

Introduction to Quizbowl

Quizbowl is a competitive academic activity in which teams of students answer questions on history, literature, science, and other subjects. Most matches use a buzzer system that allows students to indicate that they know an answer by pushing a button that causes the buzzer system to lock out everybody else. Quizbowl matches consist of two types of questions, tossups and bonuses. The tossups are read out loud, and the first team to buzz in gets the first chance to answer. Bonus questions are read to the team that answers the tossup, and the team is allowed to confer to agree upon an answer.

A summary of the rules can be found at <https://www.naqt.com/downloads/brief-rules.pdf>.

There are many quizbowl questions available for free at the Question Archive at <https://ms.quizbowlpackets.com/>.

Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence (PACE) has created a free set of questions that is appropriate for middle school or high school students who have never played before in order to introduce new people and schools to quizbowl. The first round of questions is available using <https://quizbowlpackets.com/>, but we are only making the additional questions available to schools that request them. If you would like the remainder of the questions (at no charge!), request them by replying to this message or e-mailing Outreach@pace-nsc.org. If you have any questions or other requests, we are happy to work with you.

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.

If you found this introductory question set to be valuable, or if you would like to donate to PACE to support projects like this that promote the growth of quiz bowl, we have a donation page and will gladly accept donations. PACE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, so donations are tax deductible. <http://www.pace-nsc.org/donate-to-pace/>