



Greetings,

The mandate for Arkansas Friends of Quiz Bowl is simple. We exist to support and promote this competition in our state. As such, we intend to host our annual invitational tournament, the proceeds of which support scholarships for graduating seniors.

However, the unique circumstances of this year will require different accommodations from years past. For starters, we will be conducting the tournament virtually rather than hosting dozens of teams and hundreds of players all in the same physical location at one time. We have found an online buzzing system that we believe will provide a fair and responsive way for teams to compete and will combine that with a video conferencing platform to create what we hope will be an engaging and rewarding competition.

These measures will require some degree of understanding, however. We as a board ask for your patience as we work to adopt and implement these changes. There are bound to be delays and technical glitches along the way. For the best experience, we encourage teams to safely gather locally in a single location, such as their school, a local church or educational coop to ensure a reliable internet connection. We will be doing everything in our power to ensure game hosting and moderation are likewise provided without interruption. Nevertheless, there will be factors that may arise that will be beyond our control. We beg your patience if this happens. Rest assured, we want the most fair and equitable experience for all involved.

To that end, we are also working to revise game and rule structure in ways that may not conform to published AGQBA requirements. We are doing this to make allowances for online play. Please understand that, when you sign up for our tournament, you as coaches will be agreeing that both you and your players will abide by these rules.

Having already lost a year of state championship competition, we believe it to be in the best interests of quiz bowl to encourage competition by adapting and moving forward. We want players to grow and learn in ways that only quiz bowl can provide. We ask for your cooperation as we take steps to ensure that competition can continue.

Thank you,

Arkansas Friends of Quiz Bowl