



# State Series Terms & Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the IHSA Class 1A and 2A Scholastic Bowl State Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

## I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Classifications in the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Country State Series will be determined according to IHSA Policy 17 (Classification System).

Schools participating in sports and activities operating under the two-class system shall be classified as follows:

**Class 1A:** Schools with enrollments of 445.00 and below (50% of the membership).

**Class 2A:** Schools with enrollments of 445.01 and above (50% of the membership).

## II. DATES AND SITES

A. **Season Summary:** The deadline is Friday, February 2, 2024, at noon.

B. **Online Seeding:** Online seeding will begin Tuesday, February 6 at 11:00 a.m. and will conclude February 7 at noon.

C. **Sites and Assignments:**  
<http://www.ihsa.org/SportsActivities/ScholasticBowl/StateSeriesInformationResults.aspx>

D. **Regionals:** Class 1A and 2A Regional tournaments will be held on Monday, March 4

E. **Sectionals:** Class 1A and 2A Sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday, March 9

F. **State:** The Class 1A and Class 2A State Final Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 16, at Heartland Community College, Normal, Illinois.

G. **Changes to Dates, Sites and Times:** No local manager is authorized to change the date or order of matches as determined and announced by the IHSA. Matches must be played as listed from top to bottom on the official pairings unless otherwise changed and approved by the Illinois High School Association.

## III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, RULES MEETING PRESENTATION, SEASON SUMMARY

The policy for Original School Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and

procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities. Directions: go to [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org); click on Schools & Officials Center login (an administrative password is required to access this area and perform this task), Enter your User ID and Password (5-digits, a letter followed by 4 letters), go to the activity tracker and click the button to add sports/activities for the upcoming year. Entry Deadline is Nov. 1.

**A. On-Line School Entries:** All member schools must enter their school into the State Scholastic Bowl competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA Website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org) to compete at the Regional level. On-Line School Entries enter your school into State Series Competition for IHSA to assign your school to a Regional Meet. The deadline for school entry is November 1.

**B. Online Rules Video Presentation:** Please go to: <http://www.ihsa.org/Resources/Video.aspx>

This brief presentation will remind coaches of important dates and rule changes adopted by the IHSA Board of Directors for this school term to help coaches keep their teams eligible to compete in the 2024 Scholastic Bowl State Series. All schools entering Scholastic Bowl are encouraged to review changes pertaining to the Scholastic Bowl state series. The Rules Presentation is not a requirement. Head coaches will not receive credit in the School's Center for viewing the Rules Presentation through the IHSA Schools Center.

### C. Late On-Line School Entries

Any attempt to enter a sport or activity on-line after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

### D. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure)

To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must send an email to [clowery@ihsa.org](mailto:clowery@ihsa.org), notifying IHSA of the school's intent to withdraw from Scholastic Bowl prior to February 2.

If a school withdraws after the Seeding Meeting and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association because of such breach.

**E. Eligibility:** Only students who are eligible in accordance with IHSA By-laws may participate in the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Tournament Series. A school may enter one (1) team in the IHSA Scholastic Bowl State Tournament Series. A maximum of fifteen (15) competitors will be allowed to participate for a school in the Regional, Sectional and/or State Final tournaments. Four or Five (4 or 5) team members must start the match. However, fewer than four (4) players may continue in the day's competition if there are extenuating



circumstances. A coach must designate one of the participating players as captain.

**F. Season Summary:** All schools must submit their Season Summary via the Internet through the IHSA Schools Center Web Site to the IHSA Office. This form allows coaches to provide their win/loss record for the purpose of seeding the top 8 teams in each sectional during the Online Seeding Meeting process. The Season Summary must be received in the IHSA Office by noon on Friday, February 2. You may go back online to revise your Season Summary until noon on Monday, February 4, but you must have entered it originally by February 2 to meet the deadline. Please note that all participating schools are required to submit their Season Summary on-line through the IHSA Schools Center. If a school does not submit the Season Summary 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 Season Summary and are consequently ruled ineligible for the State Final Series must formally withdraw (see Withdrawal Procedures/Breach of Contract above in Section III-D).

