

2024 -2025 ESC Academic Competition Policies

- *Each team may have up to 12 members for the 2024-25 league season (only 8 for tournament).*
- *In fairness to all teams, only one coach may sit at the moderator's table for each round.*

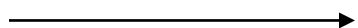
The following policies will be in place for this year's Academic Competition. **Academic Competition Policies may be changed to be in compliance with government mandated or agency restrictions.**

Please be sure to read this carefully:

High School Academic Competitions – 2024-25

We will follow Ohio Academic Competition Rules (posted on our website) with the following exceptions:

- In reference to OAC Rules A3 & A4: **The Alphabet and Final Rounds will consist of 10 questions each (rather than 20).**
- In reference to OAC Rule C1: **Substitutions** may be made **3 times** during each match: **between Life Science and World Literature, between U.S. History and the Alphabet Round, and between the Alphabet Round and the Final Round.** Score checks will be done while substitutions are being made.
- In reference to OAC Rule C5: **Teams are expected to be here at the scheduled start time for their match, and it will be considered a forfeiture if the team is more than 5 minutes late UNLESS the team has notified our office and the reason they are late is due to circumstances BEYOND THEIR CONTROL.** If there are extenuating circumstances and the team is going to be more than 10 minutes late, they may be asked to make up the match on one of the Make-Up dates listed on the schedule.
- In reference to OAC Rule C7: Paper (and/or white boards) will be provided. **Students are NOT to have their own papers or notebooks at the table when competing. No food or drink is permitted at the competition tables.**
- In reference to OAC Rules D8 & D9: **Any challenged answer must be presented to the moderator by the coach immediately (before the match has ended), but the challenge will not be entertained until the end of the match.** After the league director has studied the challenge, a final determination will be made **and that decision will be final.** **If the challenge does not affect the outcome of the match, the challenge will not be entertained.**
- In reference to OAC Rule E2: Audio and videotaping is prohibited **and all cell phones should be turned off during competitions (including players, audience members and coaches).**
- In reference to OAC Rule E4: Teams must **stay at the competition table** if a timeout is taken.
- In reference to OAC Rule J3: For the Alphabet Round, teams will have **3 minutes** to write their answers to **10 Alphabet Round** questions.
- Reminders: **Alphabet and Final Round** Questions will be worth **2 points each.**
OAC Rule C1: **Substitutions may be made at a timeout during the final round (by either team) and after the Lightning Round** if overtime is needed.

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General Information

There will again be two competitions going on at the same time (one in Room C and one in Room D), which makes it very important for everyone to stay on schedule. Teams not playing during any given competition are asked to wait **very quietly in the gym**. Coaches are to **stay with their students at all times** and be aware that there are classes, workshops, and meetings going on in the building.

We have built 3 Make-Up days into the schedule in case there is a **snow day** or **delay** for **any** of the schools scheduled to compete that day; matches will be made up on the next available Make-Up date. Please check our website (www.scoesc.org) and/or listen to the radio for snow delays and/or closings. I will post any cancellations on our website and email coaches as soon as I know about them.

Forfeits will be counted as a loss for the forfeiting team and a win for the opposing team. If a team must forfeit due to an **emergency situation** or circumstances completely beyond its control, the coach should contact Sharee Price and a make-up match may be possible (depending upon the circumstances).

League winners will be determined by the overall win-loss record. **In the event of a tie, the winner of the competition between the two finalists will become the League Champion. If three or more teams are tied and one team has defeated the others, they will be declared the winner.** If this is not the case, we will have a competition on one of the Make-Up days to determine the winner between/among the teams that tied.

Our **County Tournament** will be held **on Thursday, March 6, 2025** at Shawnee State University. Please make students aware of this date early in the season so schedule conflicts can be avoided.

For Academic Competition **ESC County Tournaments**, teams will be limited to **8** players each. This will help prepare students and coaches for the **Regional Tournaments** in which they are limited to **8** players per team. Our tournaments will be **double-elimination**; one winner will be determined for each of two divisions.

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In fairness to all and in order to send the strongest teams from our League to Regional Competition, we will be **seeding teams according to their record**. We may invite “outside” teams to join us for the Tournament. The “outside teams” will be added to the bottom of the lists after all of our league teams have been seeded.

We will still be using the same double-elimination tournament style that we have been using for the past several years. **All teams participating in our League Competitions are expected to take part in the Tournament**; if for some reason this is not possible, the coach should **notify Sharee at least one month in advance** so arrangements can be made to accommodate the change.

The team that wins our LEAGUE championship, the team that wins our Tournament Division I championship, and the team that wins the Tournament Division II championship will advance to Regional Competition. Coaches are responsible for registering their own teams at <https://www.ohioacademiccompetition.com/> Teams that don't automatically advance to Regional competition through our competitions, may want to apply as an “At-Large” team. The Deadline to register for Regionals will be March 21, 2025 and Regional Competition will be held on April 12, 2025 at Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster, Ohio.