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ASSOCIATION OF FFA



MIDDLE SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL LDE

PURPOSE

To offer a specific program for competition in middle grade levels of FFA membership on a district, sectional, and state level basis.

To better acquaint middle/junior high school agricultural education member to the FFA organization and assist them in knowing key information about the organization. Members participating in this event may not have reached the 9th grade.

EVENT RULES

- A) Only members under 9th grade will be allowed to compete in this event. Team members must be FFA members in good standing with the local chapter, the state FFA association and national organization.
- B) The advisor will not consult with the team after beginning the event.
- C) Any participant in possession of an electronic device in the event area is subject to disqualification.

TEAMS ALLOWED

A minimum of three to a maximum of five members can make up a team in the quiz bowl competition. Substitutions may be made in subsequent events with qualified FFA members. All FFA Chapters that have middle school FFA membership will be eligible to participate, including the host school. Two teams compete against one another at one time. The same school if they have two teams are not required to compete against each other in the first bracket unless they are the only teams.

A school will be allowed to have a maximum of two teams entered at the district level, with a maximum of two teams advancing to the sectional event from each district. Only one team from each section advances to the state event, which is held at the State FFA Convention in Madison.

RECORDING OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

No written materials or notes taken by any audience member or team member can be removed from the event room at the conclusion of the quiz bowl competition. Judges will monitor note takers in the room. As individuals leave the competition room, the judges must collect any notes that were taken during the competition by anyone observing or competing in the event. This also means that no videotaping will be allowed during the quiz bowl competition. (This revision of the rules was passed by the State FFA Board of Directors at the March 2007 meeting.)

CLARIFICATION ON ANSWERING QUESTIONS

If the answer is a PROPER NAME for example, “Cheryl Zimmerman”, the member must provide **both the first and last name** for the team to have the correct answer. No longer is just saying the last name accepted. (This revision of the rules was passed by the State FFA Board of Directors at the March 2007 meeting.)

BRACKETING

Brackets will need to be set up by the host advisor. Teams from the same school do not have to compete against each other in the first bracket, unless they are the only teams competing. At the sectional event, the district winners compete against the runner-up from another district.

What happens if there are three teams competing in quiz bowl?

Answer: See Example Below:

- 1) Draw for positions
- 2) **Team 1** would compete against **Team 2** – **Team 2** Wins
- 3) **Team 2** would compete against **Team 3**
- 4) If **Team 2** would win against **Team 3**, they would be **Winner Overall** and you would have Team 1 compete against Team 3 to determine 2nd Place.
- 5) If **Team 3** wins, **Team 3** would be the **Winner Overall** because they beat the team (Team 2) that beat the other team (Team 1). Team 2 would be second place since they beat Team 1 earlier.
- 6) This is the fastest and simplest way to set up a competition amongst 3 teams.

What happens if there are 5, 6, or 7 teams?

Answer: Set up a bracket and draw for position. Keep in mind that if you bracket over 4 teams, you will need 8 brackets. If you only have 5 teams, you will then have to put 3 byes into the hat for drawing position. If you have two teams from the same school, you can position them to compete against another school in the first round.

EVENT FORMAT

The event will consist of **three** rounds for each bracket of competition.

ROUND 1

During this round of questions, **the students are not allowed to confer. Each** student is asked **one** question in alternating fashion. Each team will be asked a total of five questions (even if they only have three members on the team, then the first two would be asked another question until 5 questions have been asked per team.) The question will be asked **one time to the receiving team member**. Once the question is read, you have 10 seconds to answer. If there is no answer when time is called, the question is over. **Questions are worth one point each.** Maximum score per team is 5 points.

ROUND 2

This round will consist of a total of 30 questions, with each team being asked 15 questions. **Team members can confer with each other.** If a team fails to answer the question correctly, the question will then be asked to the

next team PLUS the next team will then be asked their corresponding question. **The question will be read one time to the receiving team.** Once the question is read, the team has 10 seconds to answer. When time is called, the question is over and the other team has the opportunity to steal. The question can be reread for the stealing team, **however**, they have only 10 seconds to answer once the other team fails to answer or gives a wrong answer. **Each question will be worth 1 point each.**

