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IHSA By-Law 5.430

effective July 1, 2000

5.341 Scholastic Bowl Season Limitation

a. No School belonging to this Association shall organize its Scholastic Bowl teams, practice, or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 8 or later than Sunday of Week 38. [August 21, 2000 to March 18, 2001]

5.342 Scholastic Bowl Contest Limitation

a. No School belonging to this Association shall participate on more than eighteen (18) dates of interscholastic contests, exclusive of the IHSA series.

b. No individual shall compete on more than eighteen (18) dates of interscholastic contests, exclusive of the IHSA series.

Team IL 4th of 47 Teams at the Panasonic Academic Challenge

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Back: David Werner (Lake Zurich '01), Gary Leuty (Salem '01), Coach Rob Grierson, Coach Debbie Martin, and Stephen Walker (Loyola '01). **Front:** Bradley Houston (Stevenson '00), Stephen Moore (Decatur MacArthur '01), and Yogesh Raut (IMSA '01).

5th Annual Kickoff Tournament

At Four Sites ... November 18th

Turnabout Tournaments Return

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Beta Tournaments Debut

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Sources For Questions and Sources For Lockout Systems are included in the Coach's Handbook and can be found on our web site:

www.ihssbca.org

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Message From The Chair

by David Riley, IHSSBCA Chairman

This summer saw a number of Illinois firsts in Scholastic Bowl. Team Illinois, our all-star team, placed fourth at the Panasonic Academic Championship in Orlando. Streater High School placed ninth in the National Academic Championship in Washington, DC. Several other schools from Illinois, including Rockford Auburn, Loyola Academy, and Salem, made the play-offs of that tournament.

It is thus disconcerting that the new season limitation rule that became effective in July prohibits a team from an Illinois school from participating in a national tournament for the coming year.

With all due respect to the authors of the season limitation, I believe that the limitation was based upon incomplete information. Many schools from across the state have successfully participated in national tournaments for a number of years and have done quite well. We have no objection to a season limitation *per se* as we have a long season as it is. But the passing of this amendment – without any preliminary discussion by the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee – not only eliminates national tournament participation but other academic activities such as televised competitions that have run for 25 years or more in some parts of the state.

Additionally, because of the season limitation, the 2001 Illinois Masonic Bowl has been scheduled for the two weekends prior to the IHSA State Series. Now, for the first time ever, you must set aside two of your 18 dates if you choose to enter the Masonic Bowl. Moreover, the Masonic Bowl is scheduled for dates which have traditionally been used for League Tournaments. Add to that, there are Scholastic Bowl teams in Illinois that are not allowed to start their season until after basketball season is over – leaving them no time for any ‘season’ at all!

I believe the authors of the season limitation rule wanted only to limit the season’s length. Had the Advisory Committee discussed it, however, members of that committee could have foreseen the above problems before the amendment was sent to the Legislative Commission and the Principals for approval.

For this year, what’s done is done. But I would encourage all coaches to sound out their Principals as to the feasibility of a proposal that would allow Illinois participation in national tournaments and local television coverage. An exemption for the Masonic Bowl, which has provided over \$250,000 in support for Scholastic Bowl since 1982, would also be appropriate.

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What Counts Towards the 18?

by David Reinstein, New Trier HS, Winnetka

Because there are so many different academic competitions with so many different rules, there may be some confusion as to whether or not certain competitions count as one of the eighteen dates that teams are allowed to compete on during a season. I have contacted Anthony Holman, the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Director in order to clarify this issue. He has responded to my letter, attended a Coaches’ Association meeting, and reviewed this article in order to help us.

In general, Scholastic Bowl team competitions count even if there are rules modifications. This includes Ultima, NAQT events such as the Northwestern Wildcat, and the Beta Tournaments. In general, any date when your team competes in its conference, an invitational, Masonic Bowl, or similar competition counts toward your eighteen dates. If you play several matches on one date, that only counts as one date. The Masonic Bowl counts as two dates if you advance to State.

There are many academic competitions, however, which do not count. Individual events such as Ultimate Scholar and Team Illinois tryouts do not count. The same is true for academic contests that are substantially different from Scholastic Bowl, such as Math Team, Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon, JETS, and many others. Science Bowl, which consists only of science toss-ups, does not count. The UIContest, because it involves competing with people who are not students at your school (the students’ parents), does not count. Student/faculty matches, because they are not interscholastic, do not count. The IHSA tournament itself does not count.

Outside of the season, your players could practice for and compete in televised or national tournaments. However, official school teams cannot compete outside of the season, so a team would have to be unaffiliated with your school and cannot use your school name. (For example, the Winnetka Trevians could compete, but the New Trier Scholastic Bowl Team could not.)

Frosh/Soph Tournaments are another issue. Frosh/Soph teams are also limited to eighteen dates, but some or all of these dates can be different than your varsity team’s eighteen dates. For example, there could be ten dates when both of your teams compete, eight dates when only your varsity team competes, and eight dates when only your Frosh/Soph team competes. However, individual students are also limited to eighteen dates, so you could not have one of your team members compete in more than eighteen dates by switching between teams.

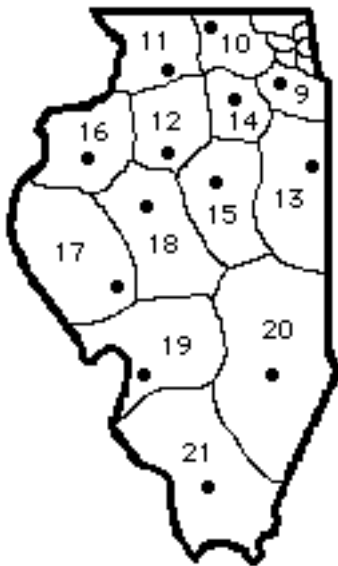
There are always going to be some gray areas. For example, some of the Latin teachers in our area have arranged Latin competitions very similar to our Scholastic Bowl competitions. Because the content is so different from Scholastic Bowl, which does not allow foreign language questions, these competitions do not count as Scholastic Bowl dates as long as none of the Scholastic Bowl coaches are involved. If you are uncertain about a particular competition your team is involved in, you should contact Anthony Holman at the IHSA before you compete.

District Meeting Sites and Dates

The IHSSBCA is sponsoring District Meetings in October and November. Invitations will be mailed by each host to all the coaches (IHSSBCA members and non-members) in their District. This year, the IHSA is urging all coaches are urged to attend. **RSVP to the host of the meeting you plan to attend.** You may attend a meeting different from the one to which you are invited. **Some meetings may be cancelled if there is not enough response, so please RSVP sooner rather than later.**

District meetings are a once-a-year opportunity for coaches to meet face-to-face to discuss Scholastic Bowl issues. The host will have handouts and agenda items to cover, but a primary purpose of the meeting is to introduce new coaches to those who have "done it before". Bring your calendars, your questions, your ideas, and your suggestions.

If you have questions of a general nature, you may contact David Riley, IHSSBCA Chair, via E-mail <driley@loy.org> or telephone (847-920-2546). See your own Athletic Director or Principal for driving directions to the host school.



