Middle School Quiz Bowl

Event Rules

All members participating in this event must meet the eligibility requirements and adhere to the rules of the Kentucky FFA Association as outlined in the Kentucky FFA Middle School General Rules.

Each chapter is eligible to enter one team. A team may consist of three or four members.

Official Dress Appropriate: Yes

State Event: Monday prior to State FFA Convention

Pre-registration is required by May 1.

Resources

Questions for both the written contest and the team tournament will reflect FFA history, FFA operation, and current agriculture facts. The following resources will be used to develop questions:

National FFA Website- www.ffa.org

- Student Handbook and FFA Manual
- Historical Timeline
- Events and Conferences
- Competitive Events
- National FFA Officer Names and Leading Staff (Advisor, Executive Secretary, Treasurer)

Kentucky FFA Website- www.kyffa.org

- FFA Facts and History
- CDEs and LDEs
- State Officer and State Staff Names

Kentucky Food and Farm Website- https://www.kyfoodandfarm.info/ky-ag-facts

- General agriculture facts on main page
- Commodity facts (individual commodities- Beef, Poultry, etc.)

Students do NOT need to know the following information: contest deadlines, numbers that change (FFA membership, etc.), top counties for each commodity.



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Written Examination

Participants will take a 50 question multiple choice examination.

Answers will be recorded on the answer sheet provided.

The time limit for the written examination is 45 minutes.

A plaque will be given to the participant with the high individual score on the written examination.

Team Tournament

The top three scores from each team member on the written examination will be combined to produce a team score. Team scores will be used in seeding teams for the team tournament.

The team tournament will be a single elimination, 25 question round of oral questions. Electronic buzzers will be provided.

Correct answers are worth 10 points. The penalty for incorrect answers is 5 points.

Team members signal their intent to answer questions with buzzers. The first contestant to sound the buzzer must answer the question. When the buzzer sounds, the reader immediately stops reading the question. The participant then has 10 seconds to answer. Failure to do so results in a 5 point penalty.

When an answer is incorrect, the opposing team has the opportunity to hear the entire question again. Team members are allowed to confer and answer within 10 seconds. If the answer is correct, the team will gain 10 points. An incorrect answer will result in a 5 point penalty. The team may choose to 'pass' without answering and not receive a penalty.

In the event of a tie, toss-up questions will be asked until one team wins.

The score will be kept by two people. The scores will be announced after the 10th and 20th questions.

Multiple choice or true/false questions are not allowed during the oral rounds.

Contestants will need to provide both first and last names for answers that require the name of a person.

The contest ex-officio will be available to make decisions/judgment calls if needed.

A plaque will be given to the winning team in the Team Tournament.

