



# Denver Knowledge Bowl League

## League Bylaws

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### Section 1 - League Membership

- A. Any high school in the Denver Metropolitan area, which includes Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties, as well as Boulder County, may join the Denver Knowledge Bowl League (hereafter referred to as DKBL).
- B. Schools located outside the six county region may petition to join DKBL.
  - a. Approval to join is subject to a simple majority vote of current DKBL member coaches.
  - b. DKBL Members located more than an hour outside the Denver Metro Area will sometimes be referred to as "Non-Metro Members" throughout these bylaws.
- C. Schools in their first year of DKBL membership have special provisions regarding their participation. Such schools are referred to as "First Year Members" later in these bylaws.
- D. Current members, as of 10/2017, are:
  - a. Boulder
  - b. Colorado Early Colleges Aurora (First Year Member)
  - c. Denver Academy (First Year Member)
  - d. Denver East (First Year Member)
  - e. DSST Stapleton (First Year Member)
  - f. Fairview
  - g. Horizon
  - h. Kent Denver (First Year Member)
  - i. Lakewood
  - j. Jefferson Academy (First Year Member)
  - k. Stargate
  - l. Summit (Non-Metro Member)
  - m. Westminster
- E. Members must have a faculty coach or coaches. Each school is expected to have a coach participate in any tournament that their school attends. In an emergency, a coach may designate another adult as coach as their temporary substitute coach but this must not be a regular occurrence.

### Section 2 - Teams

- A. Each member school may bring one or more teams to each tournament, except for the Regional tournament where schools are limited to bringing one team each.
- B. Teams may be designated either Varsity (any grade) or Junior Varsity (only 9th and/or 10th graders).
- C. Teams will consist of up to six members.

- D. Team members must remain the same for the entire tournament. If a student leaves early they may not be replaced.

## Section 3 - Tournament Hosting and Participation

- A. Each member is expected to host one tournament during the competition year (September - February).
  - a. Non-Metro members and First Year members are exempt from hosting a tournament.
  - b. Tournament dates will be tentatively set at a coaches meeting and confirmed with school administration as soon as possible.
- B. Members hosting a tournament are responsible for:
  - a. Ordering, paying for, and copying pristine questions from [Academic Hallmarks](#).
  - b. Holding the pristine questions secure until after the Regional tournament at which point they will share the questions with DKBL members for use in practice.
  - c. Providing adequate facilities that include competitions rooms (one for each set of three teams), adequate waiting space for between rounds, (typically a larger classroom, cafeteria, library, or other suitable space), and a room for coaches and readers.
  - d. Providing light refreshments.
  - e. Providing volunteer readers when possible. Readers must be adults and be trained prior to the tournament.
- C. DKBL coaches are expected to read during oral rounds if there are insufficient volunteer readers provided by the host school. First Year Member coaches may be exempted from this requirement if enough other readers are available.
- D. Schools are expected to bring a working buzzer set to the tournament. Schools that bring more than three teams they may be required to bring an additional buzzer set. If there are enough buzzer sets this requirement may be waived, especially for First Year Members.
- E. Tournament hosts may invite schools from outside DKBL to attend their tournament.
  - a. The host must confirm with Academic Hallmarks that the pristine question set ordered will work with the invited teams.
  - b. Hosts may set entry fees for non-league teams as they see fit. (The going rate for attending tournaments outside of the Denver area seems to be \$35 for the first team and a lesser amount for additional teams, but those tournaments almost always provide readers as well as trophies for winning teams.)
- F. If a member is unable to host a tournament in a particular year, they will instead pay a league participation fee of \$100 to the League Director (i.e. Regional Director) before they participate in the Regional tournament.
  - a. Collected fees will be distributed, after the Regional has been held, as follows:
    - i. Each school that hosted a tournament will get a share.
    - ii. Any school that hosted an additional DKBL tournament, including the Regional Tournament, will receive an additional share.
  - b. First Year Members and Non-Metro Members are exempt from hosting or paying a participation fee in order to help offset the costs of purchasing equipment their first year or extensive travel expenses.

- G. The Regional Tournament is a special case tournament and will be governed by the [COLORADO REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE BOWL EVENT GUIDELINES](#).

## Section 4 - Tournament Structure

- A. Tournaments will be held on Saturdays.
- B. The Written Round will start at 8:30 am. Subsequent rounds will begin as soon as previous rounds are completed and the scores have been updated and posted.
- C. Rounds will be structured as follows:
  - a. Written Round – comprised of 60 questions and timed for 45 minutes.
  - b. Oral Round 1 – comprised of 50 questions
  - c. Oral Round 2 – comprised of 50 questions
  - d. Oral Round 3 – comprised of 50 questions
  - e. Oral Round 4 – comprised of 50 questions
- D. All teams will compete in all rounds. Competition will occur simultaneously in all rooms.
- E. Cumulative scores will serve as means of seeding rooms. After the written round, the three highest scoring teams will be placed in the top room, the next three highest in the second room, and so on.
- F. Ties that must be broken for seeding purposes will be resolved as follows:
  - a. In case of a tied cumulative score, go back to the most recent round (including the round that just occurred) where the two teams were not tied in score for that particular round. The team with the highest score goes to the higher room.
  - b. If the teams are tied in every round, the tournament director (i.e. hosting coach) will resolve the issue with a coin toss. The team that “wins” the coin toss goes to the lower room.

## Section 5 - Written Round

The Written Round follow the rules as set out in the [COLORADO KNOWLEDGE BOWL RULES AND EVENT GUIDELINES](#), with the exception of the following:

- A. Teams shall have 45 minutes to complete the Written Round.

## Section 6 - Oral Rounds

The Oral Rounds follow the rules as set out in the [COLORADO KNOWLEDGE BOWL RULES AND EVENT GUIDELINES](#), with the exception of the following:

- A. The roles of Reader and Timer are often combined and carried out by one person.

## Section 7 - League Officers

- A. A member coach shall serve as League Director. Primary duties include, but are not limited to, coordinating the Region 6 (Denver) Regional Tournament with Colorado Knowledge Bowl organization.
- B. A member coach shall serve as League Webmaster. Primary duties include, but are not limited to, maintaining a website for public consumption.
- C. Positions may be filled by different coaches or by the same coach.

- D. Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions should express interest at the Regional tournament. If there are multiple coaches interested in a position, a vote will be taken.
  - a. All current coaches that are present are entitled to a vote, with a maximum of one vote per school.
  - b. Positions will be determined by a simple majority vote and shall go into effect at the beginning of the next school year.

## **Section 8 - League Bylaws**

- A. These bylaws will be proposed and voted upon before being adopted.
  - a. A period of at least one week shall be given for coaches to review and propose suggestions via email to all member coaches.
  - b. All current member coaches are entitled to a vote, with a maximum vote of one vote per school.
  - c. These initial bylaws will be passed by a simple majority vote at a time and place set by the Regional Director. Vote shall be either via email or at a tournament.
- B. Bylaws will be reviewed annually.
  - a. Member coaches shall review the bylaws prior to the Regional tournament and any proposals to change shall be presented via email to all member coaches at least one week prior to the Regional tournament.
  - b. A vote will be taken at the Regional tournament on each proposal. All current member coaches that have attended a tournament are entitled to a vote, with a maximum vote of one vote per school. Proposals will pass with a two-thirds vote of coaches present.
  - c. Any changes shall go into effect at the beginning of the next school year.