

# Stages of AlgoBOWL

1. **Input Upload:** All teams design an input and upload to the AlgoBOWL website. The input format will automatically be verified by the website software.

**Due:** Tuesday, October 2nd at 6PM (teams without a valid input uploaded at this time will be removed from the competition)

2. **Output Upload:** Inputs from each team become available for every team to download. Each team downloads the inputs from all other teams and produces an output for each input. The output must be uploaded to the AlgoBOWL website by the due date.

## Note

No automatic verification is preformed. It is very important that you submit outputs which meet the specification; see the next stage for how verification is preformed.

**Starts:** Immediately after the end of the **Input Upload** stage.

**Due:** Wednesday, October 3rd at 6PM (teams without all outputs uploaded at this time will score poorly in the competition)

3. **Output Verification:** Each team downloads the outputs that all the other teams produced for their input. They use their verification software to mark the output as valid or invalid.

**Starts:** Immediately after the end of the **Output Upload** stage.

**Due:** Thursday, October 4th at 6PM (teams without all outputs accepted or rejected at this time will score poorly in the competition)

## What happens if my output is rejected?

If the verifying team rejects your output, you will be sent an email with two options, which must be completed within 24 hours:

- You can **upload a new output**. Dr. Mehta and his TA team will verify the new output. This will come at the cost of one penalty point. If you submit a new output which is rejected, the rejection will be permanent and you will get no chance to reupload.
- You can **protest the verification**. Dr. Mehta and his TA team will verify your original output manually. If your output was correct, your output will be marked as accepted without penalty, and the verifying team will receive a reduction on the verification portion of their grade. If your output was incorrect, the rejection will be permanent and you will have no chance to reupload.

4. **Open Verification:** At this time, all outputs for *all inputs* will become available. Teams which question the accuracy of the verification of other teams may wish to download outputs. If they discover inaccuracies, they may submit a protest and the team which did not verify correctly will have the verification portion of their grade reduced.

**Starts:** 24 hours after the end of the **Output Verification** stage.

**Due:** Saturday, October 6th at 6PM (end of competition)

5. **Group Evaluation:** Each individual submits the effort contribution for each of their group members. This is used in the determination of the grade for the project.

**Starts:** Immediately after the end of the **Output Verification** stage.

**Due:** Saturday, October 6th at 6PM (end of competition)

## Diagram of the Stages

