

### **Competition Rules**

1. The Middle School/Junior High competition is for grades 6-8 only.
2. Each team must provide at least one faculty member (2 are preferred) to accompany and supervise the team throughout the evening of the competition.
3. Teams are to be composed of eight (8) to fifteen (15) students. However, no more than twelve (12) students may participate during each round and the composition of the team may not change after each round has begun. Teams of mixed age, gender, and reading ability are encouraged.
4. Each team participates in three (3) rounds of thirty (30) questions per team.
5. Team scores are cumulative. Copies of one of the titles on the reading list will be awarded to each member of the two highest scoring teams. The first team will receive hardback books and the second place will receive paperback.
6. Parents are invited to attend the competition as spectators. Spectators may not interfere in the questioning or scoring process.
7. If the host district is closed on the day of the competition due to inclement weather, the competition will not be held that evening. Participants should listen to radio, watch TV or check online for school closures. In the event of inclement weather after the start of the school day that does not result in an early dismissal, the Spring Challenge committee will determine if the competition is to be held. In this instance confirmation of cancellation will be by email from committee members. If the competition is postponed, it will be held on the predetermined snow date.

### **Responsibilities of Student Participants**

1. Students are reminded that they represent their respective schools in this event. Considerate and courteous behavior is expected from all participants.
2. Each team selects a team captain who is responsible for either reciting the answer or designating a specific team member, by name, to answer the question. The team captain collaborates with other team members before giving an answer.
3. No paper, pencils, food, drinks, or books are permitted at the competition.
4. Classroom displays, contents of desks, computers, etc. should not be disturbed.

5. Students are not permitted to confer with opposing teams or the audience once the contest has begun.
6. Sometimes, in the midst of competition, a moderator may make a decision that is controversial. However, the moderator's decision is final.
7. Students must remain in the contest room until the announcement to move is made.
8. At the conclusion of the third round, students assist the moderator and team leader in returning the contest room to its original condition.

### **Responsibilities of Team Leaders**

1. Each team must be accompanied by a faculty member who is responsible for student behavior and discipline. This person may be the teacher who has acted as coach for the team.
2. Team leaders arrive at the competition with the team and supervise the participants before the competition begins.
3. Team leaders travel with the team from contest room to contest room, ensuring that the team follows the competition rules.
4. When the teams are made up of more than twelve (12) members, team leaders supervise the composition of the team, rotating students in and out of each round. No more than twelve (12) students may participate during each round, and the composition of the team may not change after each round had begun.
5. At the conclusion of each round, team leaders receive the team scorecard from the scorekeeper and deliver it to the scorekeeper in the subsequent round.
6. Team leaders hold participants in the contest room until the announcement to move to the next round is made.
7. At the conclusion of the third round, team leaders assist team members and moderators in returning the contest room to its original condition.
8. Team leaders remain with the team during the Awards Ceremony, assisting with noise control.