  2. Submit payment (Check or P.O.) to OACTE – CBI Division
    - More details can be found on the Knowledge Bowl Order Form



# Can I Register More than One Team?

- YES...you sure can!
  - The fee for registering additional teams is \$50 per team
  - When you complete the Knowledge Bowl Order Form, make sure to indicate how many teams you plan on having for each division

# What Materials Do I Need?

- At a competition, each team will bring:
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# What Materials Will Be Provided For My Team?

- At the State Competition, the following materials will be provided by the CBI Board:
  - Five (5) colored Knowledge Bowl Team Score Sheets for your student scorekeeper
  - Table and chairs
  - Water (TBD)
  - Unfortunately, no food will be provided at the State Competition, so please make plans for lunch after the competition
  - The following will be available for download from the CBI website ([www.cbiohio.com](http://www.cbiohio.com))
    - Programs for your students and parents
    - Certificates of Participation



# Who Can Be the Adult Scorekeeper?

- **Each team** needs to provide one (1) adult scorekeeper that will be assigned to keep score for **another** participating team
  - This can either be yourself or another adult
  - Scorekeepers **cannot** keep score for their own team
  - \*If you bring more than one team to state, you must bring an **adult scorekeeper for each team**.
- At the State Competition, adult scorekeeper assignments will be provided with the team's registration packet information

# What does the adult scorekeeper do during the competition?

- Scorekeepers will monitor student behavior, conversations, and ensure that all rules are being followed
- Scorekeepers should position themselves near the team captain to determine whether a team's answer is correct
- At the end of each quarter, the captain, the student scorekeeper, and the adult scorekeeper need to make sure that the team's score kept by the student scorekeeper on the colored team score sheet matches the score kept by the adult scorekeeper on the flip chart
  - Score discrepancies must be addressed by the team captain to the scorekeeper before the start of the next quarter in order to be considered
- When everyone agrees on the score, the team captain, the student scorekeeper, and the adult scorekeeper need to sign the colored team score sheet
- A Knowledge Bowl committee member will walk around to collect the signed score sheets at the end of each quarter

# FAQs

- What if I have more than 10 students that want to participate?
  - There are two options:
    1. Separate your team into two smaller teams so that each team has less than 10 students
    2. Hold 'tryouts' between your students and have the top 10 performing students earn their spot on the team



# FAQs

- How are the point values for each question determined?
  - It is intended that:
    - Easier questions = 5 points
    - Moderate questions = 10 points
    - Rather difficult questions = 15 points
    - Most difficult questions = 20 points
  - It is not perfect, but questions and point values are always being reviewed and updated as needed

# FAQs

- What if one of my students or I find an error in one of the questions (grammar, spelling, out of date, wrong answer, alternate answers, etc.)?
  - Please contact the CBI Board Knowledge Bowl contact person ASAP so that any necessary changes can be made to the master database for improved accuracy

# FAQs

- How are the Regional Competition dates and locations determined?
  - Coordination between the CBI Board and the teams within the region will begin in January
  - One or more CBI teachers will volunteer to host their Regional Competition
  - After a location and date are chosen, the information will be shared with all other teams in that region

# FAQs

- What if I am the only team from my region? Do I still have to compete in a Regional Competition?
  - We encourage all teams to participate in a Regional Competition because it is a great experience and ‘practice’ for your team to be better prepared for the State Competition
  - The CBI Board will coordinate with you and the closest Regional Competition host so that you can participate in that region’s competition
  - Your team will receive an automatic invite to the State Competition, so you will not be competing against the other teams at that Regional Competition; you will only be competing for the experience and practice



# Additional Information

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