

PROCEDURE and RULES

FOR THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ETHICS BOWL

at

St. Petersburg College
Epi Center
3805 58th St. N. Largo, Florida

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011

Sponsored by:



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SCHEDULE

(All rooms listed will be in EPI Center, unless otherwise noted.)

7:00-8:15 a.m.	Team registration	Lobby
7:30-8:15 a.m.	Continental breakfast for teams and coaches	TBA
7:30 -8:15 a.m.	Breakfast meeting for judges and moderators	TBA
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Plenary session	TBA
9:00-10:30 a.m.	Round #1	Rooms assigned
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m.- 12:00 p.m..	Round #2	Rooms assigned
12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Break	
12:15-1:30 p.m.	Round #3	Rooms assigned
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Final Calculations and Posting of Semifinalists	Registration Area
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Participant lunch	TBA
	Judges, moderators & coaches lunch	TBA
2:15-3:30 p.m.	Semifinals	Rooms assigned
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:45-5:00 p.m.	Finals and Trophy presentation	TBA

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The Eighth Annual Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the St. Petersburg College Epi Center located at 3805 58th St. N. Largo, Florida. It is being sponsored by St. Petersburg College, University of South Florida, and Eckerd College. At the plenary, to be held at 8:30 a.m. in Main Meeting Room, a review of the rules and procedures and distribution of room assignments for the morning rounds will occur; room assignments will be made through a random impartial process.

Each team will participate in 3 matches in the morning, competing with a different team in each match. Semi-finals are concurrent and will begin at 2:15 p.m.; finals will take place in Main Meeting Room at 3:45 p.m. There will be souvenirs for all participants and awards for the winners right after the final round at 4:45 p.m. The final competition will be video taped. Participating teams will be provided a copy for future use. **ALL 15 CASES WILL BE USED.**

Rules for School Eligibility

A school may send no more than two teams to a regional bowl. There is no longer a distinction between linked and unlinked teams. A school may earn at most one bid to nationals in a given year. Teams at nationals must be composed entirely of eligible students (see the Rules for Student Eligibility), but need not be composed of students who participated in the regional competition in which the bid was earned.

THERE CAN ONLY BE TWO TEAMS FROM AN ACCREDITED ACADEMIC INSTITUTION, A FIRST TEAM, WHICH IS GUARANTEED A PLACE, AND A SECOND TEAM, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT COMPETE.

When registration closes on October 21st, we will know how many teams have registered. If there are 24 teams, then no one gets a second team. If there are openings, we can determine how many second teams we will have. We will then randomly select from the Schools that have indicated they want a second team. We will notify the Schools that they have a second team, and at that time they will be required to pay the Registration fee for the second team. From our point of view, every School that wants a second team will have an equal chance to get one.

Rule for Student Eligibility

Members of a school's team must have been undergraduates at the time of the regional competition in which the school qualified for the national competition.

Rules for participating in multiple regional bowls:

A SCHOOL MAY TAKE PART IN MORE THAN ONCE REGIONAL BOWL. HOWEVER, THE SCHOOL MUST NOTIFY THE IEB EXECUTIVE BOARD PRIOR TO ANY OF THE BOWLS WHICH ON IT WILL USE AS A QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL BOWL.

Rules on Conflicts of Interest

a) It is unacceptable for case writers to serve as coaches.

- b) It is unacceptable for coaches to serve as judges at a competition in which their institution is competing.
- c) It is unacceptable for current undergraduates to serve as judges at a competition in which their institution is competing.

Each of these is a hard rule as opposed to a best practice. By calling this a hard rule, this means if a judge drops out or does not show up, the Round is canceled rather than breaking one of these rules. If a Round must be canceled, then a make-up Round will take place between the morning Rounds and the semi-finals in which the teams that would have competed, but couldn't due to a lack of judges, have their scheduled match.

The Match

The Moderator is in charge of the room and has the authority to interpret and enforce the rules. All participants should keep in mind that the Ethics Bowl is about ethics, and that there is the expectation of civility and respect. If any team or team member violates this expectation, the judges should deduct points, and the behaviors should be reported to the officials. When the teams are introduced, the coach must identify themselves and raise their hands. They must then sit away from their team. Coaches are not permitted to signal their team in any possible manner – whispering, using sign language, or any other means of communication during the Round

There are no limits to the resources that may be used in researching the questions prior to the competition. Students are encouraged to consult all resources, including professors to understand the full breadth of the cases, determine their positions, and make the strongest possible presentation. During competition books and notes will not be allowed. Paper will be provided in the room. The teams will be given a copy of the case and the question to which they must respond. Teams should wait to use the scratch paper until the case has been announced. Students are permitted to pass notes to one another at any point. At the halfway point in a match teams will be instructed by the moderator to clear notes taken during the first half of the match from the table, and placed out of sight of all participants.

