

Important Rules to be Read by the Moderator at the Tennessee Science Bowl

Please read the following before EACH match!

Before we get started, I would like the coaches of both teams to come forward. Please introduce yourselves, shake hands, and sit together in the back row.

Please let me remind you of several important rules we will be carefully observing during this match.

1. On toss-up questions, you **MUST** be **verbally** recognized by the Moderator before replying. If you respond before being **verbally** recognized, your team is automatically disqualified from answering the question. The question will then be offered as a toss-up question to the opposing team.

In this match, I will identify you by saying either "Team A" or "Team B" and either "Participant 1," "Participant 2," "Participant 3," or "Captain."

2. On toss-up questions, there can be no conferring among team members **ON EITHER TEAM** at **ANY** time. If conferring occurs on the team that was initially recognized to answer the question, that team is disqualified from answering the question and the question is offered to the opposing team. If conferring occurs or has occurred on the opposing team, it too is disqualified from answering the question.
3. **Challenges must be made before the moderator begins the next question.** All challenges must come from the team members who are actively competing. The alternate may not object.
4. On bonus questions, you have 20 seconds **AFTER** I finish reading the question to begin your answer to the question. If you fail to begin your answer before the Timekeeper says "TIME," you have missed your bonus question. You will hear the Timekeeper say "5 SECONDS," when you have only 5 seconds left to begin your answer.
5. Finally, on the bonus question, only the team captain's answer will be accepted.