

Academically Speaking Rules

General things to remember:

- Teams consist of three to six players, plus one alternate.
- Three participants play at one time.
- Two tables on either side of a podium, three kids at each table.
- All questions are read.
- Pencils and scrap paper are provided.
- Passed questions are not reread.
- Moderators wait three seconds before moving on.

Round 1- buzzers round

+10 correct ANSWERS, -5 incorrect
4 minutes for round or 30 questions--whichever comes first

- Participants will have three seconds to answer the question.
- Teams compete at the same time.
- No discussion among teammates is permitted.
- If a participant buzzes in, they must answer.
- Participants may interrupt the question to answer without penalty. If a player knows the answer, they should interrupt ahead of time.
- If a question is being asked at the end of the four minute period, the question is dropped.
- If the question is completed, or a player is answering the answer is permitted.

Round 2- no buzzers

+20 correct, -20 incorrect, 0 PASSED

- Each team gets 90 seconds to answer 10 questions.
 - Discussion among teammates is permitted.
 - Participants may pass questions. These questions will be asked at the end of the round.
 - Participants may interrupt moderator to answer a question they have passed..."I would like to answer the passed question."
 - Teams earn a 50 point bonus if all questions are answered correctly.
 - After 90 seconds, passed questions become available to the other team.
 - Incorrect questions are not available to other team.
- +20 correct -20 incorrect for stealing passed questions.

****After round 2, COACHES MAY substitute some or ALL PARTICIPANTS.****

Round 3- no buzzers

PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED to double before round begins

+20 correct, -20 incorrect, 0 PASSED

+40 or -40 if points ARE doubled

- Each team gets 90 seconds to answer 10 questions.
 - Discussion among teammates is permitted.
 - Participants may pass questions. These questions will be asked at the end of the round.
 - Participants may interrupt moderator to answer a question they have passed..."I would like to answer the passed question."
 - Teams earn a 50 point bonus if all questions are answered correctly.
 - After 90 seconds, passed and incorrect questions become available to the other team.
- +20 correct -20 incorrect for stealing questions.

Round 4- buzzers round

+20 correct, -20 incorrect
4 minutes for round or 30 questions--whichever comes first

- All players play at one time, similar to round one.
- Discussion among teammates is permitted.
- Participant who buzzes in must answer the question.
- Moderator may be interrupted. If interrupted question is wrong, it will be read in its entirety for the other team.
- Passed questions are not repeated.
- If a team answers incorrectly, a player from the other team may try to answer question immediately.

Good luck to ALL TEAMS!

If you HAVE ANY questions ABOUT the rules, PLEASE CONTACT
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