

# Collegiate Ag Quiz Bowl

Sponsored by the Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers and & Ranchers Committee

## RULES

### Competition Structure:

1. Two to four persons can compete per team with 1 alternate available for a team of four. A collegiate chapter may enter two teams but must fill a four-person team first.
2. The tournament will have a maximum of 16 teams. In the case that more than 16 teams enter, each chapter will be allowed their "team 1" entry and the remaining spots will be filled by a random drawing of "team 2" entries.
3. Teams must be entered through the online entry form by December 11, 2024.
4. Teams will be placed in pools and compete in a round robin style tournament where each team will compete against every team in their pool. The team with the most wins of the pool will advance to the championship series. In the case of a tie, the team that won the head-to-head match will advance.
5. The championship series will be a single elimination tournament, with the winning teams advancing to the final round. If an odd number of pools exists, pools with fewer teams will compete for elimination before facing the larger pool winner. If all pools are the same size, a drawing will occur to determine which pools will participate in the semi-final round.
6. Participants must be a member of an established collegiate chapter.
7. The KFB Young Farmers and Ranchers State Committee members and employees of Kansas Farm Bureau are ineligible to participate.
8. Each competition room will have the following volunteers:
  - a. Moderator – runs the competition, reads the questions and answers, acknowledges participants when they buzz in
  - b. Timekeeper – manages the buzzer system, keeps track of time
  - c. Scorekeeper – posts score updates, reports results after each round, relays information between rooms, as needed
  - d. Judges – two individuals with access to the questions and answers who will make rulings about the accuracy of given answers, as needed

### Questions:

1. Participants will be given the opportunity to test their buzzers before each round.
2. No paper and writing utensils will be allowed.
3. Questions will cover the following subjects:
  - a. Agricultural Economics – 2 questions
  - b. Agricultural Mechanics – 2 questions
  - c. Agricultural Safety – 2 questions
  - d. Animal Science – 4 questions
  - e. Current Ag Events – 2 questions
  - f. Farm Bureau – 4 questions
  - g. Natural Resources – 2 questions
  - h. Plant Science – 2 questions
4. All questions will be open-ended and worth 10 points.
5. Each round will feature 20 questions, making the maximum total points per round 200 (or 210, in the event of a tie).
6. Moderators will have access to extra questions in the event of a tie or the need to throw out a regular question. Scorekeepers will share any extra questions used in their room with others between rounds and those questions will be stricken from availability for all rooms for the remainder of the competition.

### Round Flow:

1. Any participant of either team is eligible to answer any question.
2. If the moderator is interrupted, the reading of the question will cease as soon as the buzzer sounds.
3. Teams may confer until a member of their team has buzzed in.
4. When a participant is ready to answer, they must buzz in and wait to be recognized by the moderator.
5. Once recognized, the person who buzzed in must answer immediately without the assistance of any teammates.
6. If the participant answers correctly, his/her team will be awarded 10 points and the moderator will move on to the next question.
7. If the participant answers incorrectly, the other team will have 10 seconds to buzz in to "steal" the question.
8. The stealing team may request the question to be repeated once.
9. If requested, the moderator can re-read the question to the competitors once.
  - a. If the request is made, the timekeeper should **pause** the stopwatch until the moderator has repeated the question in its entirety. After the question has been read again, the timekeeper should **resume** the stopwatch. Outside of a question being read and repeated, competitors will have a sum of **10 seconds** to formulate a response.
10. Teams will not be penalized for incorrect answers.
11. If neither team buzzes in within 10 seconds or answers the question correctly, the moderator will read the correct answer and move on to the next question. No points will be awarded or taken away.
12. If the moderator is unsure of a given answer's accuracy, s/he will defer to the judges. Judges have three options:
  - a. Correct
  - b. Incorrect
  - c. Please be more specific – in which case the participant who gave the original answer may give a more detailed answer, but may not alter their original answer.
13. Judges' decisions are final.
14. The KFB Young Farmers and Ranchers State Committee members serve as rules committee. They will make decisions for any disputes that arise.