

Alabama Society of Radiologic Technologists

Student Bowl Guidelines

I. Goals and Objectives

The Alabama Society of Radiologic Technologists encourages student academic competition on a statewide level. Participation in the Student Bowl should help in establishing camaraderie among students from radiologic technology programs around the state and an atmosphere of friendly competition.

II. Program Officials

- A. A moderator shall be selected by the Essay, Exhibit, Bowl Committee (EEBC) Chairperson and approved by the President of the ALSRT. The moderator should not be a resident of the state of Alabama and he/she should be associated with an educational program in radiologic technology. In case of emergency for moderator, someone not on the board of the ALSRT and not affiliated with any school participating in the student bowl may be appointed and approved by the board only.

The program moderator will have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Discuss the rules and buzzer/light system with the competing teams prior to the beginning of competition.
2. Present questions to the competing teams.
3. When called upon, assist the judges in situations where questions are raised by the competing teams regarding appropriateness of a given response.

B. Judges

Judges will be appointed by the EEBC and will function in determining whether or not a response may be accepted as a correct answer. This will occur in instances where there is a discrepancy between the answer provided by a team and the official answer as recorded on the program moderator's question list. In order to qualify as a judge, the individual must be actively involved in radiologic technology education. Whenever possible, an individual selected to judge a given competition should not be affiliated with a school of radiologic technology at the same time his/her program is competing.

C. Scorekeeper

A scorekeeper will be appointed by the EEBC whose duties and responsibilities will be to record points (plus and minus) for answers, thereby maintaining the scores of competing teams. The scorekeeper will also assist the moderator in observing the electrical signaling device in order to determine the first team indicating that it is able to respond to a given question. In addition, if there is a mechanical malfunction of the buzzer/light system, he/she is responsible for interrupting the competition and advising the timekeeper of a "time-out" to check the system.

D. Timekeeper

A timekeeper will be appointed by the EEBC whose duties and responsibilities will be to start the time clock after a competing team has buzzed in and to reset the clock after the answer has been given or time has elapsed with no answer given.

E. Program Chairperson (EEBC Chairperson)

This person will be appointed by the President of the ALSRT and his/her responsibilities will include appointing a moderator, judges, timekeeper, scorekeeper and making all final preparations for the student bowl program. They are also responsible for notifying schools within the state of the competition.

III. Policies of the Student Bowl

A. Team Selection and Team Competition

1. The selection of team members will be determined by individual participating schools.
2. There is a limit of two teams per school.
3. Once a student is designated to a team and the first session of competition begins, they cannot change teams. If competition occurs for more than one session or day, team members cannot be changed between sessions.
4. Each team will be comprised of 4 participating members. Should extenuating circumstances arise, a substitution may be made if done so prior to the start of competition.
5. Team membership will be limited to students in the 1st and 2nd years of the professional phase of the program.
6. All competing students must be currently registered and in good standing in the school they represent
7. To be eligible to participate in the Student Bowl Competition each student must be a member of the ALSRT at time of submitting team application. Participants must also be registered as a student at the ALSRT meeting. Names that are submitted to the EEBC will be verified against the ALSRT membership list and the list of registered meeting students.
8. Submit Student Bowl Team Application by **March 1**.

B. Program Questions

1. Questions should be constructed and worded to represent the expected level of didactic and clinical proficiency that a radiographer should possess at the completion of their program.
2. The questions will be structured in such a way as to require the response to be as short as possible. Questions will not be presented in "true-false" format.
3. Questions should represent the general categories used by the ASRT.
4. Should have answers verifiable from textbooks pertinent to the study of radiography.
5. Any question considered ambiguous by the judges or is answered by the audience will be discarded.
6. Questions should be secured by quiz bowl officials. Under no circumstances shall anyone reveal any competition questions to any member of a quiz bowl team.

C. Program Equipment

1. Special equipment needed for the program will be developed and/or procured by EEBC
2. Each team will be provided with an electrical signaling device for the purpose of indicating that he/she is able to respond to a given question. The equipment will be tested by the participating students prior to each competition.
3. The competing teams will be seated at a table during the competition.
4. Students are asked to speak slowly, clearly and distinctly into the microphones.
5. Each participating school is responsible for supplying a school identification sign for their table. The sign should be made of white poster board measuring 18" wide by 5" high with black lettering preferably measuring 3" high. It should be positioned such that it can be easily read by moderator.

IV. Procedure of the Student Bowl

A. Team Pairings and Pre-Bowl Meeting

A pre-bowl meeting will be held 15 minutes prior to the competition. At this time a representative from each team will meet with the EEBC chairperson to draw team numbers. This number shall determine the order of first round competition. Team #1 will compete against Team #2, Team #3 against Team #4, and so on. In the case of an odd number of team entries, one bye will be given in the first round. Under no circumstances may the order of the competition be changed. Competition rules will also be reviewed at this time.

B. Moderator Address to the Audience

Prior to the competition, the program moderator will make a brief preliminary address to the audience on the following points:

1. The audience will refrain from supplying answers. If this occurs, the question will be discarded and the audience will be warned of possible expulsion.
2. The judges will have the final decision regarding the validity of a question or answer.
3. No member of the audience or competing team is permitted to tape record, video designated record, take notes, or in any other manner record the event.
4. The audience and program faculty of competing teams will stay in the seating area; no chairs are to be moved beyond the designated area.

C. Competition

1. The competition will be a double elimination format. This means that no team will be eliminated until they have lost twice. Each match will consist of twenty (20) questions. Questions will be valued at 1 point a piece except for random 2 point "bonus" questions. The team with the greatest point value at the end of each match will be declared the winner and move on to the next round of competition. The change of teams will be accomplished as quickly as possible.

2. The first answer given is the final and only answer considered. The moderator will not ask for elaboration.
3. An answer may be given by any team member.
4. Once a team has buzzed in, 10 seconds will be allowed for team members to collaborate. If no answer is given within the 10-second period, the timekeeper will call "time". The question will then be restated, and the other teams will be given 10 seconds to respond. No penalty will be assessed for wrong answers.
5. If there is no answer to a given question, the question will be discarded after moderator reads answer.
6. Premature answers are allowed. If the buzzer is pressed before moderator has completed the question, however, the moderator will stop reading the question and an answer will be expected without hearing the entire question.
7. In the case of a tie during any competition, five additional questions will be asked.
8. Team members may appeal to the judges if they feel the answer they have provided for a given question is correct, even though the answer differs from the answer listed on the question list. In such cases, the judges will be allowed two minutes to discuss the appeal and if the judges are unable to resolve the matter, the question will be discarded.
9. The rulings of the judges are final.

D. Team Advancement and Winner Determination

Competition shall continue until only one team remains and is declared the winner by the moderator.

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Student Bowl Team Application

Student Names: _____

(Please Print)

Note: Should extenuating circumstances arise, a substitution may be made if done so prior to the start of competition.

Permission to Post Photo

I/We understand that when participating in the student competition activities during the ALSRT Annual Meeting, the applicants may be photographed for print, video, or electronic imaging to be used in promotional materials, news releases and other published formats for the ALSRT. I/We acknowledge that the images may or may not include names of applicants.

Student Signatures:

Radiologic Technology Program:

Signature of Program Director:

Please submit no later than **March 1st** to:

Essay, Exhibit, and Bowl Committee Chair

C/O ALSRT

P.O. Box 8641

Mobile, Al. 36689

Reminder! All student bowl participants must be members of the ALSRT by March 1st and must be a registered conference participant. Names will be checked against membership and meeting registration lists, and if name is not on those lists, the student will be disqualified from competition.