



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Trivia Cup
for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

Rules and Guidelines
Fall 2020

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Trivia Cup is an annual online competition sponsored by Gallaudet University through its Youth Programs office. The competition consists of seven online individual trivia events.

This *Rules and Guidelines* booklet governs the newly formed Trivia Cup for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (hereafter Trivia Cup). This is the first year of the Trivia Cup competition.

2. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Trivia Cup is to foster the pursuit of academic excellence; promote a spirit of academic competition and good sportsmanship; and encourage social opportunities and collegiality among students.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3A. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

The Trivia Cup is open to individual high school and middle school deaf and hard of hearing students currently enrolled in any K-12 school in the world. Middle school students will only be able to participate in the Preliminary stage of each trivia event, while high school students will be eligible for both the Preliminary and Finals stages of each trivia event. Individuals may come from residential schools, day schools, mainstream programs, homeschooling programs, or any other type of educational program having high school or middle school-aged deaf or hard of hearing students.

3B. INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

All Trivia Cup participants must be deaf or hard of hearing. The Youth Programs office reserves the right to request verification from a school official or an audiologist of a participant's hearing status.

High school participants must take all their courses at the ninth grade level or above. Middle school participants must take all their courses at the sixth, seventh, or eighth grade levels.

High school participants may take college courses, but these courses must not constitute more than 50 percent of the student's total course load. Students taking more than 50 percent of their courses in college or in high school-based concurrent enrollment programs are not eligible for the Trivia Cup competition. Middle school participants may take high school courses, but these courses must not constitute more than 50 percent of the student's total course load.

A student's eligibility for the Trivia Cup is limited to a total of four years in high school and three years in middle school. If a student attends high school for five years, that student may participate in the Trivia Cup for only four of the five years. Years of participation need not be

consecutive. If a student attends middle school for four years, that student may participate in the Trivia Cup for only three of the four years. Years of participation need not be consecutive.

4. TRIVIA CUP SCHEDULE

For the Fall 2020 Trivia Cup, the schedule of the events are as follows:

September 14 - Trivia Cup Registration opens***

September 21-25 - Trivia Cup - Entertainment

September 28 - October 2 - Trivia Cup - Geography

October 5-9 - Trivia Cup - Science and Technology

October 12-16 - Trivia Cup - Mathematics

October 19-23 - Trivia Cup - Language and Literature

October 26-30 Trivia Cup - U.S. Government and the 2020 Election

November 9-13 - Trivia Cup - Sports

November 16-20 - Trivia Cup - Special Event Only for Elementary students

****The registration link for the Trivia Cup will remain open during the entire duration of the competition. However, you must register for the topics you want to participate in at least one week before that topic's competition begins. For example, registration for the Geography event will close on Thursday, September 24.*

Note: NO Trivia Cup event will be held during the week of November 2-6, 2020 due to the U.S. Election

5. REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUALS

Every fall, the Youth Programs office will provide information about registration to schools, programs, and individuals. Registration takes place online through the Youth Programs website. For the Fall 2020 competition, registration will open on Wednesday, September 14 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Participants can register for one, some, or all of the seven events. We will accept registrations for each weekly event up until Thursday the week prior to the event.

We are accepting an **unlimited** number of participants for the Trivia Cup. High school individuals can sign up for all seven trivia events and choose to be considered for the Individual competition overall prize or not. To be considered for the Individual competition overall prize, high school participants must participate in at least four out of the seven events. Middle school students will be welcome to participate in all of the Preliminary events but will not be eligible for the Individual competition overall prize.

There is no registration fee for the Trivia Cup.

The Youth Programs office will send each registered individual an email message acknowledging registration. All follow-up communication will be done via e-mail.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT

Due to the large number of individuals expecting to sign up for each event during the seven-week Trivia Cup competition, we have two stages for each event.