Districts 1, 2, and 3 (City of Chicago)

Host: Robert Schrempf
School: Von Steuben HS (Social Rm 1st Flr)
Address: 5039 N Kimball St, Chicago
Phone: 773-534-5100
E-mail: rschrempf@kiwi.dep.anl.gov
Date: Wed, Oct 11th **Time:** 4:00 pm

District 4 (Northern Suburbs of Chicago)

Host: David Riley
School: Loyola Academy (Marillac Rm 250)
Address: 1100 N Laramie Ave, Wilmette
Phone: 847-920-2546
E-mail: driley@loy.org
Date: Wed, Oct 19th **Time:** 7:00 pm

District 5 (Western Suburbs of Chicago)

Host: Janet Arregui
School: Lake Park HS (W Campus Rm 265)
Address: 500 W Bryn Mawr Avem Roselle
Phone: 630-295-5362
Date: Wed, Oct 18 **Time:** 4:00 pm

District 6 (Northwest Suburbs of Chicago)

Host #1: Kevin Palmer
School: William Fremd HS (Rm 209)
Address: 1000 S Quentin Rd
Phone: 847-755-2826 or 2825
E-mail: kcp1963@yahoo.com
Date: Thu, Oct 26th **Time:** 4:30 pm

Host #2: Bud Lachel

School: Cary-Grove HS (Rm D-19)
Address: 1st & Three Oaks Rd, Cary
Phone: 847-639-3825
Date: Wed, Nov 1st **Time:** 7:00 pm

Coaches in District 6 will receive invitations from both hosts. Choose either site and RSVP.

District 7 (Southwest Suburbs of Chicago)

Host: David Boersma
School: Evergreen Park HS
Address: 9901 S Kedzie Ave, Evergreen Park
Phone: 708-424-7400
E-mail: pboersma@juno.com
Date: TBA **Time:** TBA

District 8 (South Suburbs of Chicago)

Tentative Host: Mark Cohen
School: Lincoln-Way Community HS
Address: 1801 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox
Phone: 815-485-7655
E-mail: fzxtchr@hotmail.com
Date: TBA **Time:** TBA

District 9 (Joliet/Kankakee Area)

Hosts: Phyllis Kidd & Susan Martin
School: Wheaton North (Gold Conf Room)
Address: 701 W Thomas Rd, Wheaton
Phone: 630-682-2253 or 630-682-2146
E-mail: Phyllis – pkiddup@avenew.com
E-mail: Susan – sluzmartin@aol.com
Date: Wed, Oct 25th **Time:** 4:00 pm

District 10 (Rockford Area)

Host: Linda Greene
School: Rockford Auburn HS (Fac Lounge)
Address: 5110 Auburn St, Rockford
Phone: 815-966-3300 x832
E-mail: ljgalina@aol.com
Date: Tue, Oct 17 **Time:** 4:30 pm

District 11 (Freeport/Sterling Area)

Host: Cheryl Christianson
School: Sterling HS (Library)
Address: 1608 4th Ave, Sterling
Phone: 815-625-6800
E-mail: cchristi@essex1.com
Date: Wed, Oct 18 **Time:** 7:00 pm

District 12 (Peoria Area)

Host: John Rathbun, Jack Roseman
John is hosting, using Jack's Classroom
School: Peoria HS (Rm 710 Science Wing)
Address: 1615 N North St, Peoria
Phone: 309-745-8375 (John's Home)
E-mail: genrebun@aol.com (John)
Date: Wed, Oct 19th **Time:** 4:00 pm

District 13 (Champaign Area)

Host: David Bibb
School: Hoopeston Area HS
Address: 615 E Orange St, Hoopeston
Phone: 217-283-6661
E-mail: dlbibb@hoopeston.k12.il.us
Date: Tue, Oct 10th **Time:** 6:30 pm

District 14 (Streator Area)

Host: Dan Mercer
School: LaSalle-Peru HS, LsSalle
Address: 541 Chartres St
Phone: 815-223-1721
E-mail: dmercer@lphs.net
Date: TBA **Time:** TBA

District 15 (Decatur/Bloomington-Normal)

Host: Debbie Voorhees
School: Bloomington HS (Rm 40)
Address: 1202 E Locust St, Bloomington
Phone: 309-828-5201 x279
E-mail: voorheesd@district87.org
Date: Mon, Oct 16th **Time:** 7:00 pm

District 16 (Galesburg Area)

Host: Suellyn Rieckelman
School: Macomb HS (Room S-8/101)
Address: 1525 S Johnson Rd, Macomb
Phone: 309-837-2331
E-mail: suellyn.riekelman@schools.macomb.com
Date: Mon, Oct 16th **Time:** 6:30 pm

District 17 (Quincy Area)

Host: Jim Fenton, Kathy Knetzer
School: Carlinville HS (Room 171)
Address: 829 W Main St, Carlinville
Phone: 217-854-9823 (at the admin office)
Date: Thu, Oct 19th **Time:** 6:30 pm

District 18 (Springfield Area)

Hosts: Debbie Martin, Cathy Groesch
Cathy is the coach at Springfield Southeast
School: PORTA HS, Petersburg (Library)
Address: Rural Route 2, Petersburg
Phone: 217-632-3216
E-mail: dmartin@roe38.k12.il.us
Date: Mon, Oct 16th **Time:** 7:00 pm

District 19 (Breese/Centralia Area)

Hosts: Sister John Baricevic
School: Cathedral Grade School (Fac Rm)
Address: 200 S Second St, Belleville
School Phone: 618-233-6414 (days)
Home Phone: 618-233-3580 (evenings)
E-mail: jbaricev@accessus.net
Date: Wed, Oct 18th **Time:** 7:00 pm

District 20 (Fairfield Area)

Host: Linda Monge
School: Fairfield Community HS
Address: 300 W King St, Fairfield
Phone: 618-842-2756
E-mail: lmonge@fchs.wayne.k12.il.us
Date: Tue Oct 24th **Time:** 7:00 pm

District 21 (Carbondale Area)

Host: Brenda Berg
School: Carbondale HS (Learning Center)
Address: 200 N Springer St, Carbondale
Phone: 618-457-3371
Date: Wed, Oct 25th **Time:** 6:30 pm

Special thanks to those Regional Representatives who made the calls, sent the E-mails, and arranged these meetings. David Riley also helped a great deal, filling the empty spots as our publication deadline drew near.

The IHSA is urging all coaches to attend their District Meeting. Watch the mail; you will receive an invitation from the host in your area.

New Case Interpretations

by Tom Egan, Maine South HS, Park Ridge

A new year brings a new revision of the IHSA's official book of rule interpretations. I would like to thank all of the coaches that corresponded with me over the last year. Not every interpretation or suggestion was accepted, although all were considered. Here is an unofficial preview of some of the new interpretations. The official versions will be distributed by the IHSA this fall in the Scholastic Bowl Case Manual.

• Can a player use written material during a match?

Sort of. A player either starting a match or entering as a replacement must enter the match with blank paper (not including bonus grids, which are acceptable). Once player introductions for both teams are complete, players may begin writing anything they want, though the moderator is cautioned to provide no unnecessary delay in starting the match. Written material must be removed when a player is removed from the game.

• What exactly is an answer?

Since time immemorial, the answer was "the first thing out of the player's mouth". Unfortunately, that has led to numerous problems when later parts of the answer are obviously correct. The general idea now is that the moderator must consider the whole answer, and must also consider when the answer begins. Words like "Uh" are not to be considered part of an answer. If a player rings in and says "oops, I forgot ... Lincoln!" (where Lincoln is the correct answer), this answer is obviously correct, even though the first words were, "oops I forgot". Moderators now have greater discretion in interpreting the answer.