**G. State Final Program Information:** All sectional champions are REQUIRED to go on-line and complete the State Final Data Form Information located in their school center by 8:00 a.m. the Monday following sectional tournaments, (March 9). The IHSA will utilize the name spellings and year in school data from the State Final Program Information submitted on-line by Sectional Tournament winners for publication in the State Final Program. Failure to provide this information by the deadline will result in your team page in the State Final Program being blank. If you experience difficulties with this process, please email (clowery@ihsa.org) or contact Cheryl Lowery at (309) 663-6377 at the IHSA Office. This link will not be activated until the day following Regional contests, Tuesday, March 5.

**IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**A. Regional Host Allowance:** The host school shall pay all local tournament expenses and issue checks to tournament workers. The host school shall receive a \$200.00 guarantee plus the cost of the moderators and scorers.

**B. Sectional Host Allowance:** The host school shall pay all local tournament expenses and issue checks to tournament workers. The host school shall receive a \$250.00 guarantee and reimbursement for the moderators and scorers.

**C. Team Tournament Expense:** Neither the State Association nor local meet management will assume responsibility for any team expenses for any tournament.

**D. Admission Prices:** There shall be no admission price for the Regional, Sectional or State Final tournaments.

**E. Rights Fees for TV and Radio**

1. Television Rights Fees to be charged by local managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy.

2. Radio fees which shall be charged are:

- a. Regional Tournament = No charge
  - b. Sectional Tournament = No charge
  - c. State Final = \$50.00
3. Policy regarding media requirements for each local manager is contained in the current News Media Directory.

**V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS**

**A. Assignment Structure:** All schools entered in the IHSA Class 1A and Class 2A State Scholastic Bowl Tournament Series will be assigned to thirty-two (32) regionals and eight (8) Sectional tournaments for each class on a geographical basis by the IHSA Office.

**B. Season Summary:** Schools participating will be required to submit a Team Record Report Form/Season Summary online in the IHSA Schools Center. Team Record Report Form/Season Summary must be entered on-line through the IHSA Schools Center (even if contests have not been conducted). The deadline to complete your Team Record Report Form/Season Summary is Noon on Friday, February 2. Failure for completing this process makes your school ineligible to compete in Regionals and/or Sectional Tournament. Head coaches may make changes up until Monday, February 5 at noon.

**C. Electronic Seeding Meeting:** All seeding will be conducted online through the IHSA Schools Center. Each school shall have one (1) vote in the seeding process. Coaches shall not vote for their own team, therefore their school will not appear in the list of schools to seed. The link to seed the teams is in the IHSA Schools Center in the Head Coaches Activity Tracker and will be activated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6. The deadline to seed teams is 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, February 7. Seeding will only occur at the Regional tournament level. Coaches will rank the top eight (8) teams in their Sectional through the online ballot. The best team will be given 8 points, next best 7, etc. The total of each team's points will be calculated by dividing the team's total points by the number of teams who completed an online ballot. No school participating in the online seeding process may vote for itself. Therefore, we will use one (1) less than the total number of schools participating in the online seeding process when calculating the average. Schools that do not participate in the online seeding process will not have their seeding points averaged by using one (1) less than the total number of schools participating in the online seeding process. The average for these schools will simply be calculated by dividing the team's total points by the total number of teams participating in the online seeding process. All ballots will be made public in Schools Center. The team with the highest average will be the number one (1) seed. Continue with this process until eight (8) teams are ranked. The Sectional and the State Final shall not be seeded.

**D.** Any school who would like to be a Regional host must indicate their willingness to host by indicating so when they complete their Season Summary. Coaches must seek approval with their School Administration before they indicate they will host a Regional.



VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

A. Regional Pairings: The bracketing and pairings of teams for each Regional will be completed in the IHSAA Office. They will be determined by available host schools, geography, and seed. The pairing announcements will be posted on the IHSAA Scholastic Bowl; State Series Information and Results; assignments web page.

B. Sectional Pairings: At the Sectional Tournament the Regional Winners will compete in a pool play format. The teams will play three (3) matches. The team with the most wins will advance to the State Finals.

Within the Sectional, Regionals will be identified as A, B, C and D. Regionals A and B will contain the number 1 & 2 seeds respectively from their sectional. Regionals C & D will contain the number 3 & 4 seeds respectively from their sectional.

The sectional round robin component of the State Series will be assigned as follows:

- Round 1: A vs. C
B vs. D
Round 2: A vs. D
B vs. C
Round 3: A vs. B
C vs. D

1. If two teams are tied with identical records in a pool, the head-to-head result in pool play will break the tie and determine advancement.