The **Preliminary** stage will consist of a 50-question Kahoot trivia event conducted via Zoom. This will be shown live on Facebook but all participants will be assigned a pseudonym (fake name) to ensure their privacy.

The **Finals** stage will consist of a tournament bracket for the top 16 players from the Preliminary stage. The participants will use their actual names, and we will show this event live on Facebook.

6A. PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT

The Youth Programs office will contact each registered individual for each event and assign them a pseudonym. A Zoom meeting ID will be shared with participants for each event. Each participant will join the Zoom meeting at the assigned time. Once they are in the Zoom meeting, the Kahoot! Trivia PIN number will be provided. They will need a second device to be able to play along.

The composition of each Preliminary Kahoot! Trivia event will be as follows:

- 1) Two warm-up questions before the Preliminary competition starts.
- 2) Fifty (50) questions from the assigned topic (i.e., Entertainment) will be given using a combination of short answer questions and multiple choice questions.
- 3) After the Preliminary competition has ended, participants will be informed via email if they have advanced to the Finals. We will announce the top three Middle School students in each event after each Preliminary competition. Middle School participants will not advance to the Finals.

6B. FINALS COMPETITION FORMAT

The Youth Programs office will contact each Finals participant (top 16 from the Preliminary competition for each event). A Zoom meeting ID will be provided. Each participant will join the Zoom meeting at the assigned time. For this stage, Kahoot! will not be used. We will have players play against each other in a head-to-head, single-elimination tournament format. The Youth Programs office will ask two participants at a time to show their videos and only the

moderator and the two participants will be seen at any one time. All other participants will hide their videos until it is their turn to play.

The composition of each Finals stage will be as follows:

- 1) Each of the 16 Finals participants will be seeded #1 through #16 based on their performance in the Preliminary competition.
- 2) The Round of 16 will see the following matchups below. Three (3) questions will be given and the player with the most correct answers will advance to the next round. If there is a tie after three questions, more questions will be given until the tie is broken.

#1 vs #16

#8 vs #9

#4 vs #13

#5 vs #12

#3 vs #14

#6 vs #11

#7 vs #10

#2 vs #15

- 3) The Quarterfinals round will see the following matchups below. Five (5) questions will be given and the player with the most correct answers will advance to the next round. If there is a tie after five questions, more questions will be given until the tie is broken.

Winner of #1/#16 vs Winner of #8/#9

Winner of #4/#13 vs Winner of #5/#12

Winner of #3/#14 vs Winner of #6/#11

Winner of #7/#10 vs Winner of #2/#15

- 4) In the Semifinals round, the winners of the Quarterfinals matches will play against each other. Five (5) questions will be given and the player with the most correct answers will advance to the next round. If there is a tie after five questions, more questions will be given until the tie is broken.
- 5) In the Championship round, the winners of the Semifinals matches will play against each other. Seven (7) questions will be given and the player with the most correct answers will advance to the next round. If there is a tie after seven questions, more questions will be given until the tie is broken.

7. COACHES

It is NOT a requirement for individuals to have coaches for the Trivia Cup competition. Participants are welcome to have coaches, and schools/programs are welcome to provide coaches for participants.

The Coach's role is to:

- Help them register for the individual competitions
- Prepare, support, and advise them before and after the competitions

Coaches will not be allowed to be a part of the Zoom meetings and will only be able to follow along via the Facebook live stream. Coaches may take notes during the competition as part of their coaching strategy.

8. PLAYERS' ATTIRE AND BACKGROUND

All individual participants who advance to the Finals events shall keep in mind that they represent their school and/or themselves at all times, and be conscious of how they present themselves to other Trivia Cup participants and the general public since the events will be live streamed. As such, all Finals participants shall wear appropriate apparel during the live stream. At a minimum, their shirts shall include the school/program name OR be a solid color without any distracting prints or information on the shirt.

Each individual's background should be a solid colored (any color) wall with the camera directed towards the person and the solid color wall in the background.