• When is a uniform considered "inappropriate"?

Last year, the job of determining the "appropriateness" of a player's uniform was left to the discretion of the Tournament Director. A coach pointed out that what was appropriate to one person may not be so to others. A list of standard criteria for Tournament Directors has been provided to make this decision less subjective.

• Who can ask for a bonus part to be repeated?

Starting this year, only the captain can ask. Other players will be ignored by the moderator. Continued pestering may lead to a warning for illegal talking.

• What's the deal with "A" and "B" teams?

Starting this year, if a school sends two teams to play in the same tournament, they *must* designate one team as an "A" team, and make that their better team. The "B" team must clearly be the second best team. Coaches may call their teams after team colors, but at the coaches' meeting, the determination of "A" and "B" must be made public for purposes of seeding later – only your "A" team's record counts at the IHSA Seed Meeting. Matches against "B" teams count, but must be so noted.

Tom Egan is in his second year as editor of the IHSA Case Manual for Rules Interpretation. He encourages critique, comments and suggestions at <eganphysics@aol.com>.

Turnabout Tournaments Return

by David Reinstein, New Trier HS, Winnetka

In January, the IHSSBCA will run the second annual series of Turnabout Tournaments. These tournaments, which attracted over eighty teams last year, give teams a chance to compete without worrying about facing Illinois' superpowers. The vast majority of Scholastic Bowl teams are invited, but teams that have won tournaments or repeatedly come close in the past year are not invited. These tournaments are a good experience for newer teams, frustrated teams, and teams that just want to have a fun day answering questions and meeting other schobowlers.

The four tournaments will take place at a site in the Greater Chicago Area (TBA), and Effingham, on January 13, and at Moline and Springfield Southeast on January 20. Teams can only compete at one Turnabout per year. If you are not one of the teams listed below, you will receive an invitation in October.

The teams listed below are the teams that will not be invited. We will probably add names to this list once we have results from the first few tournaments of the upcoming season. If you are one of those teams listed or would like to compete against them, we wish you luck at the more than twenty-five other tournaments around Illinois this year. If your team is not on the list, please consider joining us. If you have any questions, please contact me at 847-784-6616 or <reinsted@nttc.org>.

The forty-eight teams already on the uninvited list are: Bloomington, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Byron, Carbondale, Cary Grove, Danville, Decatur MacArthur, Decatur St. Teresa, Dunlap, Effingham St. Anthony, Eureka, Evanston, Fairfield, Farmington, Fenwick, Fremd, Herrin, IMSA, LaHarpe, Lake Zurich, Latin School of Chicago, Libertyville, Lincoln-Way, Loyola, Macomb, Maine East, Maine West, Marist, Moline, Naperville Central, New Trier, Normal Community, Normal University, Paris, Peoria Notre Dame, Quincy Senior, Rockford Auburn, Rockford Boylan, Sacred Heart Griffin, St. Bede, St. Ignatius, Salem, Springfield Southeast, Sterling, Stevenson, Stillman Valley, Streator, and Wheaton North.

All State Scholastic Bowl Team

This year, for the first time, the IHSSBCA will make All-State Scholastic Bowl Team selections. This is different from, and separate from, the IHSA All-State Academic Team.

Nomination forms were sent to all coaches in the state in August, in the mailing for membership renewal. You can download a copy from our web site, <www.ihssbca.org>.

Forms must be postmarked by January 1st and received by January 10th in order to be considered. The nomination form is a required first step in the selection process. Additional steps will include submission of scores, recommendations, and an essay.

The All-State nomination form should also be used to nominate players for Team Illinois, the team that competes in Florida at the Panasonic Academic Challenge in June.

All-State players will be formally recognized on stage at the Scholastic Bowl Finals Awards Ceremony in Peoria in March.

Quizzing Around The USA

How they do it in other states



Vermont by Kevin Commo

For most of its existence, the Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl has been a small, centralized but disorganized, second-tier extra-curricular activity in which most schools would play only one or two games before the end of their season.

Though still tiny compared to large states like Illinois (36 schools competed last year), Vermont's quiz bowl league has grown steadily in recent years and is working hard toward the goal of improving the opportunity for each of the state's 64 public high schools to participate in competitive academics.

Vermont Scholars' Bowl was founded in 1983 and modeled after the then-televised College Bowl game. Though the rules and format have changed over the years, the basics of the tournament have remained essentially the same throughout its existence.

With so few schools to draw from, the state tournament is open to any high school interested in participating without any sort of qualification or classification by school size. The state tournament schedule, originally designed to accommodate radio broadcasts, is extended over a period from October to April rather than on a single day or weekend like in most other states.

The result is year long focus on the state tournament. The advantage in this is that it requires a consistent, year long, effort to capture the state championship. The corresponding disadvantage is that in years past, when the state tournament was single or double elimination, many schools would play only one or two games and be eliminated months before the final.

The Vermont Scholars' Bowl, which is generously sponsored by the Vermont chapter of the National Education Association, is now chiefly concerned with rectifying the later problem. Over the last two seasons World Cup-style group play in the preliminary rounds has guaranteed every school at least three matches a season, and a proposal to start regionalized play (to this point all matches have been played at a single site and pairings were done by random draw rather than geography) for the 2000-2001 season is pending approval. If passed, the plan would increase the minimum number of games a team could play to six.

Regardless of the improvements made to the Vermont State Tournament, a lack of opportunities to compete remains the big-

gest challenge facing the state's academic teams. In Vermont, the school-hosted tournaments which are held every weekend in states like Illinois, are all but nonexistent. Hanover High School in New Hampshire (which by a geographic quirk has students from both Vermont and New Hampshire and thus competes in both states) holds twice-annual competitions; the Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl sanctions a kickoff tournament; and Burlington High School hosted a tournament in 1999. However, these are the only chances to play for schools unable to travel hundreds of miles to Boston University or Yale for college-run events.

Despite all the organization's flaws, Vermont Scholars' Bowl has produced quality teams and astounding parody. In its first 15 years, 13 different schools won the Vermont State Championship and in all 17 years of its history only one school, Burlington High, has won three titles. Three times in the last eight years Vermont players have been named to all-star teams at national tournaments and twice in the last four years Team Vermont at the Panasonic Academic Challenge – to which the Vermont Scholars' Bowl has long sent its state champion rather than an all-star team as Illinois does – has reached the semifinal round.

To find out more about the Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl or to track the season as it goes along, you can visit its web page at <<http://members.aol.com/kcommo/vtsbowl/index.htm>>.

Kevin Commo is a senior at the University of Vermont, majoring in political science. He was a member of the Burlington HS Scholars' Bowl team for two years, helping it capture a Vermont State Championship in 1997, and is entering his fourth year as an assistant coach at his alma mater. He is also a moderator and the web master for the Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl. Kevin can be contacted via E-mail at <kcommo@aol.com>.

On a Personal Note ...