- 1) Each round will begin with a coin toss. The team that wins the coin toss may elect to present first (to be the team designated as Team A) or to have the other team present first (and thus to be the team designated as Team B).
- 2) Copies of the first case and question will be distributed to the competitors and to the judges. Neither the judges nor the team members will have advance knowledge of which case will be presented or which question will be asked.
- 3) The moderators will then read the question. Scratch paper will also be provided for the competitors to make notes during the round, but outside notes are prohibited.
- 4) Team A will then have up to two minutes to confer, after which Team A may speak for up to **10 MINUTES** in response to the moderator's question, based on the team's research and critical analysis. This is known as the presentation period. **MORE THAN ONE TEAM MEMBER CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESPONSE, but only one team member may speak at a time. The team has the option of requesting two time notifications from the moderator.**
- 5) Judges will then score Team A on a scale of 1 to 40 using the criteria on the score sheet.
- 6) Next Team B will have up to one minute to confer, after which Team B may speak for up to 5 minutes in response to Team A's presentation and to the moderator's question. This is known as the commentary period. More than one team member may respond to the commentary, but only one team member may speak at a time. The team has the option of requesting two time notifications from the moderator.

- 7) Judges will then score Team B on a scale of 1 to 10 using the criteria on the score sheet.
- 8) Team A will then have up to one minute to confer, followed by 5 minutes to respond to Team B's challenge. This is known as the response period. Any number of team members may contribute to the response.
- 9) The judges will then begin their 10 minute question and answer session with Team A. Before asking questions, the judges may confer briefly (no more than 30 seconds).
- 10) At this time, more than one team member may respond to a given judge's question. Team members are not expected to confer for longer than 20 to 30 seconds after a question has been asked.
- 11) Each judge should have time for one question and one follow-up. Judges may ask more questions if time permits. Judges may confer briefly before asking questions (no more than 30 seconds). More than one team member may respond to any judge's questions.
- 12) If, at any time during a match, a Coach feels that there is a severe problem that can affect the outcome, the Coach should notify the Moderator, who will stop the match until an Official can determine the most fair resolution of the problem.
- 13) Each judge will then give Team A a score on a scale of 1 to 10 based on the criteria on the score sheet.
The judges are not permitted to discuss their scoring decisions with each other; each judge is to rely on his or her own private judgment.
- 14) After the judges have made their scoring decisions, the moderator will give a second case and question to the same two teams. The Judges will not report their scores to the Teams at this point. The Moderator will ask for the Scores at the end of the Round when both Teams have presented.
- 15) The competition will proceed as above, with the Team B presenting in the second half, Team A offering commentary, Team B responding, and then Team B participating in the judge's question and answer session.
- 16) At the end of the round, the judges will announce the scores for both the Team A and for Team B. at the direction of the Moderator. Thus, in each round, each team will have the opportunity to present one case and to respond to the other team's presentation of another case, for a total of 60 points possible.

The winner of the round will be the team with the greater number of total points. A tie will not count as a win or a loss for either team. Moderators will validate scores with the teams and judges, fill out the official Moderator's Score Sheet, and require the two coaches to sign it signifying they agree with the recorded scores. The Moderator will then give all the score sheets to a room Monitor who will take the score sheets to the competition coordinator for tallying with scores from the other rounds.

If at any time during the Round a Coach determines that a problem that can affect the outcome has arisen, the Coach can ask the Moderator for an Official determination. At that time the Moderator will stop the competition and send a Room Monitor to the Official's Room to get an Official. The Official will come to the room and rule on the problem. The Official's ruling is final.

After the morning Rounds, Teams will be ranked based on a) the number of wins, followed by b) the number of ties, followed by c) point differential. Thus, all teams with three wins will rank ahead of all teams with two wins. All teams with two wins will rank ahead of all teams with one win. Within rankings, a team with more ties ranks above a team with fewer ties. Finally, for teams with the same number of wins and ties, a team with a higher point differential would rank above a team with a lower point differential.

Point differentials: Point differentials are the margin of victory or loss. A point differential for each match is determined by taking the team's total points and subtracting the other team's total. Note that point differentials will be negative in the case of a loss. At the end of the morning competition the point differential for a team is simply the sum of the point differentials for that team in each of its three morning matches.

If a tie still remains, then the teams will advance based on point totals for all three rounds (out of 120 possible). In the event that even further delineation is necessary, the team whose lowest score for any of the three morning rounds is higher than the other team's lowest score for any of the three morning rounds will advance. If the teams are still tied, the team with the higher scores based solely on its own presentations (not commentary to the other team) will advance. **Lastly, the team with the highest number of judges picking them as the winner will be declared the winner.**

Also, please note that in the unlikely event that a team is unable to attend the competition, certain alternative procedures may be adopted to allow everyone to participate. This may mean dropping or adding a second team, if possible, to reach an even number. If that is not possible, then we may resort to including the adoption of a "placebo team," usually consisting of students or recent graduates with some prior knowledge of the cases. In such a case, teams pitted against the placebo team may be scored but will not receive a win or loss, and for the purposes of advancement to the finals will be assessed assuming neither a win nor loss (thus, similar to a tie), but special weight added to their performance against actual teams. If you have any questions concerning this process, please inquire.

Semi-final and final rounds will be scored the same way as the morning rounds. Each of these will be a single elimination competition in which the team with the higher score will be declared the winner. **In the event of a tie, the tie breaking procedures for the morning rounds will apply.**

If there is a tie in the finals then both teams will be declared co-winners.

Please note that we need to adhere strictly to the schedule to accomplish the day's agenda in a timely fashion. **JoAnne Hopkins as Head Official, will be the final arbiter of any disputes.**

And remember that the competition is all about having fun and exchanging ideas.