Before the live stream of each Finals competition starts, the Youth Programs office reserves the right to request that an individual change to appropriate attire.

9. ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS/INTERPRETERS

Advance notification of all accessibility accommodations is required at the time of registration to allow appropriate accommodations to be made. We cannot accommodate last-minute requests and will only accept requests that are made at least a week prior to the Preliminary competition that the participant plans to participate in.

Interpreters: Students may request interpreters to aid in orientation, during introductions and objections, and other special circumstances. Because the competition itself is visual, interpreters will not be used during the actual showing of questions and answers.

Vision and Perception: A player may request accommodations for a vision or perceptual impairment; for example, the need for a font style, size, or color change, or a background color or intensity change. If samples of our questions or Powerpoints are needed to determine if a vision-related accommodation request is needed, please contact us at youthprograms@gallaudet.edu.

All other situations requiring special accommodations should be brought to the attention of the Youth Programs office at least one week prior to the competition in which the participant plans to enter. We cannot guarantee that last-minute requests will be accommodated.

10. PRELIMINARY AND FINALS SCORING

Preliminary Stage

For the Preliminary stage of each week, we will not use the scoring used by the Kahoot! app. We will only look at the number of correct answers out of the 50 questions and the top 16 individuals for the Finals will be determined this way. Speed reading is less important in this competition, but if there is a tie for any of the spots in the top 16 (including the 16th and final spot), we will look at the points accumulated in the Kahoot! Trivia event.

Finals Stage

For the Finals stage of each week, we will give one (1) point for each correct answer. Scoring on a question is “all or nothing.” Partial scores are not given for partially correct answers. There is no penalty for incorrect answers. The player with the highest score in a head to head matchup advances to the next round.

11. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

14B. Procedures for Preliminary stage on Kahoot!

Multiple Choice questions:

A question will appear for three seconds before the four multiple-choice answers are shown. Participants will have only 10 seconds to choose the correct answer.

Short Answer questions:

A question will appear for three seconds before the field to enter an answer is shown. Participants will have only 20 seconds to type in their answer.

With Kahoot!, we will not require the right capitalization, punctuation, diacritical marks, and so forth for the answers. For example, we will accept either “salem” or “Salem” for the

question “What is the capital city of Oregon?”. We will still require the correct spelling of each answer. More examples will be given in the Acceptable Answers section.

Mathematics questions:

For the Mathematics preliminary competition, participants will have 20 seconds to answer multiple choice Math questions and 30 seconds to answer short answer questions. No calculators will be allowed, as we cannot ensure that the same type of calculators are used by each participant. All Mathematics questions will be able to be calculated within the time limit using mental mathematics or basic paper/pen calculation.

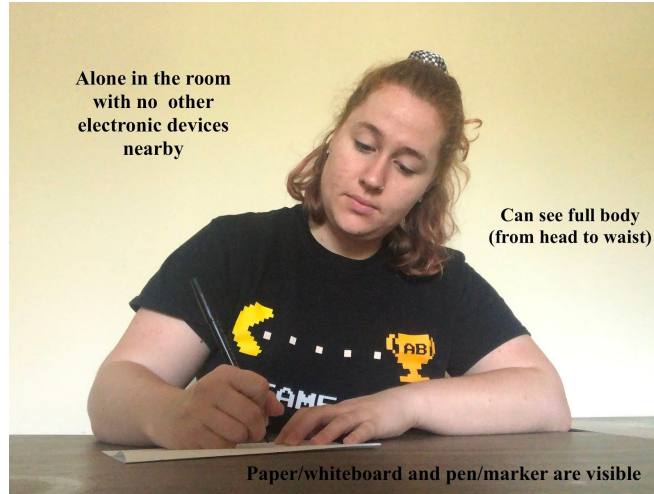
12. RULES DURING COMPETITION

For the **Preliminary** stage:

- a. We ask that each player use one (1) computer or laptop to connect with Zoom. We will also allow one other additional device (smartphone, tablet, or another tablet) in order to play the Kahoot! trivia. All other devices must be removed. We reserve the right to verify that all other devices have been removed.
- b. There should be no other person present in the room at the time of the Preliminary competition.
- c. All answers must be submitted via the Kahoot! Trivia app. If you lose your connection to the Kahoot! Trivia game at any point during the Preliminary competition, you can submit your answers via Zoom chat to the assigned moderator.
- d. The time limit for the Preliminary questions on Kahoot will vary depending on the type of question. All multiple choice questions will have a 10-second time limit, all short answer questions and Mathematics multiple choice questions will have a 20-second time limit, and all Mathematics short answer questions will have a 30-second time limit.

For the **Finals** stage:

- a. We must be able to see each player and their writing surface at all times, as shown in the photograph below. This means that we can see each player from head to waist and that their marker and writing surface are clearly visible.



- b. We ask that each player use one (1) computer or laptop to connect with Zoom. For this stage, there is no need for an additional device. We reserve the right to verify that all other devices have been removed.
- c. There should be no other person present in the room at the time of the Finals stage.
- d. All answers will be submitted via paper/marker or a dry erase board/marker.
- e. There will be a 30-second time limit for all questions in the Finals stage. All questions will be short answer format.
- f. Players must finish writing their answers within 30 seconds.
- g. If there is more than one answer on the paper/dry erase board, the final answer must be circled.
- h. Changes, strikeouts, and corrections must be clear. If changes make the answer ambiguous or illegible, the Gallaudet judge will rule it incorrect. If there is any writing on the paper that is not relevant to the answer, it must be marked out so the Gallaudet judge does not have to guess at which answer is intended. Another option is for the player to circle the correct written answer so the Gallaudet judge can clearly distinguish the final answer.
- i. While this is not a handwriting competition, answers must be written legibly.

13. COMPLETION OF A FINALS MATCH

During the Finals, the judges will communicate with each other if answers deviate from any of the answers shown on the official answer key. We reserve the right to accept any possible alternative answers as deemed appropriate by the judges.

During the Finals, if it has been determined that a mistake was made by the judges, we reserve the right to toss the question and replace it with a backup question.

14. TRIVIA CUP EVENTS AND QUESTIONS

All questions are developed by contractors to the Youth Programs office, purchased from firms specializing in providing this service, and/or obtained from other sources.

Every effort will be made to include questions that reflect the diversity of the United States and the world. These questions may appear in any category.

All questions will be shown using English only, so participants will be expected to be able to read English.

The following are the topics we are using in the Trivia Cup competition. This differs from the Academic Bowl and should be made clear with all participants.

Entertainment: Questions are about television, film, theater, and the performing arts. You may be asked to identify well-known over-the-air, cable, streaming, or Internet shows, their characters, and their settings. Similarly, you may be asked about well-known movies, award winners, actors/actresses, film genres, titles, or characters. Theater questions will encompass well-known productions on Broadway and elsewhere. Questions about music do not require that you hear or have heard music. You will not be asked to identify music by genre, or identify music after hearing a passage. Rather, music questions would include associating the Beatles with the 1960s, knowing that Ludwig van Beethoven was deaf and identifying some of his works by name, or identifying music award winners.

Geography: Questions are about world landmarks; world cities; land masses; bodies of water, including streams, rivers, lakes, seas, and oceans; the poles, longitude and latitude, and so on. Both United States and world geography are included in this category.

Science and Technology: Questions include general science, astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, geology, physics, computer technology, and high-technology devices (i.e., smartphones, virtual reality, etc.).

Mathematics: Questions may involve computation; no calculators are to be used for this competition. We follow the categories in the Common Core standards for Mathematics, which includes the categories of Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, Modeling, Geometry, and Statistics/Probability among others. Other questions may involve identification of algebraic or geometric properties, postulates, theorems, or laws, or of famous mathematicians, and will not involve computation. Good resources for Math questions include IXL.com and Khan Academy.