- **Dalston Shand**, Scholastic Bowl coach at St. Patrick's in Chicago, died September 12, 2000 of pneumonia. Contributions can be made to St. Patrick's in his name.
- **Michelle Shade (nee Karlin)** of New Trier is about to give birth to twins and is taking the year off from coaching.
- NIC-9 News: **Jennifer Grady** has moved from Rockford Boylan to Richmond Burton; **Bruce Keyzer** has moved from Rockford Guilford to Rockford Auburn; **Tim Brechon** has moved from Rockford Auburn to Kaneland; **Scott Church** is no longer at Jefferson HS in Rockford.
- **J Barron Robinson**, IHSA State Moderator, has moved from Springfield Southeast HS to Springfield HS.
- Coaching Changes: **Laura Nickerson** replaces **John Sayles** at Crystal Lake Central HS; **JoAnne Meyer** replaces **Jennifer Grady** at Rockford Boylan HS; **Ronda Ross** replaces **Amber Miller** at Marissa HS; **Deborah Cheek** replaces **Jonette Wood** at Polo HS; **Rhonda Kinstner** replaces **Joan Klonowski** at Bishop McNamara in Kankakee; **Robert Frederick** and **Phillip Blessman** replace **Maria Pyra** and **Ben Horwich** at the Latin School of Chicago; **Chris Naas** replaces **Lisa Hilliard** at Galatia HS; **Kristen Garis** replaces **Tom Koenigsberger** at Stevenson HS in Lincolnshire; **David Edwards** replaces **Peter Clancy** at Lake Forest Academy.

2000-01 Tournament Schedule

Bold indicates a change from the May newsletter.

IHSA WEEK NUMBERS ARE GIVEN IN PARENTHESIS

- (15) Oct 14 SAT Date
- (15) Oct 14 Loyola Ultima (closed)
- (15) Oct 14 Orion Varsity Tournament
Shelly Hutton (309-526-3361)
1100 13th St, Orion IL, 61273
- (16) Oct 21 Von Steuben Frosh/Soph Tournament
Bob Schrempf (773-534-5100)
<rschrempf@enc.k12.il.us>
5039 N Kimball St, Chicago IL, 60625
- (17) Oct 28 ACT Date
- (17) Oct 28 NU Wildcat Invitational Evanston
Daniel Hirt or Tyler Johnson <quizbowl@nwu.edu>
<www.studorg.nwu.edu/quizbowl/index.htm>
- (18) Nov 4 SAT Date
- (18) Nov 4 NIU Huskie Invitational DeKalb
Ryan Glin (815-753-0694)
<biogod5@yahoo.com>
UHP 110 Campus Life NIU, DeKalb IL, 60115
- (18) Nov 4 St. Bede Varsity Tournament (closed)
- (19) Nov 11 Moline Frosh/Soph Tournament
Nick Pitz (309-757-3545 x1608)
<npitz@moline.lth2.k12.il.us>
3600 23rd Ave, Moline IL, 61265
- (19) Nov 11 U of I Phi Scholars Invite Champaign (?)
Date not confirmed.
Contact information unavailable.
- (20) **Nov 12** UIContest (Student/Parent Tournament)
Janis Hayden (312-413-2797) <mjhay@uic.edu>
www.uic.edu/depts/oa/UIContest/UIContest.htm
UIC, 845 W Taylor St (MC273), Chicago IL, 60607
- (20) Nov 18 5th Annual IHSSBCA Members Kickoff
@ Loyola, Sterling, PORTA, & Fairfield
Invitations will be sent to all IHSSBCA members.
- (20) Nov 18 Carlinville Frosh/Soph Tournament
Jim Fenton (217-854-9823) at the Admin office
218 W Main, Carlinville IL, 62626
- (22) Dec 2 SAT Date
- (22) Dec 2 11th Annual HL Richards Invitational
Mike Cleary (708-499-2550) or Assistant Coach
Paul Faeh <history218@hotmail.com>
10601 S Central, Oak Lawn IL, 60453
- (22) Dec 2 U High Normal Frosh/Soph Pioneer Classic
Tom Holbrook (309-438-8106)
<twholbro@ilstu.edu>
Campus Box 7100, Normal IL, 61790
- (23) Dec 9 ACT Date
- (23) Dec 9 8th Annual Fremd Frosh/Soph Tournament
Kevin Palmer (847-755-2600)
<kcp1963@yahoo.com>
1000 S Quentin Rd, Palatine IL, 60067
- (23) Dec 9 River City Scholastic VJV Classic
Jack Roseman (309-672-6630) <jkrsbuddy@aol.com>
Peoria HS, 1615 N North St, Peoria IL, 61604
- (23) Dec 9 Rockford Boylan Frosh/Soph Tournament
JoAnne Meyer (815-877-2513)
<jameyerscience@att.net>
4000 St Francis Dr, Rockford IL, 61103
- (24) **Dec 16** Von Steuben Varsity Tournament
See contact information for October 21st
- (27) Jan 6 Rockford Auburn Fr/So Knight's Challenge
Linda Greene (815-966-3300 x832)
5110 Auburn St, Rockford IL, 61101
- (27) Jan 6 Kaneland Varsity Tournament
Ken Dentino (630-365-5100 x218)
<kdentino@kaneland.org>
47W326 Keslinger Rd, Maple Park IL, 60151
- (28) Jan 13 Sterling Varsity Tournament
Cheryl Christianson (815-625-6800)
<cchristi@essex1.com>
1608 4th Ave, Sterling IL, 61081
- (28) Jan 13 IHSSBCA Turnabout Tournaments
@ Greater Chicago Area TBA, and Effingham
Invitations will be sent to all eligible teams.
- (28) Jan 13 IHSSBCA Beta Tournaments
@ Lincoln-Way and PORTA
Invitations will be sent to all IHSSBCA members.
- (28) Jan 13 Lake Zurich Frosh/Soph Tournament
Robert Brown (847-438-5155)
<rbrown@lz95.lake.k12.il.us>
300 N Church St, Lake Zurich IL, 60047
- (28) Jan 13 St. Bede Frosh/Soph Tournament (closed)
- (29) Jan 20 6th Annual Fremd Varsity Tournament
See contact information for December 9th.
- (29) Jan 20 IHSSBCA Turnabout Tournaments
@ Moline and Springfield Southeast
Invitations will be sent to all eligible teams.
- (29) Jan 20 IHSSBCA Beta Tournament @ Flora
Invitations will be sent to all IHSSBCA members.
- (29) **Jan 20** Macomb HS Rotary Tournament
Suellyn Rieckelman (309-837-2331)
<suellyn.rieckelman@schools.macomb.com>
1525 S Johnson Rd, Macomb IL, 61455
- (29) Jan 20 John A Logan Tournament
Contact information unavailable.
- (30) Jan 27 SAT Date
- (30) Jan 27 Wheaton N Frosh/Soph Falcon Classic
Phyllis Kidd (708-682-2253)
<pkiddup@avenew.com>
701 W Thomas Rd, Wheaton IL, 60187
- (30) Jan 27 Rockford Boylan Varsity Tournament
See contact information for December 9th.
- (30) Jan 27 Galesburg Varsity Rotary Invitational
Steve Eisemann (309-343-4146)
1135 W Fremont St, Galesburg IL, 61401

