

**2022-2023 Michigan High  
School Ethics Bowl  
Timeline/ Guidelines  
for Faculty and Philosopher  
Coaches and Teachers**

# Timeline for Faculty and Philosopher Coaches

Last 2 weeks in August through September 2022	<p>Coaching preparations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A2Ethics compiles community-written case studies and submits to U-M Ethics Bowl Coordinators; U-M graduate students edit cases/ study questions and finalize for Case Study “Launch.”</li> <li>• A2Ethics provides a list of Bowl League schools to U-M Bowl coordinators. Faculty coaches check-in.</li> <li>• U-M Ethics Bowl coordinators recruit philosopher coaches; determine philosopher coaches’ availability; contact school faculty coaches and decide on practice times and teaching access, e.g., in-person, online or hybrid; and assign coaches to schools.</li> </ul>
October 1, 2022	<b>All Case Studies distributed to participating schools.</b>
October 2022	<p>Coaching begins:</p> <p>Philosopher coaches and faculty coaches agree on a schedule of at least eight 90-minute coaching sessions to take place, beginning in October and ending just before Bowl weekend (Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5, 2023 for both In-Person, or if it becomes necessary, Virtual Bowl dates).</p> <p>Philosopher coaches and faculty coaches also agree on a rough syllabus – e.g., will the first few sessions be devoted to ethical theory, or will the team delve straight into the case studies?</p> <p><b>Teams meet virtually/in-person/both with their philosopher coaches and begin preparing for the Tenth Michigan Ethics Bowl!</b></p>
October 9, 2022	<b>Tenth Bowl KICKOFF – Meet other School Teams, Philosopher Coaches and Bowl Volunteers–Venue and Time TBA.</b>
October-December, 2022	<p>Coaching continues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teams meet online/in-person for practice sessions and discussions!</li> <li>• Revisions to the schedule proposed by either the faculty coach or the philosopher coach should be agreed on at least 1 week in advance, with the exception of last-minute emergency cancellations, which should be communicated as quickly as possible.</li> </ul>

Late December 2022 to Early January 2023	Winter Break.
January 2023	Coaching Resumes and Final Practice Sessions for the Tenth Bowl!
February 4, 2023 February 5, 2023	Opening Rounds of the Tenth Michigan High School Ethics Bowl at Ann Arbor Greenhills School on Saturday. Quarter, Semi and Final of the Tenth Michigan High School Ethics Bowl at Ann Arbor Greenhills School on Sunday. This event is in-person, unless it is necessary to switch to a Virtual Bowl.
February 13-20 2023	Virtual Central Divisional Playoffs-Dates/Times TBA.
March 31-April 2, 2023	National High School Ethics Bowl-University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
April 17, 2023	A2Ethics Michigan High School Case Writing Competition Deadline.
May 12, 2023	A2Ethics Michigan High School Case Writing Awards Announcement.

## Expectations for Faculty Coaches

1. Please understand that in making coaching assignments, we carefully consider a number of criteria, including current teaching loads and other academic/personal obligations, individual scheduling constraints, and the importance of pairing experienced philosopher coaches with less experienced teams. We do try to keep coaching assignments consistent from year to year, where successful relationships between coaches and teams are already established, but we are not always able to do so in light of the aforementioned considerations. Please do not ask to be paired with a specific philosopher coach.
2. Please stay in close communication with your philosopher coach, strive to maintain a consistent schedule, and convey scheduling changes promptly. Philosopher coaches have busy schedules, just as you do, and they often require considerable advance notice to reschedule commitments. Please make sure the meeting schedule is consistently clear to all parties, and agree ahead of time on the best way to reach each other in case one of you is running late or needs to cancel at the last minute.
3. Faculty coach decisions about team member selections, especially for schools with development and experienced teams, should be mindful of the impact of these decisions on practice sessions and on philosopher coach interactions and commitments. Teams should conduct their practices together so all team members can receive the same number of sessions with their assigned philosopher coaches during the season.
4. On a similar note, if you have two coaches, please communicate equally with both of them and encourage your students to regard both as helpful sources of expertise.
5. If you are experiencing concerns about coaching relationships in the Bowl program in general, please contact Jeanine DeLay –[jadelay@umich.edu](mailto:jadelay@umich.edu)– to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

## Expectations for Philosopher Coaches

1. Please stay in close communication with your faculty coach, strive to maintain a consistent schedule, and convey scheduling changes promptly. Faculty coaches and high school students have busy schedules, just as you do, and they often require considerable advance notice to reschedule commitments.
2. Please make sure the meeting schedule is consistently clear to all parties, and agree ahead of time on the best way to reach each other in case one of you is running late or needs to cancel at the last minute.
3. Develop a broad teaching strategy as early in the season as possible in consultation with your faculty coach – they will have a stronger understanding of students' level of familiarity with ethics, and with Ethics Bowl (or related activities), as well as students' learning styles and a range of other situational factors that may influence your teaching strategy, including new and ongoing issues involving the school and students. Your discussions with your faculty coach should result in a rough plan for how much time you'll spend teaching ethical theory, how much you'll spend discussing case studies, and how much you'll spend practicing for the Bowl.
4. Important considerations in philosopher and coach planning should encompass some broad

instructional outcomes, including student familiarity with the main moral theories and student awareness of and knowledge about how to connect general moral principles to a case study's concrete details.

5. As with the practice and meeting schedule, this plan should be clear to all parties, and any subsequent revisions to it should be clearly communicated in a timely manner.
6. If you are one of two philosopher coaches assigned to a single school, please communicate effectively with the other philosopher coach as described in (1) above. Be thoughtful and explicit about how the two of you will coordinate tasks, follow through on your assigned responsibilities, and make sure to convey respect for each other when you are working with students.
7. Philosopher coaches are expected to coach 10-15 hours per season, and out of considerations of fairness are not permitted to coach more than 20 hours per season.
8. If you find that you are being asked to coach more than that, contact Jeanine DeLay and the U-M Ethics Bowl coordinators to let them know. Further, if you have concerns about a coaching relationship, please contact Jeanine DeLay *and* the U-M Ethics Bowl coordinators (Adam, Lindy, Josh), using Adam's email – [adamaw@umich.edu](mailto:adamaw@umich.edu) – to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

## 2023 COVID-related expectations for in-person teaching and gathering

Everyone affiliated with the Michigan Bowl is committed to safe in-person gatherings that promote healthy habits, trust and confidence--as guests invited to different venues--and as individuals with obligations to all the communities to which we belong. If, for example, school teams are meeting in person with philosopher coaches, the state and federal COVID protocols developed and in effect for Michigan schools for the 2022-2023 academic year must be followed. This includes distancing rules, masks and exchanges of up-to-date information on individual school case numbers between and among coaches.

In addition, please note the expectations for currently scheduled in-person gatherings for the 2023 Bowl season.

1. For the February 4-5, 2023 Bowl weekend at Ann Arbor Greenhills School, the in-person gathering is contingent on and will be decided by the Greenhills School Administration. At the same time, we will expect all participants to adhere to the COVID protocols and policies established by Greenhills for the 2022-2023 academic year.
2. The National Bowl organizers are planning an in-person Bowl for March 31-April 2, 2023 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. National Bowl organizers are also hosting Virtual events for the 2023 Regional/Divisional Playoffs. As the Michigan Bowl organizers are prepared to do either an in-person or an online Bowl, our eligibility for the National Bowl is assured.

Whether the Bowl is in-person or online – without you the Michigan Bowl will not happen.

Thank you!

