

# Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association

## Nomination instructions for All-Sectional/All-State 2011–2012

It is expected that all coaches will abide by the honor system in submitting this information. Please, do not make errors, which could disqualify your player. Read these instructions carefully, and contact Matt Laird at [mlaird@loy.org](mailto:mlaird@loy.org) with any questions.

You must fill out a separate application for each player you nominate. No more than three players from any one school may be nominated.

**GENERAL:** Include statistics for all Scholastic Bowl or quizbowl competitions, except the following: solo tournaments (e.g. New Trier Scobol Solo), subject-specific events (e.g. National History Bee and Bowl), frosh/soph tournaments, novice tournaments, and junior varsity tournaments. Failure to abide by these restrictions will result in the disqualification of this player from consideration. You may, however, mention such tournaments in your letter of recommendation and in Field 13.

**FIELD 8:** Give the number of matches that this player has played, which may be a fraction; for example, if a player played only for the first half of a game, that counts as 0.5 games. A player must have appeared in the equivalent of at least six full matches by the time of the seeding meeting to be considered for All-Sectional, and in fifteen full matches to be considered for All-State.

**FIELD 9:** Give the number of tossups which the player has heard this year playing in varsity-level events.

**FIELD 10:** Give the number of toss-ups which the player correctly answered.

**FIELD 11:** This line assists voters in comparing candidates who have had the opportunity to answer different numbers of questions.

**FIELD 12:** This line provides a comparison for teams with multiple candidates.

**FIELD 13:** This field may include the otherwise-proscribed tournaments.

**FIELD 14:** These do *not* have to be the five highest scoring matches of the year for the player. Rather, they should be the matches that show the player in the best light. For example, five tossups against a perennial state qualifier may look better than seven against a team with a perennial losing record.

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** Write a letter supporting the candidacy of the player. Special emphasis should be given to details that are not readily apparent from the rest of the form.

Coaches are encouraged to discuss the player's impact on the program and team, as well as issues of leadership, and past seasons' performance, and other Scholastic Bowl honors accrued. Coaches are strongly encouraged to discuss what this player has done to improve himself/herself, his/her team, and the quizbowl community as a whole. Any special mitigating circumstances can also be discussed.

While coaches may discuss ancillaries such as other activities, GPA, and ACT scores, coaches are strongly advised against making these the basis of the letter.

This letter need not be on school letterhead. It must be signed by the writer, and it *must* be photocopied on the back of the nomination form.

Distribute copies of the form and letter to all coaches at your IHSA Sectional seeding meeting.