2. If three teams are tied with identical records in a pool, the total points scored in pool play (against the tied teams) will be used to break the tie and determine advancement (regardless of head-to-head records in that pool).

3. If three teams are tied with identical records, and two of those three teams have identical total points scored in pool play (against the tied teams), the head-to-head result in pool play will break the tie between those two teams and determine advancement.

4. If three teams are tied with identical records in a pool, and all three teams have identical total points scored in pool play (against the tied teams), the team with the larger number of toss-up questions answered correctly will break the tie, with the head-to-head result in pool play used to break any remaining ties.

5. If the above methods cannot break a tie between three teams, teams will be drawn by lot to determine advancement among tied teams.

C. Regional Rounds: Each Regional Tournament will consist of three (3) rounds of single-elimination matches. At some Regionals, additional preliminary rounds may be necessary depending on the number of teams assigned to the regional.

D. Number of Rounds: Each Sectional Tournament will consist of three (3) rounds of pool play.

E. Recommended Time Schedule: The following are the recommended Time Schedules for the Regional and Sectional

tournaments. These schedules may be adjusted to meet the needs of the host school:

Regional Time Schedule, with a Preliminary Round (4 Round Regional). Rounds may begin earlier if both teams are ready.

- Moderators' Meeting Starts -- No later than 3:00 p.m.:
Coaches' Meeting -- 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.:
Preliminary Round -- 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. - 7:50 p.m.:
Awards Ceremony -- 7:50 p.m.:

Regional Time Schedule, Without a Preliminary Round (3 Round Regional). Rounds may begin earlier if both teams are ready.

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

Class 1A and Class 2A Sectional Time Schedule. Rounds may begin earlier if both teams are ready.

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

Class 1A and Class 2A State Final Time Schedule (Rounds may begin earlier, if both teams are ready, determined by IHSAA).

- 8:00 a.m.: Scholastic Bowl Coaches Check-In
9:00 a.m.: Coaches/Captains/Moderators Meeting (optional)
9:15 a.m.: Opening Ceremonies
10:00-10:50 a.m.: First Round of Preliminary Pool Play
11:00-11:50 a.m.: Second Round of Preliminary Pool Play
11:50 a.m.-1:05 p.m.: Break
1:15 p.m.-2:05 p.m.: Third Round of Preliminary Pool Play
2:25 p.m.-3:15 p.m.: Championship and Consolation Rounds
3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.: Awards Ceremony

Pairings will be Determined by Blind Draw to Determine Which Qualifying School Will Be A, B, etc. for each class.

Table with 2 columns: Pool 1 and Pool 2. Rows include Round 1, Round 2, and Round 3 pairings.

Championship Pool #1 Winner vs. Pool #2 Winner
Consolation Pool #1 Runner-up vs. Pool #2 Runner-up



Immediately following the conclusion of the Regional or Sectional tournament, the tournament manager must scan and email a copy of the scoresheets for each match played in the tournament to Kraig Garber (kgarber@ihsa.org).

## VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

**A. Regional to Sectional Advancement:** The winner from each Class 1A and Class 2A Regional tournament will advance to compete in their respective Sectional.

**B. Sectional to State Advancement:** The winning team from each Class 1A and Class 2A Sectional tournament will advance to compete in their respective Class State Final tournament. The winning teams from the eight (8) Class 1A and eight (8) Class 2A Sectional tournaments will compete in the State Final tournament for first, second, third, and fourth places in their class.

### C. State Final Format

1. Eight (8) teams from Class 1A and Class 2A will compete in Pool Play at the State Finals. The eight (8) teams in each class will be divided by blind draw into two separate pools of four (4) teams each. The teams will play a round-robin format in which each team will play three (3) matches. The winner of each pool will advance to the Championship match in their class. The runner-up in each pool will compete in the Consolation match in each class.

2. If two teams are tied with identical records in a pool, the head-to-head result in pool play will break the tie and determine advancement.

3. If three teams are tied with identical records in a pool, the total points scored in pool play (against the tied teams) will be used to break the tie and determine advancement (regardless of head-to-head records in that pool).

4. If three teams are tied with identical records, and two of those three teams have identical total points scored in pool play (against the tied teams), the head-to-head result in pool play will break the tie between those two teams and determine advancement.