ROUND 3

This round consists of a total of 10 questions, with each team being asked 5 questions worth 2 points each. **Team members can confer with each other.** If a team fails to answer the question correctly, the question will then be asked to the next team PLUS the next team will then be asked their corresponding question. **The question will be read one time to the receiving team.** Once the questions is read, the team has 10 seconds to answer. When time is called, the question is over and the other team has the opportunity to steal. The question can be reread for the stealing team, **however**, they have only 10 seconds to answer once the other team fails to answer or gives a wrong answer. **Each question is worth 2 points each.**

TIEBREAKER

A tie will be broken by sudden death. **Sudden death** – Team A will answer their question. If they fail to answer it, the question goes to Team B. If they answer it successfully, they will be named the winner. If incorrectly answered, the round will begin again with Team A and a new question will be asked. (NOTE: If Team A answers their question correctly the first time, Team B should still be asked the next question. If they incorrectly answer their question, Team A wins.) **The question will be read one time only for the receiving team.** Each team gets 10 seconds to answer their question. Once time is called at the end of 10 seconds, no answer can be given, and the other team has an opportunity to steal.

EVENT QUESTIONS

All questions will be FFA related questions. Questions will cover the entire scope of the FFA organization including history, dates, people, programs, activities and current events of the organization.

FFA QUESTIONS COME FROM FOLLOWING PAGES:

- Official FFA Manual (Produced by National FFA)
- FFA Student Handbook (Produced by National FFA)
- State FFA Annual Report (Produced by Wisconsin FFA/FFA Foundation)
- Wisconsin FFA Website (www.wisconsinffa.org)
- National FFA Website (www.ffa.org)
- Career Development Events Handbook (Produced by National FFA)
- American FFA Degree Handbook (Produced by National FFA)
- Agricultural Proficiency Awards Handbook (Produced by National FFA)
- Chapter Planning and Recognition Handbook (Produced by National FFA)
- FFA New Horizons Magazines (Produced by National FFA)
 - The following issues of the current school year:

July/August	September/October
November/December	January/February

SUBMITTING CONTEST QUESTIONS

In order to help in developing questions for the FFA Quiz Bowl Event, we are asking those chapters who are going to participate in the Quiz Bowl Event to submit questions. These questions will create a pool from which to select and will give us a better idea of what type of questions people are looking for in a Quiz Bowl Event.

PLEASE NOTE: Not all questions may be used and the State FFA Executive Director has the right to develop other questions not submitted by chapters.

Follow the procedure below for submitting questions:

- 1) Develop 25 questions you and your students feel would be appropriate to ask in a Quiz Bowl Event. They should be short answer questions **not** multiple choice or true/false.

a. **Example:**

Question: What are the first seven words of the FFA Creed?

Answer: I believe in the future of agriculture...

- 2) **Indicate**, with each question, what source it came from. The following sources may be used for questions:
 - a. State FFA Annual Report, the Official FFA Manual (most recent addition), the FFA Student Handbook, National Awards and Programs Handbooks (such as proficiency/American degree and national chapter award handbooks)
- 3) Indicate what level the question is – District, Sectional or State.

All possible Quiz Bowl Questions must be submitted by November 1st.

Submit questions to: Cheryl Zimmerman
Wisconsin FFA Center
P.O. Box 110
Spencer, WI 54479

PROPER OFFICIAL DRESS

Proper Official Dress is not required for Districts, recommended at Sectionals, and required at State this competition. Participants are expected to observe the National FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket during career and leadership development events. (Please reference the latest edition of the Official FFA Manual.)