- (31) Feb 3 Varsity Rotary Classic at Streator Township
Jane Hart (815-672-0545)
600 N Jefferson, Streator IL, 61364
- (31) Feb 3 6th Annual Loyola Rambler Frosh/Soph Classic
David Riley (847-920-2546)
<driley@loy.org>
1100 N Laramie Ave, Wilmette IL, 60091
- (31) Feb 3 EIU Honors Program Tournament
Contact information unavailable.
- (32) Feb 7 Seeding Meetings
- (32) Feb 10 ACT Date
- (32) Feb 10 Ultimate Scholar Tournament 2001
at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington
Ken Johnson (217-728-8311)
<schnook_61951@yahoo.com>
Sullivan HS, 725 N Main, Sullivan IL, 61951
- (32) Feb 10 Sterling Frosh/Soph Tournament
See contact information for January 13th.
- (32) Feb 11 Team Illinois 2001 Selection Event
at the Radisson Hotel in Bloomington
- (33) Feb 17 Decatur MacArthur Winter Classic
Tom Durbin (217-424-3156)
<eldo831@aol.com>
1155 N Fairview, Decatur IL, 62522
- (33) Feb 17 Lake Zurich Varsity Tournament
See contact information for January 13th.
- (33) Feb 17 Orion Frosh/Soph Tournament
See contact information for October 16th.
- (33) Feb 17 Lincoln Trail Tournament (?)
Date not confirmed.
Contact information unavailable.
- (33) Feb 17 Speech Individual Events State Final
- (34) Feb 24 Masonic Regional Tournaments
- (34) Feb 24 ICTM Math Contest Regionals
- (35) Mar 3 18th Annual Masonic State Tournament
- (35) Mar 3 Music Solo & Ensemble State Contest
- (36) Mar 5 IHSA Regional Tournaments
- (36) Mar 10 IHSA Sectional Tournaments
- (36) Mar 10 Speech Debate State Final
- (37) Mar 17 IHSA State Tournaments in Peoria
- "Nationals" (*Illinois Scholastic Bowl Teams Not Eligible*)
- May 25-29 ASCN QBToC (Lake Forest, IL)
- May 31-Jun 3 NAA NAC Phase 1 (New Orleans, LA)
- Jun 7-10 NAA NAC Phase 2 (Washington, DC)
- Jun 9-10 NAQT HSCT (site TBA)
- Jun 14-17 NAA NAC Phase 3 (site TBA)
- Jun 15-17 PACE NSC (Bowling Green State University, OH)
- Jun 23-26 Panasonic Academic Challenge (Orlando, FL)

Send tournament results to the Editor at <grierson@mcs.net>.

If your tournament isn't listed, or if the information listed is wrong, contact David Riley (847-920-2546) <driley@loy.org>.

Statement of Income and Expenses
July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000
Submitted by Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Income

Membership Dues	\$6,650.00
Handbooks	1,425.00
Handbook Updates	335.00
Donations	100.00
Advertising	<u>1,355.00</u>

Total Income \$9,865.00

Expenses

PAC Team IL, 1999*	\$1,215.82
PAC Team IL, 2000*	3,883.51
Newsletter	2,532.05
Tournaments	914.44
District Meetings	46.80
Handbooks	827.68
Membership	191.56
Scholastic Bowl Week	274.78
Web Site	159.75
Incorporation Fee	<u>8.00</u>

Total Expenses \$10,056.39

Net Loss (\$191.39)

From 98-99 \$655.53

Bank Balance, 6/30/00 \$464.14

To 00-01

Prepaid Memberships	\$150.00
Prepaid Handbooks	20.00
Other	<u>294.14</u>

Total To 00-01 464.14

**Team IL expenses get spread over 2 yrs.*

Team IL, 1997 Total: about \$1,800.00

Team IL, 1998 Total: about \$2,000.00

Team IL, 1999 Total: about \$4,000.00

Team IL, 2000 Total: about \$4,500.00

Statement of Income and Expenses
July 1, 2000 through September 14, 2000
Submitted by Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Income

Membership Dues	\$2,520.00
Advertising	700.00
Handbooks & Updates	<u>535.00</u>

Total Income \$3,755.00

Expenses

PAC Team IL, 2000	\$661.50
Membership	440.45
Newsletter	<u>355.00</u>

Total Expenses \$1,456.95

Net Income \$2,298.05

From 99-00 \$ 294.14

Bank Balance 9/14/00 \$2,592.19

Scholastic Bowl and Physical Fitness, Part 3 of 3

by Wendy Sanchez and Tom Egan, Maine South

In the first two parts of this series, we attempted to convey some general information about proper nutrition and exercise. It should be self evident that a fit team is a better team. You may wonder exactly what coaches and players can do to help themselves in this area. The final part of this series will give you some tips on how to live a little healthier and hopefully win a little more.

Before the Season/Early Season

Just because this isn't a sport, that doesn't mean that kids should be excused from getting in good physical shape. Many successful coaches devote a certain amount of time to team-building activities. Try to include some activities that involve physical activity (basketball, softball, volleyball, etc.). Explain to your students that maintaining good physical shape helps to maintain good mental shape. If you are fortunate, your P.E. Department may already be helping in this area. However, don't underestimate the respect you might wield with your team – respect that might not be shared with their P.E. teacher. Take a break in the middle of practice, and have the team run a lap around the school.

Along with regular exercise, proper nutrition is key. Remember, your players should have a bulk of their diet made from simple carbohydrates (fruits, vegetables, breads, pasta, unsweetened cereals). Protein (meats, beans, nuts, cheeses) should be eaten in moderation, and fats and sugars (fried foods, candy, doughnuts, etc.) should be eaten in extremely limited quantities. Students who eat healthier will be more energized, and be ready to answer questions faster! You can provide (or better yet, have the students bring in) healthy snacks for practice. Fruits, vegetable sticks, juices. Ban foods like doughnuts and caffeinated soft drinks. Have players bring in water bottles, and refill them often.

'Twas the Night Before the Tournament

The night before a big tournament might be a good time to get the kids ready. It might be the ideal time to review lightly with questions written by the next day's question writer. It is also a good time to review special rules in play for that tournament. It is also the time to physically prepare them.

Make sure they get a decent physical workout (play basketball for an hour, invent a game that involves answering questions and physical activity, etc.). This will not only loosen the team up, and reduce weight, but it will increase energy in the long run, and get them nice and tired so that they get to sleep early (especially if you need to be up early the next day!).

Occasionally, it might be nice to have a team dinner, with healthy food as faire. A pasta dinner, complete with salad is often well received by students. Fruit juices can replace soda (caffeine will not help students get to bed!), and for dessert, try cookies, fruit, un-buttered popcorn, or sherbet. Since Scholastic Bowl is partly about learning about a lot of different areas, it would be a good idea to have kids expand their gustatory backgrounds. Your job is to put players at ease about trying new foods. This way, no one gets embarrassed when they don't like a particular food.

Encourage kids to get to bed early. Or better yet, have a "shut in" at the school and make sure they get to bed. If this sounds a little expensive, remember this: If you have each student bring in a little, it won't be as expensive, and it will help the players to develop a stake in the team.

Reveille!

Encourage your players to pack something to eat on the way to the tournament, or before departure, especially if you have a long trip ahead of you. Today is not the day for the sausage- or bacon-type breakfast. Fruits, fruit juices, granola, and biscuits are a better alternative. If you have a really long ride, you might encourage your players to sleep a little on the bus rather than practice the entire time. This is a day where having a proper breakfast and getting enough rest are very important.

Lunch Time!

