

## 2013-2014 SCHOLASTIC BOWL RULES MEETING INFORMATION/BULLETIN

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**INTRODUCTORY NOTE:** This bulletin has been prepared to give you a quick study guide for the upcoming Scholastic Bowl Season. Complete information will be included in the Terms & Conditions and the Manual for Schools on the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Website. **The Following Information** deserves your special attention. If you have questions about official interpretations or recommendations for rule changes for next year, please email IHSA Assistant Executive Director Ron McGraw ([rmcgraw@ihsa.org](mailto:rmcgraw@ihsa.org)).

**New in 2013-2014: Coaches:** Each Scholastic Bowl coach will be issued a unique password through their High School Administration. The school will need your valid/frequently used email address to issue the password to you. If you are receiving emails and your school is not going to participate in the Scholastic Bowl State Series, this is a "Red Flag" that the IHSA believes that your school is entered and planning to participate. To avoid penalties, you must have your official representative withdraw your school by emailing [tcraig@ihsa.org](mailto:tcraig@ihsa.org) by the Team Record Report Form deadline 2/7/2014.

### NOTICE:

#### • PROCESS FOR REVIEWING THE ONLINE RULES MEETING

Coaches are encouraged to view the Scholastic Bowl Online Rules Meeting. This informational presentation was created to make coaches aware of the Rules and Regulations governing Scholastic Bowl. **New in 2013-2014:** Coaches **must** login to the IHSA Schools Center by using their School's USER ID (5 digits, a letter followed by 4 numbers) and Coaches Password (through instructions in an email from their high school administration). It is our hope that **all** Scholastic Bowl coaches will take the few minutes necessary to refresh themselves with the current IHSA Scholastic Bowl rules and procedures.

#### I. Important Dates

| Week # | Event   | Event Date |
|--------|---|------------|
| 8      | Contests Begin (Mon.)   | 8/26/2013  |
| 9      | Online Rules Meeting Presentation begins (Fri.)               | 9/6/2013   |
| 9      | Rules Meeting Bulletin Posted (Fri.)                          | 9/6/2013   |
| 9      | Rule Book Posted (Fri.)                                       | 9/6/2013   |
| 9      | Case Book Posted (Fri.)                                       | 9/6/2013   |
| 9      | Terms and Conditions Posted (Fri.)                            | 9/6/2013   |
| 17     | Team Entries Due at IHSA Office through Schools Center (Fri.) | 11/1/2013  |
| 31     | Team Record Report Form (Fri.) - Noon                         | 2/7/2014   |
| 32     | Sectional Seeding Mtg. (Wed.)                                 | 2/12/2014  |
| 33     | Schools Assignments Posted (Fri.)                             | 2/14/2014  |
| 36     | Regionals (Mon.)  | 3/10/2014  |
| 36     | Sectionals (Sat.)   | 3/15/2014  |
| 37     | State Final (Fri.)  | 3/21/2014  |
| 37     | Season Ends (Fri.)  | 3/21/2014  |
| 44     | Advisory Committee Mtg. (Wed.)                                | 5/7/2014   |

#### II. Steps for Participating Schools To Enter and Remain Eligible to Compete In IHSA Regional, Sectionals and the State Final

This list of steps can be used as a guide for coaches and administrators. This guideline is an attempt to help keep schools and/or its participants eligible to compete in the Scholastic Bowl State Series. It is not intended to replace the Terms and Conditions or the Manual. To be fully informed, you must **read the Online Manual for Schools posted on the IHSA Website. PLEASE DO SO!**

##### A. What: Enter school into the Scholastic Bowl State Series

**Who:** Principal or Official Representative

**When:** By November 1

**Where:** IHSA.org – click on "Schools and Officials Center login" – Enter School's User ID and Administrator password (every administrator and coach should have been emailed their own 2013-2014 password). Click on - School Information – Submit School Entries – Activities – Scholastic Bowl.

**Important:** There is no qualifying tournament to become eligible to compete in the first level of any IHSA State Series Tournament.

**Why:** This is how the IHSA knows the school wishes to participate in the Scholastic Bowl State Series.

**B. What: Review the Online Manual for Schools**

**Who:** Coach and/or Athletic Director

**When:** September 6

**Where:** The Scholastic Bowl manual will be posted online at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org); click on Scholastic Bowl; under Sports & Activities.