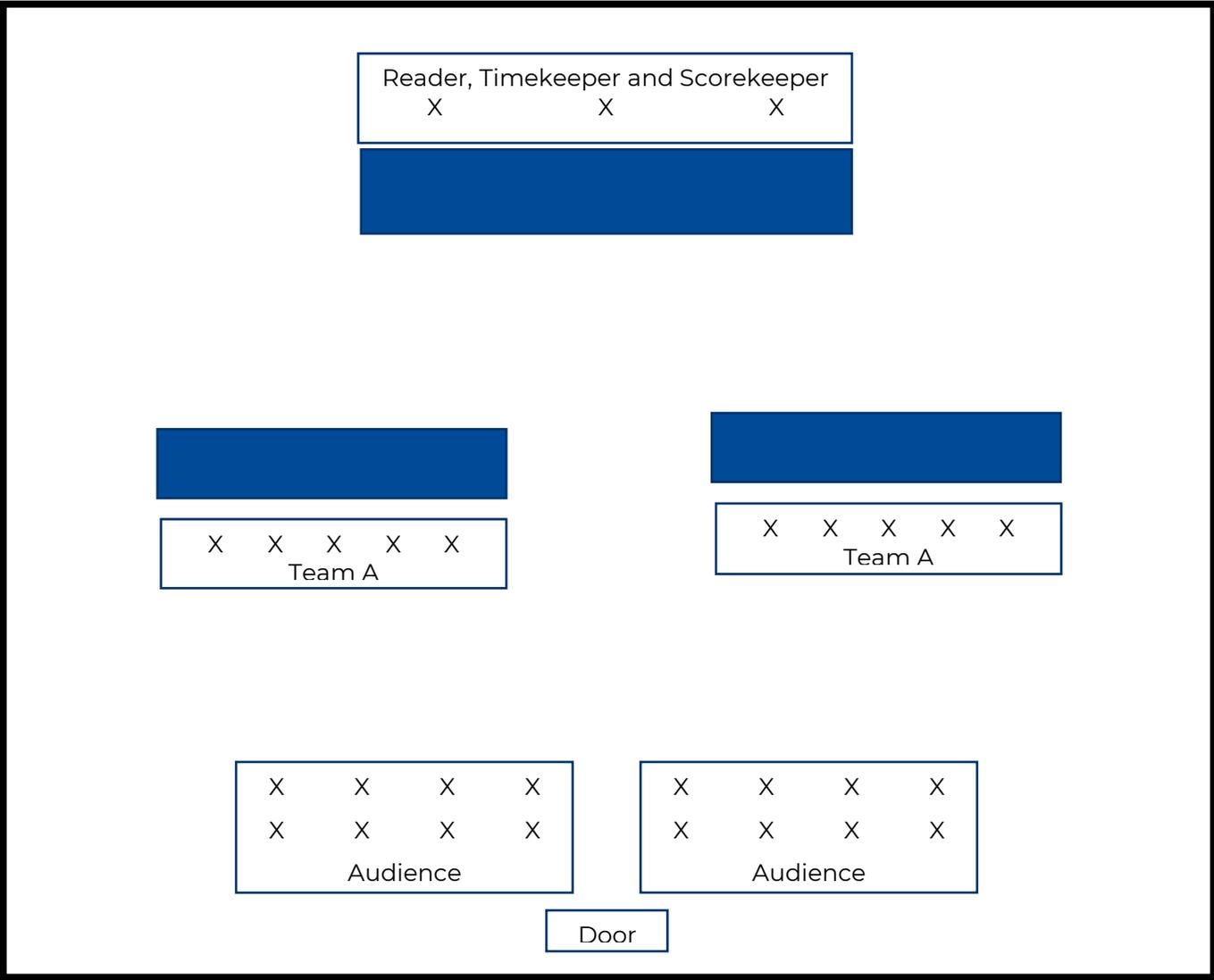
Proper Official Dress for an FFA member includes:

- Official FFA Jacket zipped to the top
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe
- Note: Official garb of recognized religions may be worn with Official Dress.

(Taken from the FFA Official Manual)

ROOM DIAGRAM FOR QUIZ BOWL

Contestants should be seated at two tables in front of the judges. This allows the judges to watch the contestants and also the audience and make sure no sharing of answers or signals are provided to the teams competing.



FFA QUIZ BOWL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCORE SHEET

COMPETITORS: TEAM A: _____ TEAM B: _____

ROUND ONE

Team A _____

Number Correct _____ X 1 Point = _____

Team B _____

Number Correct _____ X 1 Point = _____

ROUND TWO

Team A – Number Correct _____ x 1 Point = _____

Team A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Number Correct															
Number Correct															
Team B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Team B - Number Correct _____ x 1 Point = _____

ROUND THREE

Team A – Number Correct _____ x 2 Points = _____

	1	2	3	4	5
Number Correct					
Number Correct					
	1	2	3	4	5

Team B - Number Correct _____ x 2 Points = _____

Total Team A-- Rnd 1 _____ + Rnd 2 _____ + Rnd 3 _____ = Total _____

Total Team B-- Rnd 1 _____ + Rnd 2 _____ + Rnd 3 _____ = Total _____