So you've made it to the afternoon rounds, and now it's time to get serious. At some tournaments, lunch is provided. Try to find out in advance what will be served. A good lunch might include a small sandwich and some non-caffeinated beverages. (Caffeine will keep you awake, but heading into the afternoon matches, you don't need jumpy players.) Big meals like pizza are probably not a good idea, as this will do a great job of relaxing your players and making them lethargic. If the Tournament Manager is not going to provide a healthy alternative, or is asking you to go out for lunch, consider having the kids pack lunches in a cooler for the day. Before lunch is over, get your players on their feet, and take them for a short walk. Don't make this the 100 meter dash, but make sure they get to stretch their muscles so that they will be more comfortable heading into their later matches.

If the choice is between "not eating healthy" and "not eating", then absolutely make sure that the team eats. But with a little planning, your team can avoid the cake and eat it to! In close matches, the better conditioned team has a definite advantage, especially in long tournaments. Remember, if you go to a tournament serving a pizza lunch, and you've brought a healthy lunch, you will have made a lot of friends by giving your team's pizzas to the other teams. However, the joke may be on them when they are slow on the buzzer later on.

In Conclusion ...

Coaches who are looking for some way to help their students should take heed. Getting and staying healthy is not only a way to improve play, it's also a way to make a positive impact on your players' lives. Most students who play in Scholastic Bowl don't become involved in physical labor, and as such, need to be introduced to a healthy lifestyle before sedentary habits set in. There are few people who these students will look up to as much as a coach. This is your chance to make a huge, positive impact on a child's life. Good luck!

Wendy Sanchez is a PE and health teacher at Maine South HS; she is also the Girls' Gymnastics Coach, and competed in the IHSA State Championships for Wheeling HS, and the NCAA Championships for Illinois State. Thomas Egan teaches physics at Maine South, is a moderator, and the former Commissioner for the South Metro League.

IHSSBCA Meeting Minutes

from Libby Letterly, IHSSBCA Secretary

The Executive Committee of the IHSSBCA met at Jumer's Castle Lodge restaurant on August 11, 2000. David Riley welcomed all attending and opened the meeting.

Present: David Riley, Rob Grierson, Nick Pitz, Deb Martin, Tom Egan, Bob Schrempf, Cheryl Christianson, Caathy Groesch, Sister John Baricevic, Kevin Palmer, and Libby Letterly.

Absent: David Bibb, Robert Brown, Mark Cohen, Michael Hendricks, John Rathbun, Mickey Towns, David Reinstein, Linda Monge, and Jane Synder.

Guest: Anthony Holman, IHSA

There were no corrections to the minutes of the May 7 meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Rob Grierson passed around a master copy for changes along with a membership application letter and survey that will be mailed to all Illinois Scholastic Bowl coaches. The survey examines stipend and budget issues.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Grierson handed out the treasurer's report for July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. Annual Panasonic expenses are noted at the bottom.
- **Newsletter:** A web link to the newsletter will be sent to all IHSSBCA members. This link, using Adobe software, will save postage and printing expenses for the association and will limit the newsletter information to members only. A schedule for the year's upcoming issues, along with suggested articles for each issue, was handed out to those present. Rob Grierson is looking for three additional articles to fill out the November newsletter.
- **Kickoff Tournaments:** Sr. John is writing the question sets for the fall kick-off tournaments scheduled throughout the state for November 18. David Riley asked if Sr. John would have the questions ready for proofing by November 1. Sr. John replied that since she was writing for the original deadline of November 2, there would be no problem.
- **David Riley proposed that "B Team" spaces be reserved for last-minute emergencies rather than allowing schools to bring two or more teams. Two brackets will be set up for each site for the fall kick-off, allowing one "traditional" or repeat champion teams and one for smaller schools or those who do not traditionally win or place in tournaments. Trophies will be awarded for first through fourth place in each bracket.**
- **The entry fee will be \$35 for IHSSBCA member teams or \$60 for non-member teams. The hosting school, however, unlike last year, will not handle membership information. Non-member teams will merely be encouraged with a note to join IHSSBCA and save the \$25 additional charge. There will be four rounds in the morning and three rounds in the afternoon.**
- **District Meetings:** A list of the district meeting sites and dates from last fall were handed to those hosting these meetings. All coaches are encouraged to attend, since these provide an opportunity to schedule meets, share information and mentor new coaches. David Riley mentioned that there are five new high schools in the

greater Chicago area that will need mailings.

- **Tournament Calendar:** David Riley passed out information about upcoming tournaments for the year and asked for changes or additions in this calendar.

Projects and Updates:

- **Case Manual:** Tom Egan reported that the manual is ready. One change will be a new interpretation of the "either or" issue when a student gives both probable answers. The moderator is to use best judgment and is encouraged, if the student gives both probable answers, then accept the answer as correct.
- **Team Illinois:** Team Illinois placed fourth in the national tournament in Orlando, Florida. The Maryland team suggested to Rob and Debbie that the team's juniors be allowed to just come back. Discussion centered on the fairness of this and it was concluded that returning team members will still have to try out, but their experience with the national competition's format and their contributions will be factored into the February 2001 tryouts.

All nominees for the all-state team honors will get a packet of information about Team Illinois and the Panasonic Tournament.

- **Turnabout Tournaments:** David Reinstein had proposed through e-mail a list of "blacklisted schools" (teams which have won a major tournament or placed in several of the larger state tournaments from the 1999-2000 season), and a list of these was handed out to all present. Blacklisted schools will instead be invited to participate in a beta tournament with a format similar to the national competition; David Riley proposed that blacklisted teams from the northwest corner of the state be invited to Lincolnway to participate in its beta tournament.
- **IHSA State Series:** The IHSA has put together a question-writing team for the state series. At least two people who are "experts" will write questions for each subject area, and an editing will proof and finalize all questions so the format and delivery are consistent throughout all sets. The IHSA has also proposed that Scholastic Bowl awards be handed out and the All-State team and the "Friend of Scholastic Bowl" be announced and recognized during half-time of the basketball championship in Peoria.
- **Other:** Discussion was raised about the need for an IHSA-sanctioned scorebook similar to those used by other sports. Requiring this would eliminate some of the discrepancies at Seed Meetings.

Extending membership in IHSSBCA to junior high coaches was also raised by tabled for a later date.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 2:30 p.m. The location and time for the next executive committee meeting will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby Letterly, Secretary

Puzzle Corner

What 15 letter word is spelled with 15 different letters?
uncopyrightable

Find all words contained in the word 'therein', using consecutive letters and no rearrangements of letters.

2000 National Tourney Recap

13th Annual Panasonic Academic Challenge

June 18-20, 2000 in Orlando, Florida

by Rob Grierson, 2000 Team Illinois Coach

For the fourth consecutive year, the IHSSBCA sponsored an all-star team from Illinois to attend the Panasonic Academic Challenge in Orlando, Florida. Nominations were taken from coaches throughout the state and a committee of coaches and moderators selected the six-member team after 22 hopefuls met in Bloomington for a Florida-style Selection Event. The team members and coaches are pictured and identified on the cover of this newsletter.

The Panasonic Academic Challenge is unique among "Nationals" in that only one team from each state may compete, and all-star teams are encouraged. Other differences include up to six teams playing in a match; one buzzer per team; points off for wrong answers; no rebounds; and sixty-second time limits for every toss-up.