Language and Literature: Language questions may include English grammar and syntax; vocabulary, and usage. For example, a question may ask whether a sentence is grammatically correct, and if not, how to make it correct. Another question might ask whether a sentence contains a proper arrangement of words and phrases. Vocabulary questions might ask whether a word is used properly in context, or what word is the synonym or antonym of a given word. There may be questions about idiomatic expressions.

Literature questions may ask about literary devices or terms; the literature of different regions or periods (for example, 17th century British literature, 20th century American literature), literary genres (poetry, drama, prose; nonfiction, fiction, epic, comedy, tragedy, biography); authors, characters (human or otherwise), etc. There may be questions about the works of authors typically encountered in high school English classes, such as William Shakespeare, Langston Hughes, Ernest Hemingway, Jane Austen, Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou, John Steinbeck, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Somerset Maugham, Amy Tan, or about the authors themselves. Some questions may address multiculturalism in literature, including works with deaf characters or that were written by deaf authors.

U.S. Government and the 2020 Election: U.S. Government questions are about the U.S. government and well-known U.S. political figures of the past and present. Questions about the upcoming 2020 election will also be asked with questions mainly coming from events occurring from May 1, 2020 through October 23, 2020.

Sports: Questions are about recreational activities, games of skill and chance, athletics, and individual/team sports. We may also ask about historical sports figures, teams, accomplishments, and so forth.

15. REFERENCE MATERIALS

During the competition, judges may consult print or online reference materials if there appears to be an answer other than what is on the official answer key.

In certain situations, the judges may wish to discuss an answer with the other judges. The judges may change an answer or add to an answer on the official answer key based on verified information.

Coaches and players are not to be included in the discussions held while the Gallaudet judges search reference materials. Any addition or change to the official answer key will be announced by the judge.

16. LEGIBILITY

While this is not a handwriting competition, answers must be written legibly. If the Gallaudet judges cannot determine the intended answer because of illegible handwriting, the answer will be deemed incorrect. Players will not be asked to clarify what they wrote, since they may have had a chance to rethink their answer.

Players should review their handwriting with their coaches or other adults for any possible problems with legibility or stylistic quirks, and request to fill out a handwriting sample if they feel the need to do so. This handwriting sample can then be sent to the Youth Programs office before the Finals portion of the competition. If questions arise during the competition about writing quirks not previously disclosed, acceptance or rejection of an answer will be solely at the Gallaudet judge's discretion.

Some players have a tendency to write in all capital letters. If that player answers a question that requires a proper noun, the player must make the first letter a very large capital letter, such as “**W**ASHINGTON” so the Gallaudet judge can clearly see the intent of the answer. It is entirely up to the Gallaudet judge's discretion whether the word has a capital letter or not.

No handwriting quirk, whether previously communicated or not, exempts a player from the rules for valid answers.

17. RULES FOR ACCEPTABLE ANSWERS

Official Answers: The answers on the official answer key and in the PowerPoint display on the main screen are underlined. Optional parts of the answer are not underlined. For example, the answer to the question “How many feet are in one mile?” is shown as 5,280 feet, where the digits 5 and 280 are required, but the thousands separator comma and the word *feet* are not required. 5,280 alone, 5,280 feet, 5,280 ft., or 5,280' also would be accepted.

Every effort is made during the question development stage to anticipate all possible valid alternate answers and alternate spellings. These alternate answers, if any, will be shown on the official answer slide. If a player manages to come up with an unforeseen alternate answer that is plausible, the Gallaudet judge will use their knowledge and judgment whether or not to accept it. They may also check with the other Gallaudet judges in these situations. In general, the Gallaudet judge will rule in favor of the official answer but will listen to objections made by players.

