



Kentucky Association for Academic
Competition



Component Events Singles Strategic Problem Solving

Competition Guidelines



SINGLES SPS COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Content: Singles Strategic Problem Solving requires individual students to complete a partial Strategic Problem Solving Booklet on the State Finals Topic. The Singles Competition requires students to generate 8 Concerns, 1 Central Concern, 8 Solutions, 5 Justifications, and 1 Strategic Plan in a 2 hour time frame.

Rules and Requirements

1. No student is admitted late to Singles SPS, nor is a team dismissed early. A student may submit the electronic booklet early, but once submitted, it cannot be reopened for additional edits.
2. Students must type their booklets via a web link on approved personal electronic devices.
 - a. Unique passwords will be assigned to each student allowing them to type in the online competition platform.
3. Students may only type within the character limit listed in the booklet. No additional characters may be used. (Scrap paper is provided.)
 - a. Character Limit: 1000 for Concerns, Central Concern, and Solutions, 7500 for Strategic Plan
4. Students may bring an unopened package of sticky notes into the room. Highlighters and pencils are also permitted.
 - a. Students at all grade levels may use a dictionary and/or thesaurus during the competition.
 - b. Students provide their own dictionaries and/or thesauri. Combination encyclopedias/dictionaries and electronic copies are prohibited.
5. If a student submits a booklet with cutting, pasting, or any other alterations from anywhere outside the kaac.com webpage on which the booklet is hosted, that student will be disqualified upon notification to KAAC.
6. Research notes or any other notes are not allowed in the competition room.
7. Time frames are 120 minutes for Singles SPS in all divisions.
8. A countdown clock is provided in the online booklet to assist students with time management; however, the official proctor will keep track of the official time of the competition (in the event of technical issues with the online clock).
9. If students identify themselves or their schools in their booklet, the student will be disqualified.
10. High school students may evaluate at the elementary grade level only.
11. Students entered into the Singles SPS competition must have a certified evaluator. A coach can serve as an evaluator for up to 6 students registered from the same school.
12. All students receive the same predetermined Case Study.
13. Students will be proctored by an in-person proctor who will keep the official time and be available to address any technology issues during the competition.

Eligibility and Divisions

1. The Doubles SPS Competition is open to students from K-12.
 - a. K-5th - Elementary Division
 - b. 6th-8th - Middle Division
 - c. 9th-12th - High School
2. Students compete as individuals in their respective division listed above.
3. All participating students must be enrolled in a KAAC member school.

Singles SPS Competition Format

1. Students must be on time and present to begin the Singles SPS Competition.
2. Students will have 2 hours to complete their competition booklet.
3. The Singles SPS booklet will contain:
 - a. 8 Concerns
 - b. 1 Central Concern
 - c. 8 Solutions
 - d. 5 Justifications
 - e. 1 Strategic Plan

Singles SPS State Competition

1. The State Finals Competition will occur on the Monday morning of the Governor's Cup State Finals.
2. The State Topic will be used to develop the Singles State Finals Competition Case Study.
3. Evaluation will be performed after the State Finals.
4. Rankings will be announced on the KAAC website, and awards will be mailed to the students' respective schools.