



WOOD SCIENCE BOWL RULES

The Wood Science (Trivia) Bowl is intended to provide students with an opportunity to participate in friendly “wood science trivia” competition that will promote camaraderie within and between schools.

There will be a Wood Science Bowl sign up at the registration desk. Each school will initially be allowed one team with a maximum of three student members. Students attending from schools unable to field a full team should sign up indicating they are looking to join a team. If space is available, schools can field multiple teams.

Teams will compete in head-to-head competition to answer wood trivia questions. Questions will be multiple choice, true/false, or open answer, and each question will be from one of 12 categories.

Teams will be allowed to “buzz in” **AFTER** the question **category and type** (M/C, T/F, or OPEN) have been completely read; however interrupting during the question is allowed. (Not advised for multiple choice questions as answer choices will be read after the question)



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A participant who buzzes in must first be verbally recognized by the moderator or judge, then promptly provide the answer! This means no consultation with team members will be allowed **AFTER** a team member has “buzzed in.” If “stalling” occurs (~3 seconds) the question will be considered incorrect, and the other team(s) will have an opportunity to answer. If the team is not recognized prior to answering (blurting), it will be considered incorrect, and the other team(s) will have the opportunity to answer.

After a question has been fully read, teammates will be allowed to consult for 15 seconds to think of the answer, or until another team “buzzes in”. If no team buzzes in within this time period, the question will be void, the moderator will read a new question.

A correct answer will result in a point for that team, and the next question will be read. Incorrect answers to multiple choice and open answer questions will forfeit the team who “buzzed in” from continuing to guess on that particular question, and leave the question “OPEN” to the other remaining team(s). The question will be re-read and the previous buzzer/time rules will apply to the team(s) still allowed to answer that question. For incorrect true/false questions, the team that incorrectly answers will lose one point and the moderator will move on to the next question.



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Open answer questions do have a specific “target” answer; however, an official scientific judge will be able to answer any disputed questions. Only one of the answer choices read by the moderator will be accepted for multiple choice questions.

If the moderator inadvertently gives the answer to a toss-up question without giving either team a chance to respond, no points are awarded; play goes on to the next toss-up question.

If the moderator inadvertently gives the answer to a toss-up question before allowing the second team to respond (after an incorrect answer, or an answer given without the team member having been recognized) the next toss-up question will be read to the second team in place of the answered question.

Rounds will be timed; however there will be a maximum number of question at the end of a round the team with the most points will be the winner, and allowed to advance in the competition.

If there is a tie between competing teams in a round, a single tie-breaker question will be read with the same rules as above.



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If round time expires during the reading of a question, that question will be allowed to count with the same rules as above IF the moderator has completely read the question category and type.

Round time limits, number of rounds, and number of teams competing per round will be determined after the final number of teams is determined.

The winning team from the final round will be declared the winner of the Student Wood Science Bowl Competition and team member will each be awarded first place cash prizes. The second place team will be awarded second place cash prizes.

Only the judge and moderator will have access to the database of questions. Prior to the beginning of the competition, the database of questions will be randomized, and the moderator will read questions in order.



WOOD SCIENCE BOWL CATEGORIES

Wood Anatomy

Bark Structure

Wood Chemistry

FPS trivia

Biodeterioration & Preservation

Wood Physics

Wood Adhesives & Adhesion

Wood Mechanics

Wood for Energy

Processing Technology

Wood Utilization

Tree Growth & Wood Formation