Spelling:

All answers must be spelled correctly. A misspelled answer is incorrect, even if it is obvious what word or name is meant. Gallaudet judges will not indicate whether or not an answer contains a misspelling; only whether or not it is correct.

Capitalization:

For the Preliminary events via Kahoot!, all answers do not need to be capitalized correctly as Kahoot! will accept lowercase answers. For the Finals events, all proper nouns must be capitalized correctly. An answer with incorrect capitalization is wrong, even if it is obvious what word or name is meant. Correct capitalization must include any embedded capital letters (for example, l'Enfant or DeWitt). Because of the rules that apply to capitalization and punctuation, proper-noun answers written in all-capital letters of the same size are *not* acceptable, unless they are acronyms or initialisms (see various examples listed below). Answers that are not proper nouns need not be capitalized, and will be accepted with or without capitals.

Titles of Books, Movies, Plays:

When writing the title of a book, movie, play, story or poem, the title will be accepted without the first word if that word is an indefinite or definite article (“A”, “An”, “The”).

The Catcher in the Rye

A Tale of Two Cities

The Great Gatsby

An Enemy of the People

Embedded articles and any other words that are part of the customary or official title must be included to make the answer correct. **They must also be properly capitalized (for Finals) and punctuated.** Here are some examples:

Acceptable answer:

From the Earth to the Moon

Unacceptable answers include:

From Earth to Moon

From Earth to the Moon

From the Earth to Moon

From The Earth To The Moon

Acceptable answer:

Angels and Outcasts

Unacceptable answers include:

Angels, Outcasts

Angels And Outcasts

Acceptable answer:

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Unacceptable answers include:

One Flew Over Cuckoo's Nest

One Flew Over Cuckoo Nest

One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest

An added word anywhere in a title, regardless of whether it is an article or another word, makes the answer wrong. Some examples of unacceptable titles include:

The Sesame Street (should be simply Sesame Street)

The Grapes of the Wrath (should be simply The Grapes of Wrath)

Additionally, all questions require the American version of the title unless otherwise indicated.

Acceptable answer:

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (original USA title)

Unacceptable answer:

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (original UK title)

Stylizations:

Occasionally, there may be alternate forms of an answer depending on how they are portrayed in the media. For example, the logo for the reality television show *Dancing with the Stars* is stylized as shown below. It would be accepted in all lowercase. Similarly, some film titles may use irregular capitalization; these forms also will be accepted.



Use of Indefinite and Definite Articles at the Beginning of Answers:

As noted under Titles of Books, Movies, Plays above, “When writing the title of a book, movie, play, story or poem, the title will be accepted without the first word if that word is an indefinite or definite article (“A”, “An”, “The”).” Other answers may also be accepted without the first word if that word is an indefinite or definite article (“A”, “An”, “The”).

There are many cases when an indefinite or definite article may be used in everyday discourse or in writing, but is not actually part of an expression or a name. For example, people may say or write “the Pope”. The definite article “the” is not an essential part of the answer. The most correct answer in this example would be Pope, or if referring to the current pope, Pope Francis. “the”, or the capitalized form “The”, will be accepted. Other examples include “the White House” or “The Oval Office.”

However, if a player includes the word “the” in an answer in which “the” is not commonly used, the answer will be wrong. Examples of this include “the Barack Obama” or “The China.”

As stated above, every effort is made during the question development stage to anticipate all possible valid alternate answers and alternate spellings. These alternate answers, if any, will be shown in the official answer slide.

Abbreviations: Most answers require a full-word answer; however, some abbreviations are acceptable. Unless otherwise indicated in the question, some examples of acceptable abbreviations are acronyms and initialisms that use all capital letters, such as:

NAACP
NATO
USA
FBI

WWII or WW II for World War II (The abbreviation “WW2” is not acceptable for World War II. The World Wars must be followed by the appropriate Roman numeral; this is the official abbreviation for “World War II” as designated by various publishing style guides.)