**Why:** This is how the coaches and athletic directors learn what is necessary in order for their students to participate in the Scholastic Bowl State Series. Failure of coaches and athletic directors to become familiar with these details often results in the student athletes and/or coaches from their schools being denied the opportunity to participate in the IHSA State Series for Scholastic Bowl.

**C. What: Online Rules Video for Scholastic Bowl**

**Who:** The Scholastic Bowl coach is encouraged to view this presentation.

**When:** Available September 6.

**How:**

- 1) Go to [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)
- 2) Click on "Schools and Officials Center login"
- 3) Enter "School User ID" and Scholastic Bowl Coaches password
- 4) Click on "Rules Video"
- 5) View the online Rules Video to receive credit.

**Why:** To make coaches fully aware of important dates, rules and procedures required for Scholastic Bowl.

**D. What: Entering Team Record Report Form**

**Who:** Coach

**When:** Deadline is Noon, Friday February 7, 2014

**Where:** [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org); click on "Schools & Officials Center login"; enter your school's User ID (5 digits, a letter followed by 4 numbers) and scholastic bowl coaches password; click on Team Record Report Form and type in your teams won-lost record

**Why:** This document provides the sectional host your win/loss record for the purpose of seeding the top 8 teams in each sectional at the seeding meetings. The Team Record Report Form will only indicate any team's win/loss record. Coaches are encouraged to bring the seeding meeting their season score book to document their record, who they competed against and match scores. Again, please note that all participating schools are **required** to submit their Team Record Report Form on-line to the IHSA. If a school does not submit the On-Line Team Record Report Form by the deadline, coaches and participants from that school are subject to sanctions, which could include but not be limited to being ruled ineligible to compete in the State Series. Schools which do not submit their school's On-Line Team Record Report Form and are consequently ruled ineligible for the State Final Series **must formally withdraw** (see E. below for Withdrawal Procedures/Breach of Contract).

**NOTE:** Each coach will provide a team roster to the manager at each Regional and Sectional Tournament in which they compete. A typed list is preferred by tournament managers.

**Confirmation of receipt of Team Record Report Form:** Schools should login to their School Center site on the IHSA website and go to the Activity Tracker. The Activity Tracker will show "Completed", if you have checked the button indicating you have finished with your report. If it doesn't indicate "Completed", then you must go back into your schools List of Participants and check the button on the Team Record Report Form indicating you are finished.

**E. What: Withdrawal from the State Series after being entered by the Principal**

**Who:** Principal or Official Representative

**When:** Prior to Noon, February 7, 2014

**Where:** Official Representative must email [tcraig@ihsa.org](mailto:tcraig@ihsa.org) indicating the desire to officially withdraw. You must withdraw through the IHSA Office, not Regional or Sectional Managers.

**Why:** Schools that fail to participate after entering and who fail to formally withdraw will be fined \$100.00 (additional penalties may apply, refer to Terms and Conditions). The fine is necessary to encourage schools to make us aware of their intent not to participate. When schools do not show up it adversely affects the balance in the numbers of teams assigned to each Regional and/or Sectional. This can create situations that are unfair to others. When you become aware that your school will not participate in the State Series, please withdraw immediately!

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**III. SCHOLASTIC BOWL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES May 1, 2013**

The IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Stacy Kolack, Activities Director, New Trier H.S.; Gary Erickson, Coach, Seneca H.S.; Doug Happ, Coach, Paris H.S.; Martin Kelley, coach, St. Ignatius College Prep (Chicago); Linda Greene, coach, Rockford Auburn H.S.; Pat Drew, Principal, Carlinville H.S.; Jay Winter, coach, Greenville H.S.

Others in attendance: Ron McGraw, IHSA Assistant Executive Director; Rob Grierson, Coordinator of Officials, Skokie, IL; Cynthia Wierzba, Meet Manager/Coach Farmington H.S.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND RULE CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **1. Item T&C VIII-M-13**

#### **Recommendation:**

Questions should be pristine – **writers may not re-use questions from previously written competition sets or practice sets.** ~~While there are many text and internet based sources for facts from which questions can be constructed,~~ Word-for-word plagiarism from copyrighted sources or previously used question sets is not permitted. **Writers may consult printed or online sources for facts or definitions to use in creating fresh questions. If a source is paraphrased or quoted verbatim, the source must be cited in a note or as part of the question; no citation is needed for information that is generally known or that can be found in many different sources.** Short excerpts from primary sources such as literature, poetry, music, film, and other media are permitted, especially when the intent of the question is to identify the source, author, era, or other information for which the excerpt is a clue.

