

SCHOLASTIC BOWL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee met virtually through AnyMeeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Charlie Taylor, Coach, Carlinville H.S.; Tammy Austin, Coach, Fairfield H.S.; Glenn Pinnau, Coach, Woodstock (Marian); Rob Grierson, Coordinator of Officials, Skokie. Others in attendance: Matt Hasquin, IHSSBCA President, Brad Fischer, Head Question Editor, Kraig Garber, IHSA Assistant Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Add the following cases to the case book to help further clarify rules 4-H-1k and 4-H-11.

4-H-1k: CASE #1:

The following tossup question is asked:

Name the author of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

The printed answer is "Mark Twain."

Player #1 on Team X rings in and answers "Samuel Clemens."

The moderator rules: "Incorrect."

Team Y rings in (or not); if an answer is given, it is ruled correct or incorrect; in any case, the printed answer is revealed.

Team X appeals.

Samuel Clemens is acceptable under Rule 4-B-11; apply the remedy for Rule 4-H-1k: Adjust the score appropriately.

4-H-1k: CASE #2:

The following tossup question is asked:

Name the sixth President of the United States.

The printed answer is "John Quincy Adams", with "Quincy" and "Adams" underlined as required information.

Player #1 on Team X rings in, and answers "Adams."

The moderator rules "Incorrect."

Team Y rings in (or not); if an answer is given it is ruled correct or incorrect; in any case, the printed answer is revealed.

Team X appeals.

Clearly, Team X should have been prompted, so Rule 4-H-1k does not apply. We do not know whether the prompt would have elicited the correct answer; furthermore, the printed answer will have been revealed during or after Team Y's attempt. Instead, apply the remedy for Rule 4-H-1c: Discard and replace the toss-up and read it for both teams.

4-H-11: CASE #1:

The following tossup question is asked:

Name the author of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

The printed answer is "Mark Twain."

Player #1 on Team X rings in and answers "Charles Dickens."

The moderator rules: "Incorrect."

Player #1 on Team Y rings in and answers "Samuel Clemens."

The moderator rules: "Incorrect" – and reveals the printed answer.

Team Y appeals.

Samuel Clemens is acceptable under Rule 4-B-11; apply the remedy for Rule 4-H-11: Adjust the score appropriately.

4-H-11: CASE #2:

The following tossup question is asked:

Name the sixth President of the United States.

The printed answer is "John Quincy Adams", with "Quincy" and "Adams" underlined as required information.

Player #1 on Team X rings in, and answers "Monroe."

The moderator rules "Incorrect."

Player #1 on Team Y rings in and answers "Adams."

The moderator rules: "Incorrect" – and reveals the printed answer.

Team Y appeals.

Clearly, Team Y should have been prompted, so Rule 4-H-11 does not apply. We do not know whether the prompt would have elicited the correct answer, and once the moderator has ruled the answer incorrect, prompting is inappropriate. Instead, apply the remedy for Rule 4-H-1d: Read a replacement toss-up for the second team only.

Rationale: Appropriate application of these two Rules hinges on an interpretation of the phrase “potentially correct.” If the answer that has been ruled incorrect is “potentially correct” because it is discovered that it was indeed an alternative correct answer, then these Rules, and their remedies, apply. If the answer that has been ruled incorrect is “potentially correct” because it could be argued that, had the moderator prompted, the player might possibly have come up with the correct answer, these Rules, and their remedies, do not apply – the more appropriate remedies are those in Rules 4-H-1c and 4-H-1d if the situation arises on a toss-up question, or Rules 4-H-1g and 4-H-1h if the situation arises on a bonus part . These additional Cases are for toss-up questions; similar reasoning should be applied for bonus questions.

Approved by Consent

Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Question Source:** The committee supports the recommendation to allow Brad Fischer to continue to serve as the Head Editor for the IHSA State Series Questions for the 2020-21 school year. The committee is aware of the potential conflict of interest that arises because Brad’s wife is the coach of a team that participates in the State Series. Brad will provide a written assurance that he will keep the questions confidential, and the committee feels that bringing the potential conflict to light serves to further ensure that no infractions occur.

Approved

Other items of discussion that did not receive action:

1. The committee had a discussion regarding the state final venue.
2. With the current impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee deliberated about whether or not a virtual season would be possible.
3. There was a discussion about the unused questions for the 2020 sectionals and state finals. Due to the fact that the questions were dispersed to sectional managers and the state final moderators, the questions are no longer considered pristine. Therefore, the entire state series question set (regional, sectional, and state final) can be purchased from the IHSA like any state series set from past years for \$50.