**Friends of Quiz Bowl Invitational- November 7 Update**

The Friends of Quiz Bowl board met on Saturday, November 7th. After considerable discussion, the board has determined that this December’s Friends of Quiz Bowl Invitational will follow the same format as the AGQBA Regional Tournaments.

Consider this event a great chance to practice the new virtual format for this season. In addition to having the same format, our games will be from the same question writer that you will have at Regional and State tournaments.

**Format**

The tournament will be held Virtually, on Zoom. Games will not be played head-to-head. Instead, each team will be on a Zoom call with their own moderator.

Each team will play a total of 4 games regardless of how many teams are assigned to a division. The coach will be sent a Zoom link. At the designated time, a team will individually Zoom with their assigned moderator. That moderator will read all 4 games to that team.

**Results**

A team’s results will be compared to all games played within that conference.  Each team will have the points scored combined from all four games. The team with the most points at the end of play is determined the winner, and the rest of the teams will be placed accordingly by overall score.

**Required Items**

* Room where all players are together and visible to the moderator.
* Camera - View of 5 players with a buzzer system that is set up and seen on Zoom. Subs and coach must also be visible to the moderator.
* Paper and Pencils - Players must show a blank sheet of paper to the moderator at the start of each game.  Subs will need to show a blank sheet of paper upon entering the game. Paper will be collected and discarded by the coach at the end of each game.

**Quarters 1 and 4: Toss-up Round**

All 20 toss-ups will be read to the team. The team will buzz in, and the moderator will call on the student who buzzed in first. After being recognized, the student will respond with an answer. If correct, the team will score points for that question. If incorrect, the moderator will move on to the next question with no points awarded. If 5 seconds pass and a team does not buzz in, the question is missed and no points are awarded.

**Quarter 2: Bonus Round**

There will be 4 toss-ups and 4 bonus question sets.  After the 4 toss-ups are complete, the round will be over, regardless of how many bonus questions were accessed.  Toss-ups will be open to any player. For the bonus questions, teams may confer, and the moderator will accept the answer only from the team captain or his/her designee.

**Quarter 3: Lightning Round**

All 3 lightning round topics and descriptions will be read to each team. Teams will have one minute to confer with their coach and select a topic. At the end of the minute, teams will make their topic selection and any desired substitutions. The moderator will read the lightning round questions similar to a 10 question bonus set. Teams will then have five seconds to confer and have the captain give an answer. Teams will be read all 10 of the topic questions in this manner.

Every team at a site is able to select the same lightning round topic since there will only be one team per moderator. There will be no bouncebacks. If any team correctly answers all ten questions in a set category, the team will be awarded a 20-point bonus.

**Technology Issues**

Any technology difficulties can be handled between the coach and the team’s assigned moderator as only that team will be affected by those issues. If a team or their moderator is disconnected or has technical issues during a question, that question will be thrown out and replaced by an extra question.

**Challenges**

Coaches may challenge under standard AGQBA rules. If a coach has a challenge regarding answers to questions, they will verbally present it to the moderator. The moderator will make note of the challenge using the AGQBA Challenge Form for documentation purposes. The moderator will then look up the answer digitally and resolve the challenge. Moderators will listen to a coach’s input; however, moderator decisions on challenges are final.