

Knowledge Bowl Rules

1. Teams are to be given 20 minutes to complete the written rounds. Up to 6 people may participate in the written round for any given team.
2. Pencils and paper may be used for all questions.
3. Judges will announce in advance all "MATH" questions.
4. The team that presses the bar first has 15 seconds to answer the question.
5. Teams will answer questions only after being recognized by the reader or judge. Teams will not be awarded a point on a question if they have answered out of turn, that is, answered before being called upon.
6. If the first team to press the bar answers the question incorrectly, the next team indicated on the timing device will have the opportunity and up to 15 additional seconds to answer the question. If that team answers incorrectly, the next team indicated on the timing device will have the opportunity and up to 15 additional seconds to answer that question.
7. Teams may press the bar any time from the start or to the end of the question up until 5 seconds have elapsed. Teams may ring in and be considered for a response, provided they do so within 5 seconds of the previous team's answer if the reader has read the entire question, otherwise, a team that has not rung in may request the judge repeat and finish the question.
8. A team must press the bar and have such action recognized electronically by the equipment to have the opportunity to answer a question.
9. A question may be reread only if the team to answer a partially read question answers it incorrectly and the other team has not rung in and they request that the question be reread. A team that has rung in prior to the entire question being read may not have the question reread for them.
10. A team may discuss who will answer the questions as well as the question itself and the answer to it. The captain of the team must preface the answer with, "Our team answer is ...". As a point of clarification, it is not required for the team captain to stand when giving a team's response to a question.
11. A captain must start his/her answer before the buzzer rings and may not pause excessively between saying, "Our team answer is," and giving the actual answer. After the first verbal warning from the judge, one point will be deducted from the team's total score for each subsequent infraction.
12. The decision of the reader/judge is final. Arguing with the judge will result first in a verbal warning or reminder. Subsequent instances of arguing will result in an immediate deduction of one point from the team score, with the possibility of expulsion and/or disqualification for excessive and/or repeated arguing.
13. If a judge or and/or timer finds a meet participant to be cheating, including potential substitutes, their team will lose one point. If he or she is caught cheating a second time, the judge will deduct another point and remove the participant from that round. A substitute will not be allowed to replace that individual.
14. Substitutions may be made after the 15th and 30th questions in the oral round. If a new team captain is being used, the judges will be notified.