5. If three teams are tied with identical records in a pool, and all three teams have identical total points scored in pool play (against the tied teams), the team with the larger number of toss-up questions answered correctly will break the tie, with the head-to-head result in pool play used to break any remaining ties.

6. If the above methods cannot break a tie between three teams, teams will be drawn by lot to determine advancement among tied teams.

## VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

**A. Official Rules:** The official rules governing competition in the State series tournaments shall be those included in the IHSA Scholastic Bowl School Terms and Conditions, IHSA Scholastic Bowl Rules Book, and the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Case Manual. These resources can be found at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org); click on Sports & Activities; click on Scholastic Bowl. Local tournament managers are responsible for making

sure the competition is conducted in accordance with these official rules.

**B. Moderator's Authority:** The moderator has the final authority and shall decide all matters arising during the match that are not specifically covered in the current IHSA Scholastic Bowl School Terms and Conditions, IHSA Scholastic Bowl Rules Book, and the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Case Manual.

**C. Local Manager's Authority:** The Local Manager shall be authorized to make all administrative decisions based on the enforcement of the current IHSA Scholastic Bowl School Terms and Conditions, IHSA Scholastic Bowl Rules Book, and the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Case Manual. These resources can be found at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org); click on Sports & Activities; click on Scholastic Bowl; under Resources, click on the appropriate link. Situations not stipulated in any of the IHSA rules are administrative in nature and shall be made by the local manager. The Local Manager's decision is final.

**D. Appeals to the IHSA:** The decisions of match moderators and Local Managers shall be final and cannot be appealed. The IHSA Board of Directors will not review decisions of the contest officials, whether an alleged error is due to faulty judgment, misinterpretations of the rules, or acceptability of the competition questions.

**E. Number of Players:** A team shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) players. A minimum of Four (4) team players must start the match. A coach must designate one of the five participating players as captain. Fewer than four (4) may continue in the day's competition if there are extenuating circumstances.

**F. Regional, Sectional, State Final Rosters:** At each level of competition, the coach or faculty representative must bring a copy of their School's Team Roster indicating which fifteen (15) players will compete in the respective level of competition before his/her team competes in the first round of competition in those tournaments. The fifteen (15) players for each level of competition (Regional, Sectional and State Final) can change if the players are in all aspects eligibility to compete in IHSA activities.

### G. Coaches

1. Each team must be accompanied by at least one faculty member or other adult who has been designated as coach by the principal of the high school.

2. Each school should designate to the moderator before the match begins the name of one (1) adult who will act as head coach. This head coach will be the only person permitted to approach the moderator and be involved in consultations with the moderator without being specifically requested to do so by the moderator.

3. A school using "co-coaches" must designate a single head coach for each match but may change head coaches for different matches in the same tournament.

**H. Team Seating:** The competitors within each team will be seated side-by-side and facing in the same direction. The moderator will be positioned to see the faces, name plates, and responder lights of all competitors, and as close as possible to halfway between the two teams. Coaches and reserve players



should be physically separated from the competitors and may be behind or in front of the teams depending on room constraints. Only coaches, school officials, and substitute players may sit at the coaches' table. If there is many spectators watching a match, the preferred setup is to have the teams positioned in a chevron (V-shape), with moderator at the point of the V, all facing the coaches, reserve players, and spectators.

**I. Dress:** All Scholastic Bowl teams must wear appropriate matching tops for competing in the state series. Matching tops shall be defined as being similar in style, color, and markings.

1. Team competitors and coaches will appear in appropriate attire. Acceptable apparel will include, but not be limited to school uniform, slacks, turtlenecks, sport shirts with collars, sport coats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts (analogous to hats, hoods shall not be worn during competition), sweaters, nice jeans, skirts and dresses. 2. Unacceptable apparel will include, but not be limited to: tank tops, cutoffs, short-shorts, clothing that advertise alcohol, drugs, or explicit material, jeans with holes or patches, hats or non-religious head gear, boxer-type shorts, spandex tights, or pants worn below the hips.

2. Unacceptable apparel will include, but not be limited to tank tops, cut-offs, short-shorts, clothing that advertise alcohol, drugs, or explicit material, jeans with holes or patches, hats or non-religious head gear, boxer-type shorts, spandex tights, or pants worn below the hips.

