

# **Black History Legacy Bowl 2010 | Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

## **MIND & BODY CHALLENGE RULES AND GUIDELINES** **FOR OFFICIALS & COACHES**

### **Responsibilities of the Reader/Judge:**

Be familiar with the Mind and Body Challenge Rules and Guidelines for Competition for the Oral Rounds.

Be sure to designate either yourself (Reader/Judge) or the Timer as the Official Scorekeeper. *See below for responsibilities.*

**START ON TIME** -- We are running this meet on a tight time schedule.

Please announce that the Team Name Card should be placed directly in front of the Team Captain.

Make sure the questions you are reading are for the correct oral round.

Get the teams' attention before you begin reading questions. You may wish to ask if there are any questions about rules or procedures.

Remind teams to withhold their responses until they are called upon to answer by the timer.

Speak clearly, loudly, and carefully.

Begin by reading the warm-up questions provided to make sure that the Timer is familiar with the equipment, and that it is working properly.

**IMMEDIATELY** stop reading the question when a team buzzes in. (The Timer is to immediately recognize that team, who will then attempt their response.)

Parentheses around part of an answer indicate something that may be optional or additional information and is not required. Alternate answers will be marked as "Also Accept."

Acceptable answers are provided for each question. The Reader/Judge is not to use such comments as "Give more information" or "Be more specific." Incomplete answers are to be considered incorrect.

After a correct answer is given, the reader judge must announce to the scorekeeper which team (A, B, C, D, or E) has answered correctly.



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Only the team captain may address the Reader/Judge for clarification or a challenge. Other team members, coaches, etc. are not to be recognized.

If a question is challenged during the oral round, and the challenge seems reasonable, go to an alternate question. Be decisive, be firm, and be fair. You will make the final decision on all disputes. Do not allow discussion at that point in the round to disrupt or delay the round. Remind a Team Captain who still is questioning a decision that a Formal Challenge can be issued after the round is completed.

The Reader/Judge is to monitor the behavior of the teams and audience members (e.g. excessive talking, talking by non-participants, etc.).

At the end of an oral round, a Team Captain may wish to issue a Formal Challenge. The challenge may be in regards to the answer provided for a given question, a ruling made by the Reader/Judge, and so on.

- If so, the Reader/Judge should use the sheet provided.
- The form will have spaces for both the Team Captain and the Reader/Judge to explain what happened.
- This Official Challenge form is to be returned to the scoring area along with the scoresheet for that round.

#### **Responsibilities of the Timer:**

The Reader/Judge will appoint either the Reader/Judge or the Timer as the Official Scorekeeper (see responsibilities below).

Be familiar with the Mind and Body Challenge Rules and Guidelines for Competition for the Oral Rounds. Make sure the equipment has been set up correctly, and is in working condition.

The read-out on the timing device must be visible to the contestants. If the equipment is the type with a read-out on two sides, then the Timer may sit next to the Reader/Judge. If the read-out is on only one side, the Timer may need to sit on the same side as the contestants, being careful to not block their view. It may be possible to set the one-sided read-out equipment up so that the Timer and Reader/Judge may sit next to each. Just be sure that the Timer and the contestants can all see the read-out clearly.

Teams are designated by A, B, C, D or E on the timing devices as well as on the tables.

When a team buzzes in, announce immediately and distinctly which team (A, B, C, D or E) has buzzed in.

Announce when time is up at the end of each 5 or 15-second response interval.



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**Responsibilities of the Official Scorekeeper:**

Appoint someone in the room to keep an unofficial tally of the team scores in a place that is visible to the contestants (such as on the facility white board).

The school or team name must appear on the score sheet (as well as A, B, C, D and E).

Team captains must initial the score sheet at the conclusion of each oral round.

At the end of each oral round, an official Runner for each team is to take the score sheet to the Scoring Location. If you are unable to find the Runner after your round is finished, please personally bring the score sheet to the Scoring Location as soon as possible.

**Responsibilities of the Question Preview Team:**

Be familiar with the Mind and Body Challenge Rules and Guidelines for Competition for the Oral Rounds.

Make sure as much as possible that the questions are readable, and correctly and accurately written and answered. Pronunciations are to be provided to assist the reader, math questions and full name questions are to be so marked, and alternate acceptable answers are to be provided.

**Responsibilities of the Challenge Resolution Team:**

Be familiar with the Mind and Body Challenge Rules and Guidelines for Competition for the Oral Rounds.

The purpose of the Challenge Resolution Team is to decide whether a given challenge issued by a team is legitimate, and if so to decide how to correct the situation. Be fair and decisive.

The Challenge Resolution Team is not to discuss the challenge in a public format. Communication with the team issuing the challenge should be done through the Team Captain.

**Coaches' Responsibilities:**

Be familiar with the Mind and Body Challenge Rules and Guidelines for Competition for the Oral Rounds. Designate the Team Captain for each oral round. Please remind your team(s) to move quickly from room to room. We are operating on a tight time schedule.

Remind your team members to treat the Reader/Judges, Timers, and the facilities with respect. Encourage good sportsmanship. If your Team Captain issues a Formal Challenge at the end of an oral round, please make sure that the Team Captain is the one to communicate with the Reader/Judge involved, and with the representative of the Challenge Resolution Team.

Regardless of how your team finishes, you and your team members (and parents, visitors, etc.) are encouraged to attend the awards presentation ceremony at the conclusion of the meet.



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