

# Washington State Knowledge Bowl – March 18, 2017

## A Few Reminders:

Teams are allowed to make substitutions once during each oral round, immediately after the halfway point of that round (after question 25 in a 50-question round). Team captains may not be changed during an oral round. Also, Reader/judges should take the opportunity to double-check and announce current scores at this time.

Attempts should be made to resolve questions and conflicts during the oral round with the reader/judge. However, teams may choose to lodge a Formal Challenge. Any Formal Challenges must be lodged immediately with the reader/judge at the end of the round, and only on questions that the team challenged during the round at that time. That Formal Challenge will be passed on to the appropriate committee who will review the challenge and make a ruling. Teams and Reader/Judges may be contacted if more input is needed. Final decisions will be posted near the scoring area.

The semi and champion rounds will again be run as follows: At each level (4A, 3A, etc.) 9 teams will advance to the semi-finals competing in oral rounds of three teams each. The winner of each semi-final oral round will advance to the Championship Round to compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. The three 2<sup>nd</sup>-placers in the semi-final rounds will compete for 4th, 5th, and 6th while the three 3<sup>rd</sup>-placers will compete for 7th, 8th, and 9th. The top three championship places will get trophies while 4th-9th places will get appropriate plaques. Each 1<sup>st</sup> place championship team will also be awarded 6 medals for their team members.

The process used for breaking ties will be the same as last year.

Every round – written, preliminary, semi-final and championships – will have 50 questions.

We do, of course, expect good sportsmanship from our participants, and that is what we get from nearly all of them all of the time. Thanks in advance to the coaches for continuing to instill your team members with good sportsmanship.

There will be no specific ceremony to hand out trophies and plaques. As each championship oral round is completed in a classroom, the awards will be presented immediately to those teams by the Reader/Judge, and those teams are then free to leave.