#### **Rationale:**

The essence of Scholastic Bowl is to get players to answer questions based on knowledge learned via classroom instruction or independent study. In the past, writers used mostly commonly available textbooks, encyclopedias, and almanac/book of facts as sources to create basic, straightforward, uncomplicated questions without attribution to those sources. With the move to more pyramidal questions, and the demand for questions derived from a more extensive and deeper body of academic knowledge, writers now construct clues from more esoteric or obscure sources, including many online websites. Therefore, it has become even more important to avoid the perception of plagiarism. This update provides clearer instruction as to when printed or online sources must be cited.

Motion-Rob Grierson

Second-Marty Kelley

Motion Passed 8-0

### **2. Item VI-E T&C**

#### **Recommendation:**

Change the current time schedules for Regional/Sectional and State Meets as follows. As always, the regional and sectional time schedules are recommended time schedules. Host schools may modify if necessary.

#### **Regional Time Schedule Including a Preliminary Round (4 Round Regional)**

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| No later than 3:00 p.m. | Moderators' meeting starts |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.   | Coaches' Meeting           |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.   | Preliminary Round          |
| 5:20 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.   | Round One                  |
| 6:10 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.   | Round Two                  |
| 7:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.   | Round Three                |
| 7:50 p.m.               | Awards Ceremony            |

All rounds may begin earlier if both teams are ready.

#### **Regional Time Schedule Without a Preliminary Round (3 Round Regional)**

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| No later than 3:00 p.m. | Moderators' meeting starts |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.   | Coaches' Meeting           |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.   | Round One                  |
| 5:20 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.   | Round Two                  |
| 6:10 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.   | Round Three                |
| 7:00 p.m.               | Awards Ceremony            |

All rounds may begin earlier if both teams are ready.

#### **Class A and Class AA Sectional Time Schedule**

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.   | Moderators' Meeting |
| 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.   | Coaches' Meeting    |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | Round One           |
| 10:50 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. | Round Two           |
| 11:40 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Round Three         |
| 12:30 p.m.              | Awards Ceremony     |

All rounds may begin earlier if both teams are ready.

#### **Class A and Class AA State Final Time Schedule (Any round may begin earlier if the event manager determines that the tournament is ahead of schedule).**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 8:00 a.m.               | Schools may begin to Check-In                  |
| 9:15 a.m.               | Coaches/Captains/Moderators Meeting (optional) |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Opening Ceremonies                             |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | First Round of Preliminary Pool Play           |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. | Second Round of Preliminary Pool Play          |
| 11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. | Break  |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.   | Third Round of Preliminary Pool Play           |
| 2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.   | Championship and Consolation Rounds            |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.   | Awards Ceremony                                |

**Rationale:** When the times were originally set, we were using 30-question rounds, there were 4 to 6 computation (math & science) questions per round, and the bonus parts were read in their entirety, with 30 seconds for teams to confer before then giving the answers to all parts at once.

With the rules change about reading the bonuses one part at a time, and the terms & conditions changes reducing both the number of computation questions per round and the total number of questions per match, we do not need as long to conduct each match.

This year, there was more time than needed between matches.

Motion-Linda Greene

Second-Jay Winter

Motion Passed 8-0

### 3. Item V-B-7 T&C

**Recommendation:**

Each school's representative will have ~~one (1)~~ three (3) minutes to present his/her case as to where their team should be seeded. This time may not be used to raise other issues, and this time may not be used to speak about other teams. Coaches may waive their time.

**Rationale:**

Coaches may require more than one minute to adequately share the success of their team. This information is important for seeding purposes.

Motion – Jay Winter

Second – Martin Kelly

Motion Passed 8-0

### 4. Item VI-E T&C

**Recommendation:**

Add an optional coaches/captains/moderators meeting to the state final time schedule.

