

Middle School Agriculture Quiz Bowl Rules

Objective

To serve as a vehicle for agricultural literacy by allowing middle school students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the agricultural industry and to encourage the development of this knowledge through educational competition.

A. Rules and Regulations

1. This event is open to any seventh or eighth grade student from a school with an approved agricultural education program. FFA membership is a requirement for students to participate in Quiz Bowl at the state level.
2. Each team will consist of four members from the same school.
3. Teams will be invited to the state competition based on the number of total teams registered. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all teams for the state competition. The state competition will be capped at 128 teams. The number of teams per school is determined each year and will be announced with preconvention information in the spring of the convention year.
4. The questions used in this activity will align with the Agricultural Food & Natural Resources state standards. Different questions will be used for each round of the competition as is possible.

B. Procedures

1. Teams will be assigned to compete in a round-robin tournament to determine the overall winners. The placement will be pre-drawn prior to the tournament. The competition will be a double elimination tournament. Teams from the same school will be assigned to different rooms.
2. Each round of competition will consist of a maximum of 16 questions, one question per each team member. One individual from each of eight different teams will compete at one time. The first individual to answer the question correctly will receive a point. If no individual answers correctly, no point is awarded. In case of a tie, an overtime will be used where the first individual to answer a question correctly will determine the winning team.



3. One team member from each team will have the buzzer control in their hand prior to the start of the questioning.
4. The first individual to press the buzzer will have the opportunity to answer the question. Individuals do not have to wait until the entire question is asked before pressing the buzzer. The Quiz Bowl coordinator must stop reading the question when someone "buzzes in." If the answer is correct, a point is awarded, and the coordinator moves on to the next question.
5. If the answer to the question is incorrect, the question is reread, and the other individuals are given a maximum of 10 seconds to answer. If no answer is given, the question is dropped and the next question is read.
6. Any sharing of answers will result in the team losing a point. If an answer is provided from the audience, the question will not count for a point and will not be replaced in the rotation. A team may be declared ineligible if caught cheating during the event.

C. Awards Recognition

1. First and second place teams at the state competition will receive an award.