#### **J. Illegal uniform**

1. When a team cannot begin a match with at least 4 players wearing legal, matching uniform tops, 30 points shall be awarded the opponents. The penalty will be assessed at the beginning of each match of the state series that the team is in violation. The moderator will notify the IHSAA of non-compliance.

2. If it is discovered that a player with an illegal uniform started or entered the match, and at least one toss-up has been read while that player was in the match, the moderator will call a time out. The player must leave the match, and a substitute player with a legal uniform, if available, may enter in his/her place. The player with the illegal uniform may not re-enter the match until he/she has a legal uniform, and the coach has called a time out. If a substitute player with a legal uniform is not available; 30 points shall be awarded the opponents and the player with the illegal uniform may re-enter the match immediately.

#### **K. Nameplates:**

1. Each player in the match must display their name on a legible placard (must be always displayed in front of the player) so that the moderator can read the name on the placard. IHSAA will supply state final nameplates determined by the schools' roster submitted for the State Final program.

2. The name printed on the placard must match the first name of the player on the team roster given to the tournament manager before the tournament began. Diminutive forms of names (i.e., Mary for Maria; John or Jack for Jonathan) are acceptable. Nicknames are unacceptable.

3. Players attempting to enter the game will not be permitted to enter the game until they comply.

#### **L. Forfeit(s):**

1. Time: Each team present at the host site should be at their match location at least five (5) minutes before the match is scheduled to begin. A team that is not present when the round

is scheduled to begin shall forfeit its match. A team arriving at a host site and their match location after the scheduled start time for the match, without calling ahead, shall forfeit all its matches that day. If a team calls ahead to notify the host of the delay, the start time can be moved to accommodate the delay, but never by more than 45 minutes. Note: When entering a forfeit in the IHSAA ScoreZone managers must select the "forfeit" option. In addition, they must enter a score of 1 to 0 to indicate to the computer software which team received the forfeit and the win.

2. School representative: Each team shall be accompanied by at least one faculty member or other adult who has been designated as coach by the principal of the high school. Failure to have such a representative will call for the team to forfeit.

3. Number of players: A minimum of four (4) team players must start the match. Failure to start the match with at least four (4) team players will cause the team to forfeit. However, fewer than four (4) team players may continue in the day's competition if there are extenuating circumstances.

Note: Any team which forfeits a match in pool play, will be excluded for the remainder of that competition and all matches played to that point in that pool play will become void. This will eliminate all points scored for and against for the forfeiting team and the teams they have competed against.

4. To Record a Forfeit: When reporting scores in the IHSAA ScoreZone, forfeits must be recorded as a forfeit. In the appropriate box, click on "Forfeit." In the score box, you must enter a score of 1 to 0 so the computer knows who received the forfeit, and consequently won the match.

#### **M. Question formats:**

1. Match questions will be a combination of toss-up and bonus. Toss-ups are worth ten (10) points each. Bonus questions are three (3) parts worth ten (10) points each and are rebounding. Rebounding refers to the fact that the team to which the bonus is NOT awarded must have the opportunity to answer any part(s) not answered correctly by the team to which the bonus was originally awarded.

2. No true-false or other types of two-option questions will be permitted.

3. Multiple choice toss-up questions will not be permitted. Multiple choice bonus questions will not be permitted except in the case where the setup enumerates a list of potential word-choice answers (in order to limit the range of possible answers) and there is not a one-for-one matching correspondence between the choices and bonus parts.

4. Audio and visual material in questions may be used.

5. If a handout is to be used for a question, a copy of the handout must be provided to each playing member of both teams.

6. Bonus parts will be read, and rebounded, if necessary, one part at a time. As such, succeeding parts of bonus questions (parts 2 and 3) may reveal, or refer to, the answer to previous parts of the same bonus question.

7. The topic of the toss-up should be different from its bonus. Question category in a round should be ordered in a non-predictable, apparently random way but with some balance between halves. The last three (3) toss-up questions and the last three (3) bonus questions in each match may not be from the miscellaneous category.

8. Bonus parts should be related in some way and tied together with a setup that helps focus players' thoughts.



9. For non-computational toss-ups, the preferred style is multi-clue, starting with a more challenging clue and ending with a clue that most teams should reasonably be expected to answer correctly. Question writers and editors should exercise restraint and use their best judgment to limit the number of, and length of, clues so that toss-ups are of a reasonable length.

