

COLLEGE BOWL Q&A

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Tips for Selecting Your RCT Traveling Team

Once the Campus Tournament is over, it's time to select your team for the Regional Championship Tournament (RCT). Here are some tips to help your players get the most from the experience.



Exploring different player combinations helps create a more effective team

While some schools send the team that won the Campus Program Tournament, schools that form a team from all-stars have historically done the best. Invite a large group (at least 10-12) to come to practices, and try different player combinations until you find the one that works best.

Schedule practices at least twice a week. But, be mindful of those times when academics must take priority, particularly midterm examination and finals periods. You can burn players out early if you practice too much, especially in the early stage of team formation.

Asking players to write a small number of questions per week (say, five Toss-ups and five Bonuses) really helps players improve. The College Bowl web page has information on what's in a packet, and on question sources, at www.collegebowl.com/games/qdistribution.asp and www.collegebowl.com/games/resources.asp. Question writing templates can be downloaded from www.collegebowl.com/games/writing.asp.

Allow players to read their own questions in practice. This provides the writer with direct, immediate feedback, and the players

an opportunity to hear new voices.

Have the team take the online rules quiz at www.collegebowl.com/pub/rulesquiz/welcome.html. It's been updated to include the latest modifications and interpretations.

Spend some time in practice specifically focusing

on the recognition rules. This is the most preventable mistake that can cost your team points at a crucial time.

You'll receive an email when the online registration goes live in December. Contact College Bowl Company at tfm@collegebowl.com or 1-800-234-2695 ext. 106 if you don't know your password.

That same password also allows you to go to our Sample Games section and get the most recent question sets. The url for that page is www.collegebowl.com/games/samples.asp.

Gotaquestionaboutrulesandprocedures? Post on CBlog, blog.collegebowl.com, or for a private response email tfm@collegebowl.com.

Finally, the Program Kit has sections about coaching your team and preparing for the RCT. You can find those chapters online at www.collegebowl.com/index/programkit.asp.

RCT Info Updates

For the latest information on Regional play schedules, hotel arrangements, fees and more, please click

www.collegebowl.com/regionalinfortp.asp

Information is updated as it's received, so check often.

NCT Host Confirmed

College Bowl Company is pleased to announce that Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, will be the site of the 2008 National Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be held April 25th-27th, 2008.

More information will be posted in the coming months at www.collegebowl.com. There is no tournament fee for the teams that qualify. Information on Macalester can be found at <http://www.macalester.edu>.



Macalester's verdant campus will provide the backdrop for the 2008 Nationals.