

BRAIN-BOWL COMPETITION

General Rules:



1. A team will compete with one or two other teams in a head-to-head competition. All questions will be taken from **earth/space science, biology, chemistry, physical science, and physics.**
2. Middle school teams will compete only against other middle school teams and high school teams will compete only against other high school teams.
3. Scheduling of competing teams will be done by a draw before the end of the opening ceremonies. Preliminary rounds will be by single elimination.
4. A question will be stated only once.
5. Before beginning the match, the judge will ask each contestant to test his or her buzzer. Each team will also designate a captain.
6. The match starts with the toss-up round and is followed by the bonus round. In the toss-up round, the judge will ask the question and an answer must be given without conferring. In the bonus round, the judge will ask a specified number of questions. The team may confer, but only the captain may give the answer.
7. In the toss-up round, any contestant, at any time (interruption of a question is allowed), may buzz in to answer the question. A correct answer will give that contestant's team ten-(10) points. An incorrect answer will result in a five-(5) point deduction from the team's total, and the question will be reread for the opposing team.
8. At the end of the toss-up round, the bonus round will begin. The team with the lower-point total will begin. The number of correctly answered questions from the toss-up round will be the number of bonus questions each team will be asked. When the question is read, the contestants may confer and the team captain may then deliver an answer. A correct answer will receive ten (10) points. There is no penalty for an incorrect answer in this round.

Procedures:

1. The toss-up round is three-(3) minutes. The competition coordinator will call "last question" at the end of the round to signal the round's conclusion. Bonus questions will then follow.