10. For all bonus questions, the preferred style for each part is straightforward or single clue, with brevity a consideration. This guideline is not intended to stifle creativity, limit necessary information, or require that all bonus parts be easy. Each bonus should be constructed with one easy part, one moderately difficult part, and one difficult part.

11. For computational bonus questions, each part should be answerable by a competent player within 10 seconds. While the bonus parts should be in some way related, having all parts use the same exact formula, pattern, or algorithm is discouraged.

12. Question writers and/or editors are encouraged to consider and research alternative correct answers and/or common, similar, or related incorrect answers and to list them with instructions to the moderator to "accept also", "do not accept", "prompt on" or "anti-prompt".

13. Questions should be pristine to all competing teams - writers may not re-use questions from previously written competition sets or practice sets heard by Illinois teams. Questions reused from tournaments not heard by Illinois teams must not have been released publicly in practice sets and must not have been used in competition prior to the start of that academic year. 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.

14. The vast majority of questions should be academic in nature and relevant to topics typically taught in Illinois High Schools, including Advanced Placement courses, as per the sub-categories listed in VIII-O. Each round should contain questions from a variety of places and eras. No one place or era should dominate any category or the series. While there should be some basic questions and some challenging questions in every round, the general trend and flow of the series should be increasing in difficulty from Regionals to Sectionals to the State Finals.

15. Within the first few words or within the first clue, toss-up questions should uniquely identify what is being asked (by using a pronoun, or a phrase such as "identify the person" or "name the book"). Avoid starting toss-up questions with statements containing superfluous information that will cue a knowledgeable player to buzz in early with an applicable, germane, but incorrect answer. In no case should a toss-up begin by heading in one direction, then change direction and ask a completely different question.

**N. Lockout System:** A ten-position electronic lockout response system will be used for all matches in the State

Scholastic Bowl Series. Lockout systems will be provided by IHSAA for use during the State Final matches.

**O. Tournament Rules, Categories and Sub-categories for Toss-up and Bonus Questions (X/Y =# of Tossups/Number of Bonuses)**

**SCIENCE 4/4**

- A. 1/1 Biology
- B. 1/1 Chemistry
- C. 1/1 Physics
- D. 1/1 Drawn from other sciences such as but not limited to: Astronomy, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Health Science, Archaeology/Paleontology and not requiring II subcategories to be represented equally or at all.

**MATH 4/4**

Drawn from a mix of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, Probability, Statistics, History of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Miscellaneous Math Topics. Subcategories are not required to be represented equally or at all.

**HISTORY 4/4**

- A. 2/2 US History
- B. 1/1 European History
- C. 1/1 World History

**SOCIAL SCIENCES 4/4**

- A. 1/1 Geography
- B. 1/1 Religion
- C. 1/1 Mythology
- D. 1/1 Drawn from a mix of: Current Events, US Government, Comparative Government, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Philosophy, Political Science and not requiring all subcategories to be represented equally or at all.

**LITERATURE 4/4**

- A. 2/2 US Literature
- B. 1/1 British Literature
- C. 1/1 World Literature

**FINE ARTS 3/3**

- A. 1/1 Visual Art, focusing on painting and/or sculpture



B. 1/1 Auditory Art, focusing on classical music and/or opera

C. 1/1 Other Fine Arts. Topics are drawn from the following groups of subcategories. Each group of subcategories will appear in each packet; that is, if the tossup primarily focuses on a topic from group a, the bonus will take its focus from group b, and vice versa.

a. Other Visual Fine Arts: art theory, architecture, photography, film, dance, other visual-based art forms

b. Other Auditory Fine Arts: music theory, jazz, folk music, world music, musical theater, music written to accompany dance, other auditory-based art forms

4. Four (4) different sets of questions will be used at each Class 1A and Class 2A State Final Tournament.

5. Questions used at Regional and Sectional competition are the property of the IHSAA and must be destroyed by the host school immediately following the tournament. Questions should not be returned to the IHSAA office, nor kept by the host school for use in the future.

**R. Moderators' Meeting**

1. Regional and Sectional Managers may allow the moderators to view the questions starting one (1) week prior to the round of competition and to bring their findings to the Moderators' Meeting. Regional and Sectional moderators may communicate with each other for purposes of reviewing the questions as soon as they are able to.