**Rationale:**

Every tournament in the state (including Regionals and Sectionals) has a meeting like this to make sure all questions have been addressed in a public forum. The State Tournament is the exception. Captains and Coaches should have a forum to ask questions and hear common answers that have been agreed upon at the Officials' Meeting the day before. It would be best if all moderators had a chance to determine the best answer and give a single response.

- The meeting can eliminate most of the script reading that moderators make before each opening match, saving time.
- Hosting this meeting at 9:15 would better assure that teams arrive on time, so that the tournament can begin on time.
- With virtually every tournament in the state starting at 9 am with an 8:45 am coaches meeting, this will not be an imposition on teams.

Motion – Jay Winter

Second – Rob Grierson

Motion Passed 8-0

### 5. Item VIII-O

**Recommendation:** Modify the current question distribution list in the area of Literature/Language Arts (Move Language Arts to letter C).

#### LITERATURE & LANGUAGE ARTS 5/5

A. 2/2 US Literature

B. 1/1 Mythology

C. 2/2 Drawn from a mix of;

Language Arts, British Literature, other European Literature, World Literature from a variety of cultures and time periods, and not requiring all subcategories to be represented equally or at all.

**Rationale:** Most of the non-literary topics in language arts are no longer being covered much in high schools, and it is increasingly difficult to find competent writers to write pyramidal questions on those topics. These topics are not being seen in questions written for regular season tournaments, so for many players, seeing questions on them becomes a "state series" only event, and is not worth their time to prepare for. This change would not eliminate the opportunity for

writers to write questions from the category of Language Arts (Grammar). Language arts questions could continue to be part of a question set as per part C in T&C VIII-O.

Motion-Martin Kelley

Second-Rob Grierson

Passed 6-2

## 6. Item VIII-O T&C

### Recommendation:

Remove "Rock n Roll Hall of Fame" from the Fine Arts Category

### Rationale:

- Rock Music, while certainly an art form, is largely still the domain of pop culture.
- Pop Culture is already covered in Miscellaneous, and it should be covered there.
- This move should be made for the same reason why we don't write "Hunger Games" or "Twilight" questions in literature. They are undeniably the written word, but they are Predominantly popular culture, and should be treated as such.
- The artistic aspects of rock music can easily be covered by the remaining sub-distribution in fine arts.
- Many players have commented that this specific subcategory is for the amusement of adult fans, officials and coaches. Since this activity is for high school aged players, there is no need to incorporate adult pop culture into the academic canon.

Motion – Jay Winter

Second – Linda Greene

Motion Passed 8-0

## ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Edit the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Rule Book as follows (These are not rules changes they are corrections):  
Rule 4-E-4c - ....if the answer is NOT correct. (add the word, NOT)  
Rule 4-I-1b – ....., be it toss-up or bonus ~~part~~. (strike the word, part)
2. Eliminate the position of Time Keeper in the IHSA Scholastic Bow State Series.

### Rationale:

With the new rules in place, timekeepers are needed less than ever before. For years, Timekeepers have been gone from most local tournaments, as most moderators prefer to time on their own. Experienced moderators prefer to keep their own time. The new rules only require prolonged time to be kept for, at most, two computational tossups; something that can easily be handled by a moderator, or by a scorekeeper for the rare cases in which a moderator prefers not to keep time. The cost savings for the IHSA is notable. For regionals, this savings could be as much as \$4480, for sectionals an additional \$960, and for state, a further \$280 for a grand total saved of \$5720.

## ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee discussed the editing process used in question writing for the IHSA State Series. The committee discussed the topic of plagiarism by question writers. This issue was raised by one of the 2013 question writers. A proposal was moved forward (see above, Item 1) by the committee to try to better define what constitutes plagiarism as it relates to our state series question sets. Mr. McGraw and the head editor will discuss the editing process to see what can be done to prevent this in the future.
2. The committee discussed the need and or importance of requiring that Matching Tops be worn during competition.

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## V. State Final Volunteers Welcome

Any school, coach, current or graduated player wishing to be involved in the IHSA Scholastic Bowl State Final as a volunteer should contact Cheryl Lowery ([clowery@ihsa.org](mailto:clowery@ihsa.org)). Knowledgeable volunteers are always welcome.