This year, 42 states, Washington DC, and 4 territories competed. The six Team Illinois members were all rookies in Florida, and five of the six were Juniors. What chance did they have against the powerhouse teams from the East Coast? A carefully planned practice schedule and plenty of homework helped lead the team to the highest finish ever for an Illinois team in any national tournament. Special thanks to Team Maryland, Team D.C., and Team Georgia for joining us for some exciting and rigorous scrimmage matches while in Florida!

Team Illinois won their opening match 218-138-134-124-103, defeating midwest neighbor Rufus King from Milwaukee, as well as two eventual finalists – Georgia and Alabama. In their semifinal match, Team Illinois finished second (228-226-159-127-116) behind Georgia, defeating arch-Governor-Bush-rivals Florida and Texas and qualifying for the six-team Finals. The Championship match ended with perennial favorite Maryland in first with 238 points; Kentucky second with 197; Missouri third with 187; Illinois fourth with 180; Georgia fifth with 146; and Alabama sixth with 139. For the first time in the 13-year history of the tournament, the fourth, fifth, and sixth place teams were formally recognized on stage at the final banquet. Although Team Illinois did not finish "in the money" in 2000, we are excited about our prospects for 2001!

18th Annual National Academic Championship

Phase 1, June 1-4, 2000 in New Orleans, LA

by David Presberry, Co-Captain, Rockford Auburn

Competing in the National Academic Championship was truly an honor. Representing Rockford Auburn High School, eight rookie seniors in New Orleans, taking on experienced, tried-and-true teams ... the odds were formidable. Nevertheless, Auburn put its Scholastic Bowl skills to the test, and ended being named "Rookie of the Year at New Orleans." Although the team didn't win the championship, the experiences in New Orleans taught us that national tournaments heighten the prestige of one's team while allowing for fun.

Rockford Auburn had qualified for the National Academic Championship by performing well at several local and state tournaments. Our coach, Linda Greene, approached the team about going to New Orleans. We were enthusiastic about going to Louisiana; however, raising funds to go on such a trip with ten people was questionable (Economics teacher Alan Gumbrell, a chaperone, also went). Through diligence and aggressive fund-raising efforts, and thanks to an anonymous \$1,000 contribution, the team headed to New Orleans on June 1.

Once at Loyola University in New Orleans, we adjusted to the city and to the play and format of the tournament. The weather was so hot and humid! Although we had played against ourselves in practice with sample questions, playing against an actual team was a completely different experience. Sweaty palms, knocking knees, pacing before the match ... all were experienced. Surprisingly, after the first match, which we barely won, all of our playing fears were erased. In addition, for the second and third days Auburn was only scheduled for two 45 minute matches a day, leaving the team with the rest of the day at our leisure. We strolled along the famed Bourbon Street, visited the jazzy Preservation Hall, rode in the open-air streetcars, enjoyed the southern hospitality, and partook in the Mardi Gras-like night atmosphere.

In the preliminary rounds, we won all four of our matches, placing the team seventh out of 48 teams. On the last day, we lost our first game in a close match. I will never forget how choosing the Mystery Category (where our opponents had to name whether states were west or east of the Continental Divide) was much wiser than choosing Sentence Structure. We were very crestfallen about our loss. However, our loss left the day open, so we had more time to enjoy the Cajun culture.

As we looked out of our airplane windows watching Lake Pontchartrain fade in to the distance, we were very sad to leave the Big Easy. When the finals in the National Academic Tournament in Los Angeles, California were completed, we received the final official results. Out of the 119 teams in the three tournaments in New Orleans, Washington D.C., and Los Angeles, we placed 21st. Furthermore, the team was highly praised for its competitiveness. We were very proud of our accomplishment!

Player Orion Kellogg commented, "Going to New Orleans was definitely a team-building experience. The team got a chance to compete while having fun."

After crushing defending champion James Island (SC) 430-140 in the quarterfinals, Booker T. Washington (OK) slew another South Carolina giant, Irmo, 415-325 in the finals to earn the trip to Los Angeles. 48 teams competed in New Orleans; Rockford Auburn was named a "First Year Standout" for their 21st place overall finish. – Ed.

18th Annual National Academic Championship

Phase 2, June 8-11, 2000 in Washington DC

by David Riley, Coach, Loyola Academy

Four teams from Illinois – Edwards County, Loyola, Salem, and Streator – participated in the National Academic Championship's Washington DC venue this year, held on the campus of Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia.

Special congratulations to Streator, who advanced to the playoffs and finished 9th nationally of 119 teams after all three venue's results were combined. Streator was an especially tough competitor – three of the four teams they faced in the preliminary rounds made the playoffs.

Everyone is guaranteed to play four matches. The schedule is arranged in such a way that you have plenty of time to sightsee in DC, but ... plan your time! This means getting up *early* and planning activities for the day ahead of time. Otherwise, you will find your time slipping away from you.

As a plus, Tournament Director Chip Beall always includes a list of "100 free things to do in DC". Not a bad idea – DC is a very expensive city. If you don't choose the meal plan, a \$50 day per diem for food is not unreasonable. Another plus is the DC Metro – clean, relatively safe, and with stops at all the major tourist attractions.

Horace Greeley HS from Chappaqua, NY posted a 6-0 record in Washington, including playoff wins against Waramaug (CT) 375-305 and Coronado from El Paso, 350-250, to qualify for the trip to Los Angeles. Manheim Township (PA) also earned a trip to "the Coast" by posting a 7-0 record. 42 teams competed in Washington; Salem earned "Most Improved" honors by making the playoffs, and finishing 4-1, compared to 2-2 last year. – Ed.

18th Annual National Academic Championship **Phase 3, June 15-18, 2000 in Los Angeles, CA** ***from information on the NAC web page***

<http://www.qunlimited.com/national.htm>

The Los Angeles phase of the NAC featured only 19 teams, but the top squads were no less formidable than their New Orleans and D.C. counterparts. Plymouth Canton (MI) defeated Walton (GA), 440-325, in the L.A. finals. The stage was set for Booker T. Washington to face Horace Greeley in the national semifinals, along with Manheim Township vs. Plymouth Canton.

Horace Greeley (NY) defeated Booker T. Washington, 350-315, in one semifinal, while Manheim Township (PA) edged Plymouth Canton (MI) 350-335 in the other semifinal. Manheim Township left little doubt, with their convincing 445-320 victory over Horace Greeley, that they are the best academic team in the nation. The Pennsylvania school has been coming to Nationals every year since 1994, under the leadership of Coach Anne Clouser, who was not able to make the trip this year due to the illness which claimed her life only two weeks after Township won Nationals. It was to Miss Clouser that the Manheim Township team dedicated their title win.

3rd Annual PACE **National Scholastics Championship** **June 3-5, 2000 in Greenville, SC** ***from information on the PACE web page***

<http://www.cwru.edu/orgs/trivia/pace/>

State College (PA) defeated Dwight D. Eisenhower (Shelby Twp, MI) in the finals. Semifinalists were Dorman HS (Spartanburg, SC) and Riverdale HS (TN). 16 teams competed in the event held on the Furman University campus.

