

Sputum Bowl Rules and Reference List

- Each team to consist of at least three RT's (plus one alternate)
- An individual may be on only one team
- The moderator has the power and option to accept or reject an answer without asking for a judge's ruling
- Judges may rule on the response to any question when so desired by the moderator and indicate whether they accept or reject a team's answer. All decisions are final.
- The competition consists of first round preliminaries. A preliminary game:
 - a. consists of two teams of up to three members each competing at a time
 - b. is ten minutes in length
 - c. The team scoring the most points at the end of ten minutes is the winner of that game.
- A final round of games will consist of:
 - a. Two teams in the competition
 - b. Fifteen minutes in length
 - c. The team scoring the most points at the end of fifteen minutes is the winner of that game.
- The moderator will signal the beginning of each game.
- The timekeeper will time the length of play and announce the end of play.
- The moderator will ask the pre-selected questions, indicate the team that as responded first and await the answer. He/she will judge the first answer given as to its correctness and, if correct, indicate so to the scorekeeper.
- Each team, after responding to a question, shall have ten seconds to begin an answer. Failure to either begin to answer within ten seconds or to answer correctly will give the opposing team an opportunity to answer correctly within ten seconds after a full re-reading of the question. Team members have the liberty to confer during this time period.

- If team A responds to a question before the moderator has read the complete question and does not answer correctly, the moderator will re-read the complete question for the opposing team.
- If neither team responds to a question within ten seconds after the moderator has completed its reading, the question will be set aside and questioning will continue.
- Each correct answer to a question will have a value of one point.
- During the final two minutes of preliminary games and the final three minutes of finals contests, one point shall be deducted for each incorrect or incomplete primary response to a question. Teams responding to a question missed by the opposing team will not be subject to this penalty. This penalty phase begins with the first question started by the moderator after the moderator's announcement that the game is in penalty phase.
- If, due to moderator error, a question must be thrown out after Team A has already missed it and before Team B has had a chance at the question, the very next question will be read to Team B which shall have ten seconds to respond within the rules. Any points lost by Team A on the first question (penalty phase) shall stand and Team B shall earn points on the next question based on their correctness. The moderator at all other times shall have the freedom to select questions in the order he/she sees fit and to throw out questions at any time he/she deems necessary.
- Tie games at the end of regulation play will be resolved by a sudden death playoff. The first team to score three points shall be declared the winner.
- Any question begun prior to the end of regulation play shall be completed in accordance with the above rules if either team has responded prior to the end of play.

Each team member must submit 15 questions, one question for each of the following fifteen categories:

Acute Care
Airway Management
Anatomy and Physiology
Cardiopulmonary Rehab/Home Care
Chemistry/Physics
Diagnostics
Gas Therapy
History
Humidity/Aerosol
Management
Mechanical Ventilation
Microbiology
Neonatal/Pediatrics
Pathology
Pharmacology

The list of references was updated in 2009. The acceptable reference list follows.

APPENDIX A

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