

## Geography Bowl Rules

1. This Geography Bowl is limited to regularly enrolled students in the schools in Lassen County.
2. There will be two divisions:
  - Division 1    Grades 4-5
  - Division 2    Grades 6-8
3. Each participating school may enter 2 students per grade level + 1 alternate per grade level.
4. Grades 4-5 will be asked questions focused on the United States of America. Grades 6-8 will be asked questions focused on the entire world.
5. The Geography Emcee shall read the instructions to Contestants and then begin the event.
6. A contestant may request that a question be repeated ONCE only.
7. During the event, each Contestant will be asked
  - Round 1: One multiple choice type oral question
  - Round 2: Three written questions
  - Round 3: Direct answer type oral question
  - Round 4: Three Written Questions
  - Round 5: Direct answer type oral question
  - Round 6: Direct answer type oral question
8. Each Contestant has 20 seconds to answer each oral question. If the Contestant wants a question repeated, he or she should ask the Emcee immediately and the time will be stopped. Once the question has been repeated, the Contestant will be allowed the remainder of the 20 seconds to answer the question.
9. Contestants may not change his or her answer during the 20 second answer time. Backtracking is not permitted once the Contestant has started speaking. An answer that is backtracked will not be considered correct.
10. A Contestant may say or write "Pass" if he or she does not know the answer and wishes to pass before time is up.
11. Contestants will be informed immediately after their answer is given for oral questions whether they have given a correct or incorrect answer.

12. Written questions will be answered in writing by the Contestants simultaneously, with 30 seconds allotted for writing the answer.
13. Written answers will be corrected by the judges and the results made available by the end of the competition.
14. Contestants will not be penalized for inaccurate spellings for written questions so long as it can be determined that an answer is correct.
15. The judges will keep a tally of responses for the four rounds. Each Contestant will receive one point for each correct answer.
16. The highest scorers from each Division will be the winner. The second highest scorers from each Division will be the runner-up winners. The third highest shall be the third place winners. The highest in each grade level not in the top three will be the grade-level winners. There is no set point margin to win.
17. If there are ties in determining the winners, three written Tiebreaker Questions will be given. The Emcee will ask all Contestants involved in the tie the same questions and the Contestants will write their answers on paper provided. The Contestants will have 20 seconds to answer each question. The Contestant will turn in his or her answers to the judges. Judges will correct the answers, ask for clarifications by the Contestants if needed, and inform the Contestants of the winners.
18. The Judges and Geography Emcee will be in charge of the Geography Bowl. Their decision will be final in all questions.
19. ~~Goode's World Atlas~~ *NAT. GEO ATLAS of the World* will serve as the final authority for questions regarding contestant's responses.
20. Contestants will be reminded to walk up to the center of the stage area, speak slowly, and into the microphone.
21. The competition will follow the announced schedule unless otherwise indicated by the Emcee. Students will forfeit their participation in a round of competition if they are more than 10 minutes late.