2. Before each round of the State Scholastic Bowl Series, the local manager will arrange for a moderators' meeting to be held at least one hour before the beginning of the first round of play for that tournament (or as soon as possible before the start of the first round if the school day intrudes).

3. No coach should be present at the moderators' meeting. No coach should at any time prior to the conclusion of the competition view the questions in any round(s) in which their team will compete.

4. Moderators should have access to all question sets in use at the tournament, and copies of the IHSAA Scholastic Bowl School and Manager Manual.

5. The moderators should open the sets of questions and examine them for completeness, accuracy, and pronunciation.

6. Moderators may consult printed material to confirm answers and pronunciation.

7. Moderators should review the rules among themselves. Review procedures in conducting the match, consult the Local Manager to confirm room assignments and the procedure for reporting results, obtaining new question sets and to prepare themselves to begin the match.

**S. Tournament Personnel**

1. At each Regional and Sectional tournament, moderator's and scorer's will be appointed by the Local Manager of that tournament. For the State Final tournament, ten (10) moderators and scorer's will be appointed by the IHSAA.

2. The officials for each match in the State Series will include a moderator and a scorer. The adult scorer also serves as an assistant judge to the moderator.

3. The moderator must always be an adult, and it is highly advised that an experienced moderator be used in each match of the State Series.

**T. Coaches' Meeting**

1. At least one coach from each school participating in the tournament should be present at the Coaches' meeting. All moderators and the Local Manager should also be present.

2. Assistant coaches and scorers are also advised to attend if they are able. It is understood that some of these people may need to supervise competition rooms while other adults are attending the Coaches' meeting.

3. The Local manager should review times and locations of facilities and all events for the tournament.

4. The Local Manager may have the most experienced moderator discuss specific rules or may conduct that part of the meeting himself/herself.

**MISCELLANEOUS 1/1**

Drawn from the different categories: Interdisciplinary, Journalism, Sports, Technology, Agriculture, Family Consumer Science, Drivers Education, Industrial Arts, Pop Culture, Consumer Education and not requiring all subcategories to be represented equally or at all.

**P. Breakdown of Questions** at all levels of the IHSAA State Final Series: The forty-eight (48) questions, twenty-four (24) toss-up and twenty-four (24) bonus questions, for each match throughout the state series will consist of the following specific number of questions in each category:

1. Science: Four (4) toss-up and four (4) bonus questions per match.

2. Mathematics: Four (4) toss-up and four (4) bonus questions per match.

3. History: Four (4) toss-up and four (4) bonus questions per match.

4. Social Sciences: Four (4) toss-up and four (4) bonus questions per match.

5. Literature: Four (4) toss-up and four (4) bonus questions per match.

6. Fine Arts: Three (3) toss-up and three (3) bonus questions per match.

7. Miscellaneous: One (1) toss-up and one (1) bonus question per match.

8. There will be no computational toss-ups.

Note: For each level of competition (Regionals, Sectionals, State Finals) there will be a replacement set with and two (2) toss-up and two (2) bonus questions in History, Social Sciences, Science, Mathematics, and Literature; and one (1) toss-up and one (1) bonus question in Fine Arts and Miscellaneous. The replacement questions will appear in two groups: twelve (12) toss-up questions followed by twelve (12) bonus questions. Within each group questions will be ordered in an apparently random way but adjusted to ensure that no two in a row are from the same category.

**Q. Sets of Questions**

1. Class 1A and Class 2A will use the same sets of questions for each round of play in the State Series.

2. Three (3) different sets of questions will be used at each Class 1A and Class 2A Regional Tournament. At some Regional tournaments, it will be necessary to use four (4) different sets of questions.

3. Three (3) different sets of questions will be used at each Class 1A and Class 2A Sectional Tournament.



5. Allow the meeting to end so that coaches and personnel have time to arrive at the competition rooms and begin the initial round on time.

**U. End of Match, Overtime Procedures**

3-G. End of Match

3-G-1. The team that scores the greatest number of points during a match wins the match.

3-G-2. If there is a tie at the end of regulation, overtime will be played.

3-G-2a. Overtime will consist of one or more readings of a toss-up question and a bonus, drawn from the set of replacement questions provided for the tournament at each venue.

3-G-2b. Select the first available (not previously used as a replacement) toss-up, and pair it with the first available (not previously used as a replacement) bonus from a different category.

