

## **ESC Policies for 2024 -2025 Middle School and Jr. High Quiz Bowl**

- *Each team may have up to 10 members for the 2024-25 Tournament.*
- *In fairness to all teams, only one coach may sit at the moderator's table for each round.*

The following policies will be in place for this year's Quiz Bowl Tournaments. **Quiz Bowl Policies may be changed to be in compliance with government mandated or agency restrictions.**

**Please be sure to read this carefully:**

### **Middle School (Grades 5 & 6) and Jr. High (Grades 7 & 8) – 2024-25**

We will follow Ohio Academic Competition Rules (posted on our website) with the following exceptions:

- In reference to OAC Rule C2: **The ESC will have two separate competitions locally – one for Middle School (grades 5 & 6) and one for Jr. High (grades 7 & 8).** Coaches may arrange their own scrimmages prior to the tournament.
- In reference to OAC Rule C5: **Teams are expected to be here at the scheduled start time for their match and it will be considered a forfeiture if the team is more than 10 minutes late.** This rule is in place to allow the tournament to continue for the other teams. In the event of a team forfeiting, the opposing team will receive **33** points for Middle School and **31** points for Jr. High for that round (these are based on the average score per game in 2023 (which was our last tournament).
- In reference to OAC Rule C7: Paper (and/or white boards) will be provided. **Students are NOT to have their own papers or notebooks at the table when competing. They should not have food, drinks, cell phones etc. at the competition table either.**
- In reference to OAC Rule D8: It will not be possible to have a Protest Committee, therefore the Moderator and/or the Tournament Director will be the final authority.
- In reference to OAC Rules D9: **Any challenged answer must be presented to the moderator by the coach immediately (before the match has ended), but the challenge will not be entertained until the end of the match.** After the moderator or Tournament Director has studied the challenge, a final determination will be made **and that decision will be final. If the challenge does not affect the outcome of the match, the challenge will NOT be entertained.**
- In reference to OAC Rule D11: **Team coaches (1 per team) are expected to sit at the front table (opposite where their team sits) with the moderator to run the timer and keep score.**
- In reference to OAC Rule E2: Audio and videotaping is prohibited **and all cell phones should be turned off during competitions (including players, audience members and coaches).**
- Just a reminder...In reference to OAC Rule F2: In the event of a tie, three additional questions will be asked to break the tie. If after those three tiebreaker questions, the game is still tied, the tie will be broken by reading one final round question at a time in a sudden death fashion.
- In reference to OAC Rule J4: The **coaches** will check the opposite team's Alphabet answers as the moderator reads the answers.

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## **General Information**

Each team will be playing at least two matches. There will be two competitions going on at the same time (in two separate rooms), which makes it very important for everyone to stay on schedule. Teams not playing during any given competition are asked to wait **very quietly in the gym**. Teams may or may not be able to watch other teams compete...this will be dependent upon space in the competition rooms. If your team is permitted to observe other teams competing, please remember NOT to enter competition rooms for any reason AFTER a competition has begun or leave before a competition has ended.

Coaches are to **stay with their students at all times** and be aware that they should only be in designated parts of the building (the gym, hallways, or competition rooms).

There are built-in Make-Up Days for both the Middle School and Jr. High Tournament. In general, this will only be used in event of weather emergencies. The Tournament Director will email coaches as soon as changes are made.

Middle School and Jr. High teams are responsible for scheduling their own scrimmages with other schools. The ESC will email teams with the tournament schedule a few weeks prior to the tournament.

**The Middle School Tournament will be held on Monday, October 14, and the first match will begin at 4:00 p.m.** The **Jr. High Tournament will be held on Monday, October 21, with the first match beginning at 4:00 p.m.** A schedule will be made for the tournament after teams have confirmed their participation in the event.

**Teams will need to see the schedule to know what time they should arrive, but be sure to be here at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their first match.**

Each participating team will play at least two matches. The Championship Round will be determined by, first, looking at records (to see which teams have won both matches). Then, if more than two teams have gone 2 and 0, the points will be totaled for those teams. The two teams that have won twice and that have the highest total scores will play the Championship Round. In the event that only one team has won twice, that team will be in the Championship Round playing against the team that had the highest total points otherwise.

**In order to participate in the ESC Tournament, a list of students' names must be emailed to Sharee Price [sprice@scoesc.org](mailto:sprice@scoesc.org) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024.**

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