

Quiz Bowl Rules

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1. A student Quiz Bowl will be conducted during the Society of American Foresters (SAF) National Convention. The goal is to provide a spirited competition between schools and allowing both the participants and the audience to gain a better knowledge of forestry trivia.
2. Each school may only have one team with a maximum of four student members currently enrolled at the school. Teams consisting of less than four members will be allowed to participate. Graduate students from the school may participate as members of the team, but only one graduate student is allowed for each team.
3. Schools who wish to participate must register. Teams may register online at the Society of American Foresters Convention website. Registration must be received two weeks prior to the Quiz Bowl competition date to be considered eligible for competition.
4. Only a limited number of teams will be allowed to compete due to time constraints. If more teams register than time allows for the competition, a testing procedure will be implemented to select the most qualified teams.
5. The National Office will work with SAF working groups to revise and /or create new questions. These questions will be divided into categories such as forest measurements, wood technology, forest fire, etc. A complete list of categories may be found in Rule #15.
6. Questions will be phrased in an open-ended manner. There will not be any true/false or multiple choice questions. Questions will be asked in a way that the answer is clear.
7. The competition will be single elimination. Teams will be arranged in a random order without regard to past performance or type of school, except as noted in Rule #13. The field will be narrowed to two teams, which will compete in the final round.
8. The moderator will announce the category of the question before the question is read. The moderators can be student members of the host student chapter. The National Office and the Host School will work together to locate volunteers to serve as judges.
9. Each team will have an equal chance to answer the question within 10 seconds using an electronic buzzer provided. Teams will need to "buzz in" as instructed when they know the answer to the question asked by the moderator. If neither team signals within the time constraint, the moderator will announce that time has run out and will move on to the next question. The team that signals first will be allowed 20 seconds to answer the question. The team captain must report the answer within the allotted time or the team will lose 5 points. If the team's answer is correct, they will earn 5 points. If the answer is incorrect, the team will lose 5 points, and the second team will be given the chance to answer the question. The second team will have the option to hear the question again, and will be given 5 seconds to signal after the question is read and 10 seconds to answer. If the second team answers correctly, they will gain 5 points; however if they answer incorrectly, they will be penalized 5 points. If the first team should signal in before the question has been completed, the moderator will not complete the question, and the team must answer within 20 seconds. If the team should answer incorrectly, the entire question will be repeated for the second team; they will be given 10 seconds to signal after the question has been read, and 20 seconds to answer. Time will be stopped in the case of a disputed question, and will resume upon the judges resolution of the dispute.

10. Discussion is allowed between team members after they have initially signaled only. Deliberation between team members is not permitted before "buzzing in". No discussion between different teams or their advisors will be allowed. The moderators and judges will help keep background and audience noise to a minimum during each round.

11. Each match will consist of 10 questions. At the end of each match, the team with the most points will be the winner of the match and will move on to the next round. The winner of the final match wins the Student Quiz Bowl Competition.

12. In the event of a tie between teams at the end of a match, the competing teams will then enter a sudden death round. The sudden death round will consist of a single question. The first team to signal within 10 seconds of the question being presented will be given 10 seconds to answer the question. A correct answer will win the match, while a false answer will lose the round. If neither team should report an answer, another question will be submitted until an answer is reported.

13. The hosting school reserves the right to award a "bye" to the winner from the previous year should there be no opponent for a round in the Quiz Bowl. The team receiving the bye would advance to the next round. The hosting school may register a team for the Quiz Bowl. If the hosting school is last year's winning team and if a bye becomes necessary, a random drawing will take place to determine the team who advances to the next round. Except in the case of a bye, all teams will be randomly matched during the first round of competition, as stated in Rule 7. The final format for the competition will be available the day of the competition

14. Note-taking or recording is not allowed. Anyone, contestant or spectator, found recording any Quiz Bowl material by note taking or recording in any form (camera, voice or video) will be asked to leave the proceedings. Contestants in the current round may use pencil and paper for calculations, but those notes must be left with the moderator.

15. The categories for the SAF Student Quiz Bowl are as follows:

- Remote Sensing/
Photogrammetry/ GIS
- Biometrics
- Urban and Community
Forestry
- Forest and Range
Ecology
- Philosophy and History
of Forestry
- Silviculture
- Genetics and Tree
Improvement
- Wildlife and Fish
Ecology
- Land Use, Planning,
and Land Management
- Forest Pathology and
Entomology
- Forest Production and
Utilization
- Fire
- Economics, Policy,
and Law
- Hydrology
- Soils
- Ethics
- International Forestry
- Recreation
- Mixed Bag
- Agroforestry
- Dendrology
- Journal of Forestry /
Forestry Source

Example Questions:

In the category of **Dendrology**:

Q: Plants with a single seed leaf are called this.

A: Monocots

In the category of **Forest and Range Ecology**:

Q: The process in which a body of water becomes rich in dissolved nutrients is called this.

A: Eutrophication

In the category of **Philosophy and History of Forestry**:

Q: This 1960 act mandated that national forests be administered for recreation, range, timber, fish and wildlife, and watershed

A: Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act