3-G-2c. If the toss-up question is answered correctly, the winner of the match shall be the team leading after the accompanying bonus question is attempted and completed.

3-G-2d. If there is still a tie after a toss-up question is answered correctly and a bonus is attempted and completed; or the toss-up question is not answered correctly, the moderator will once again randomly select a toss-up question and bonus question and continue.

**V. Technology Use During Competition**

1. Players must have communication/smart devices turned off and stored in inaccessible places (pockets, purses, held by non-players or coaches, etc.) while playing. Any use of technology that appears to be allowing illegal communication to the current players is prohibited and will result in a team's disqualification. This does not include the use of technology, internet-capable or otherwise, for doing research during an appeal.

**IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

**A. Damage to Property or Equipment:** If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

**B. Qualified Coaches:** In accordance with IHSAA By-laws 2.020 and 2.030, all schools are required to have a coach or faculty representative who has been appointed by the high school principal to be present at the tournament site during tournament play. If a school does not have a duly appointed coach or faculty representative present at the tournament site during tournament play, the school's competitors shall not be permitted to participate.

**C. Signs, Banners, Balloons and Mechanical Noisemakers**

1. The display of signs, banners, posters, or similar items at IHSAA state series events is permitted, provided:

a. They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use;

b. They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community;

c. They are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner that interferes with play;

d. They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators; and,

e. They are not safety hazards.

2. All mechanical noisemaking devices, including balloons, shall be excluded from the Scholastic Bowl facilities.

**D. Media Requirements**

1. Providing Space: Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series (newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations).

2. Radio and TV Originators: It is the responsibility of the local manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payment (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play origination's, according to the IHSAA Television and/or IHSAA Radio Broadcast Policy.

a. Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b. Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for any level of competition in this series except the State Final. Local managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition.

c. Television and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of competition in each respective level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSAA Television and Broadcast policies.

3. Administrative Details: Reporting information to the news media and/or the IHSAA Office, as stipulated in instructions to Local Managers, shall be the responsibility of each Local Manager and is required.

4. Sessions at the Sectional and State Final may be videotaped

**E. Video Replay and Television Monitoring**

**Equipment:** Use of video replay or television monitoring equipment other than the official equipment approved by the IHSAA shall not be used to make decisions related to the tournament. Only IHSAA state meet officials, will have the authority to review official video results.

**F. Flash Photography:** Flash photography is not allowed by anyone, except the IHSAA Official photographers from V.I.P. These photographers are contracted by the IHSAA and have been trained in the appropriate uses of flash photography during events.

**G. Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products:**

The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSAA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state





series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

**H. Use of Inhalers:** A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois School Code.

**I. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series Events:**

The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted.

## X. Awards

**A. Regional:** A plaque will be distributed to the winning team. No individual awards.

**B. Sectional:** A plaque will be distributed to the winning team. No individual awards.

**C. State Final:**

1. Individual: Fifteen (15) individual medallions will be presented to the members of the first, second, third, and fourth place teams at the State Final Tournament. Two (2) coaches' medallions will be provided to the coaches of the first, second, third, and fourth place teams at the State Final Tournament. In addition, one medallion for the Superintendent, Principal and Activities Director will be provided for each team finishing 1st - 4th.

2. Team: Trophies will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place teams.

## XI. OFFICIALS

**A. Regional Appointment and Fees:** Local Managers are responsible for hiring the Moderator and Scorer. The host school shall issue payment to each official which will be reimbursed by the IHSA Office upon receipt of the Financial Report Form.

Moderator: \$15.00 per match

Scorer: \$10.00 per match

**B. Sectional Appointment and Fees:** Local Managers are responsible for hiring the Moderator and Scorer. The host school shall issue payment to each official which will be reimbursed by the IHSA Office upon receipt of the Financial Report Form.

Moderator: \$15.00 per match

Scorer: \$10.00 per match

**C. State Final Appointment and Fees:** State Final Officials will be paid and appointed by the IHSA Office.

Moderator: \$100.00 per day.

Scorer: \$10.00 per match worked

**D. Mileage Reimbursement Policy:** The Moderators appointed by the IHSA will be paid mileage. Moderators will receive 30 cents per mile for every mile over 70 miles for each round trip. Mileage is determined to and from the official's home to the State Final site unless prior approval has been given from the administrator in charge.