

Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl
Coaches Association
Ethical Standards for Players

The players are the sole purpose for the existence of Scholastic Bowl competitions. These competitions are both an opportunity to learn and an opportunity to demonstrate learning. Players must be keenly aware that they are representing not only themselves, but also their coaches, their teammates, and their schools.

- A. Players are to play honestly and according to the rules at all times. Players have a responsibility to know the rules under which they compete, to follow them, and to insist that their teammates follow them.
- B. Players are to treat the opposing players, coaches, and all tournament staff with respect. Players (and coaches) need to be aware at all times that actions and words uttered with no intent to show disrespect sometimes may be interpreted as disrespectful by others.
- C. Players are expected to use a calm and respectful tone when addressing moderators. Players should not address members of the other team during the match.
- D. Players have an obligation to immediately inform their coach and/or the moderator in the event that they have heard a set of competition questions previously (in an earlier round that day, at another competition and/or at practice).
- E. Players have an obligation to respect the question authors' wishes and tournament hosts' instructions regarding question security, due to possible use of the same question sets at a later time, such as a mirror event. If so directed, they should not discuss the questions and/or answers with other players who did not hear them, be it in person or in a forum such as an online message board/social networking site, until the designated release date.
- F. Players are expected to treat equipment (especially the lockout systems) with care and respect. This includes, among other things, not slamming buzzers down, not twisting the cords, and not drawing on or otherwise defacing the equipment.
- G. Players should not touch anything in the classrooms that is not germane to the competition, including personal effects left on or under desks, and should not open cabinets, use the computers, draw on desks, or draw on black/white boards except for keeping score.
- H. Students should follow the dress code as stated for each event, as well as comply with any other general requests by the host, such as "no hats inside the school", or "no food and drinks in certain areas".