COLORADO
KNOWLEDGE BOWL

School Logo

Welcome to Knowledge Bowl!

Your student has chosen to participate on the <School Name> Knowledge Bowl team this season. We are thrilled to have them compete with us! Here is some important information so you can help your student get the most out of this experience.

What is Knowledge Bowl?

Knowledge Bowl is a team-based general knowledge quiz competition for Colorado high schoolers. Nearly 200 schools of all sizes from all corners of the state participate. Schools host tournaments throughout the year, culminating in a State Championship tournament at Aims Community College in Greeley in March. We award first, second, and third place trophies to the top scorers in each of five size classifications, 1A through 5A. Additionally, we award five $1000 scholarships to CSU, five $1000 scholarships to UNC, and one $2500 scholarship to Aims.

Tournaments begin with a multiple-choice written round, taken as a team. In subsequent rounds, questions are read out loud to rooms of three teams of four players each, where a team can buzz in at any point, stopping the reading, and be allowed to answer. Incorrect answers incur no penalty, and the other teams may also attempt to answer in order of buzzing, with a point awarded to the first team who answers correctly.

For the oral rounds, teams are grouped in a power-matched format, with the top three cumulative scores competing in room 1, the next three in room 2, and so on. No teams are eliminated during a tournament, and every team participates in every question. Final rankings are determined by the greatest cumulative score at the end of the tournament.

Benefits of Knowledge Bowl

1. It's fun.
2. It teaches kids to believe their own knowledge is important and worth sharing. What our kids think and know matters and helping them be comfortable sharing their knowledge can improve our future.
3. Speaking up and participating even when you might be wrong is hard, but Knowledge Bowl forces kids to practice taking those risks, helping quiet kids blossom. This is useful for participating in college discussions, for interacting with colleagues in future work environments, and for participating in important decisions facing society.
4. It caters to a wide range of students at a variety of levels and engagement. Because schools can enter multiple teams of 4 at most tournaments, a school can group super dedicated kids who want to practice hard and vie for trophies on one team and kids who simply enjoy playing for the sake of playing on another. Unlike most team sports, different levels of dedication are not a source of conflict.

5. Knowledge Bowl is very inclusive. Schools can (and most often do) allow anyone to join the team. Schools face no incentives to cut people from the team. Tournaments are cheap to enter, and schools can often field as many 4-person teams as they like.
6. It fosters learning for retention. Knowing things is always faster and more efficient than having to look them up, and for many topics, knowing more will help guide future research. Schools teach a vast amount of useful knowledge, Knowledge Bowl rewards and encourages remembering information beyond the class exam.
7. It incorporates information from all classes. From US History to British literature, from ceramics to personal fitness, concepts from every class can be found in Knowledge Bowl.
8. It builds teamwork skills. When a team answers a question, it can discuss who will answer, but not what the answer is. Since a well-rounded team will always know more than a skilled individual, players must learn to trust in each other's knowledge.
9. It forces kids to learn to operate under uncertainty. Teams often buzz in before the question is finished, so players must decide how to answer based on what they predict the question will be. Making sound decisions based on incomplete information is a useful life skill.
10. It teaches kids tradeoffs between speed and thoroughness.
11. It teaches close listening skills.

Practices

Our practices this season will be on <Day> afternoons after school from <Start-End>. It is expected that students attend as many practices as possible. We are a competition team and we expect the same participation in practice that is expected of other sport teams. *If a student cannot attend a practice they should let the coach know either via <ex: email, the Remind app, Slack Team, etc>.*

Meets

Meets will be held <Schedule for your Region / League>. The Regional meet will be <check with your regional director>. The scores from this meet will be used to determine eligibility for the state tournament. The state tournament will be held in March in Greeley. More details will be provided closer to the date of each meet.

Transportation will be <transportation details appropriate to your school>. Lunch <insert your lunch policy>. Team members are also welcome to bring snacks and are encouraged to bring a water bottle.

Parents and family members are welcome to attend meets if they are able. We would love for you to see what we are all about! Regional and State meets are especially great opportunities to support our teams.

If a student cannot attend a meet they should let the coach know as soon as possible either via <ex: email, the Remind app, Slack Team, etc> so that we can register enough teams for all students to be able to participate.

Uniforms

<Whatever your teams policy will be: team t-shirts, fancy clothes, etc.>

2023-24 Meet Schedule

Date	Meet	Location
	Regionals	
	State Meet	Aims Community College Greeley

Sincerely,
<Your name and contact info>