14th Annual Quiz Bowl Tournament of Champions **May 26-30, 2000 in Lake Forest, IL** ***from information on the ASCN web page***

www.morningside.edu/ascn/00tourn/final.html

Dwight D. Eisenhower (Shelby Twp, MI) met Walter Johnson (Bethesda, MD) in the finals and won 470-170. Semifinalists were Brookwood (Snellville, GA) and James Island (Charleston, SC). Quarterfinalists were Plymouth Canton (Canton, MI); Northside (Fort Smith, AR); Irmo (Columbia, SC); and W.J. Woodham (Pensacola, FL). 50 teams, including Fairfield Community (IL), competed in the event held at Lake Forest College.

2nd Annual HS National Championship Tournament **June 10-11, 2000 in Atlanta, Georgia** ***from information on the NAQT web page***

<http://www.naqt.com/Results/2000-hsnet-results.html>

State College (PA) defeated the Governor's School for Government and International Studies (VA) 625-170 in the final match of this tournament. In the 16-team, double-elimination playoffs, State College had advanced to the finals unbeaten, but were handed their first loss of the tournament by Governor's School, setting up the championship match. In all, 52 teams participated in the event, held on the campus of Georgia Tech University.

Beta Tournaments Debut

by David Riley, Loyola Academy

Last year, the IHSSBCA sponsored a series of tournaments called Turnabout Tournaments. The purpose of these tournaments was to allow schools a chance at a trophy without having to face a powerhouse team in either the morning or playoff rounds. The perennial favorites were simply not invited.

Not that the perennial favorites couldn't use a day off, but this year the Coaches' Association will sponsor three Beta tournaments, hosted by Flora, Lincoln-Way (New Lenox), and PORTA (Petersburg). Anyone may attend a Beta, but be forewarned that the level of competition will be high, as those not invited to the Turnabouts (see list on Page 4) will probably attend a Beta. For those who attend, the competition promises to be exciting.

Just as computer users do with beta versions of software, participants at the Betas will "field test" a tournament format that is new, different, and similar to the format used at the NAA's National Academic Championship tournaments. Each match will be divided into four quarters, as follows:

- 1) Ten relatively easy, "buzzer-beater" toss-up questions.
- 2) Ten toss-ups and ten bonuses, the current IHSA format.
- 3) A written team event. Topics will be interdisciplinary.
- 4) Fifteen relatively difficult toss-up questions. A team will earn an extra five points if a team member buzzes in *early* with the correct answer; on the other hand, incorrect answers will result in negative points.

It's not perfect – but it's different. Come join us! Invitations with registration information and other details will be mailed to all IHSSBCA members in October or November.

Coaches Poll, via E-mail!

by Kevin Palmer, Fremd HS, Palatine

Give us your pre-season picks! This year, the poll will be conducted via E-mail. The results will be tabulated and will be published in the November issue. All coaches and moderators may participate. For this pre-season poll, base your ranking on last year's results, school and coach's reputation, number of seniors lost or starters returning, or any other gut feelings.

Your list should be in rank order with your top pick as #1. You may rank Class A, Class AA, or both, but you *must* rank exactly *ten* (10) schools in a Class for your poll to be counted.

Note: Be sure you are listing Class A schools for the Class A poll, and Class AA schools for the Class AA poll. If you are not sure of a school's designation, look them up in the IHSA Member School Directory – your Principal or A.D. has it.

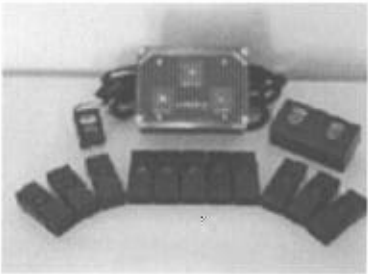
E-mail your list(s) by November 1 to <kcp1963@yahoo.com>. If you E-mail me *now* and join the Coaches Poll Panel, I'll send you an E-mail in late October reminding you to send in your list. If you don't have E-mail, you can still snail mail your poll to: Kevin Palmer, Fremd HS, 1000 S Quentin, Palatine IL, 60067

Kevin teaches World History, American Studies, and A.P. United States History. He is in his 11th year of coaching, and has run a Frosh/Soph Tournament for eight years and a Varsity Tournament for five years. Fremd won Sectionals in 1994, and Regionals in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

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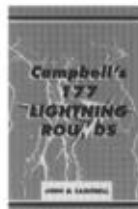
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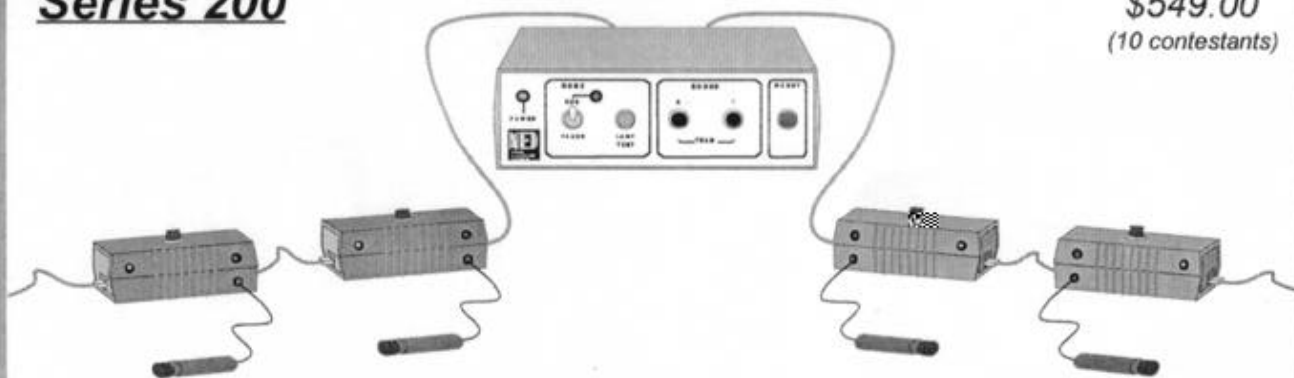
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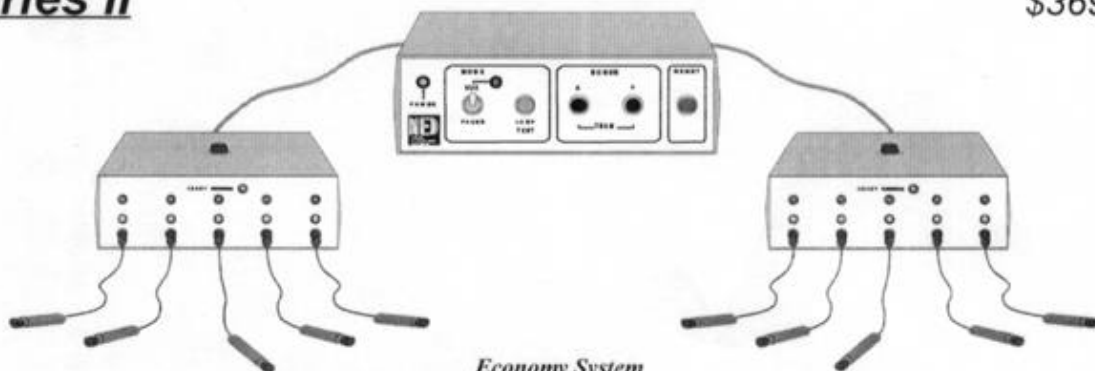
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