

Academic Bowl Rules & Guidelines Summary of Changes for 2005

This is a listing of the major changes for 2005. Minor changes in wording have also been added in various sections. Please be sure to review the entire Rules and Guidelines Booklet before the competition.

Teams and Number of Players - Section 5

On the AB website, there is an online form for registration that can be printed and sent to the appropriate Gallaudet University Regional Center.

Accessibility Accommodations - Section 9

A section has been added about interpreters and the times when they should and should not voice. The actual questions and answers during the competition are visual and therefore will not be voiced. A player can see the next category is History and Government, for example. An interpreter is not needed to also voice the words "Next Category" or "History and Government". Interpreters will be used in the matches during team introductions, objections, clarifications of rules, or other discussions that may occur.

Interpreters will be practicing with teams during the Orientation and Practice Matches before the competition begins to ensure all teams understand the new procedure.

Toss up Questions Procedures and Rules – Section 12A

The entire section has been rewritten to make the procedures more clear. One important note on tossup questions – for all non-math questions, the player must buzz **first** and then write his/her answer. This new procedural change will prevent teams on the rebound from writing answers to compare who has the best answer before someone buzzes in.

The moderators will warn the teams before each question in Round One. For all non-math questions, the moderator will remind the players they must buzz first before they write anything on their paper. If a player does not follow this rule, that player's answer will not be shown.

For all math questions, the moderator will remind the players to figure out the answer, write the answer or word, circle it if there are calculations, and then buzz in. If a player buzzes in before he/she writes the math answer, that answer will not be shown. (This is the same rule we have used in past years.)

This will be practiced during the Orientation Matches to help players adjust to this new rule.

Final Round Procedures and Rules – 12C.2.

Many parts of this section have also been rewritten to include optional clipboards for the entire team, showing of instructions before time begins, and chairs not allowed in the front of the table where the equipment wires are taped down.

Rules for Acceptable Answers - Section 18

In Round One and Two, the answer sheets need to be placed horizontally on the table. Players then write their answers across the long side of the paper to avoid confusion of various letters and

numbers. The moderators will also remind players they must write with the paper horizontally on the table. If players do not follow this rule, their answers will not be shown. This will be practiced during the Orientation Matches to help players acclimate to this new rule.

For questions that require the name of a state for an answer, there are two options for acceptable answers - write the complete name or use the two-letter postal code. Other abbreviations are not acceptable.

When using the two-letter postal code, both letters must be capitalized. For example, the official postal code for California is CA, not Ca. Lower case letters are not allowed in postal codes.

Appendix B:

This section of the appendix gives samples of what the actual competition schedule will look like in all four rooms.

Here's to another great year of competition!