Almost all abbreviations have numerous variations in the use of periods and capitalization. Most of the abbreviations in our official dictionary, the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, are listed without periods. To follow our official reference, we will not require periods in abbreviations in our list of acceptable answers. Some examples include: a.m. and p.m. or A.M. or P.M. The official answer may include the periods, but they will not be underlined. (e.g., U.A.E. or N.A.D.)

When writing answers for U.S. states and possessions, the full name is the ONLY acceptable answer. We no longer accept the United States Postal Service two-capital-letter abbreviation UNLESS the question asks for the abbreviations.

Acceptable answers:

California
Connecticut

Unacceptable answers:

CA, Ca., C.A., Cal., Calif.
CT, Ct., C.T., Conn.

Names of Canadian provinces and territories must be spelled out. Abbreviations are not accepted.

Acceptable answers:

Ontario
Manitoba
Northwest Territories

Unacceptable answers:

Ont.
ON
Man.
MB

Tenses and Plurals:

Answers must be consistent with the tenses and plurals used in the questions. For example, if a question asks to fill in the missing word in “The buck _____ here”, the correct answer is stops. “Stop”, “stopped”, etc. would not be acceptable. If a question asks: “Name the four-legged mammals that are most often ridden by humans for recreation,” the correct answer is horses. The plural word “mammals” in the question signals that the answer must also be plural.

Diacritical Markings: Because English does not use diacritical markings, such markings in foreign words or names will **not** be required, unless the question specifies otherwise. However, if a player adds diacritical markings, they must be correct, or the whole answer is wrong. The official answer will show any diacritical markings, and normally will state **(Diacritical mark[s] not required)**. Examples include:

exposé
Penélope Cruz
Alexander Dubček
Peter Høeg

In the case of languages that use alternate spellings if diacritical marks are omitted, such as German or Finnish, that use alternate spelling of the word is also accepted. Examples include:

Duerer for Dürer
Kimi Raeikkoenen for Kimi Räikkönen

Alternate Spellings:

Frequently, foreign names – particularly those based on an alphabet other than Latin – will have several alternate spellings due to various phonetic translations. In addition, various cities and countries have changed their names from a previous colonial spelling to a newer spelling more true to the native language. When this occurs, the answer will include several commonly-accepted alternate spellings, all of which are equally acceptable.

Acceptable answers:

Hong Kong or Hongkong
Kolkata or Calcutta
Myanmar or Burma
Mao Tse-Tung or Mao Zedong

Personal Names:

When an answer is a personal name, normally only the last name is required for the answer, unless the question specifically states otherwise. Players may choose to add first and/or middle names, but if they do so, those additional names also must be correct, or else the entire answer is wrong. When doing so, first names **must** be spelled out, not initialized, unless the person is known best by such initials. An example is shown below.

Q: “Who is best known for writing a fantasy saga featuring short people protecting jewelry?”

Acceptable answers:

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien or J. R. R. Tolkien

Unacceptable answers:

John Tolkien

J. Tolkien

R. Tolkien

J. R. Tolkien

J. r. r. Tolkien

Q: “Who was the first elected president of the United States?”

Acceptable answers:

George Washington or George Herman Washington or Washington

Unacceptable answers:

G. Washington

H. Washington

Herman Washington

George H. Washington

Goerge Washington

In several cases, U.S. presidents have had the same surname. In such a case, differentiating information **must** be included if a question is asked in which the answer could apply to both presidents, this information **must** be fully spelled out.

Q: “Name the Roosevelt who was known as the New Deal president.”

Acceptable answers:

Franklin Delano Roosevelt or Franklin D. Roosevelt

Unacceptable answers:

F. Roosevelt

Roosevelt

F.D.R.

T. Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt

Teddy Roosevelt

In the rare instances that two individuals who may fit the parameters of the question and share the same first and last name, the middle name (if there is one) must be included; middle names that are fully spelled or initialized will be accepted.

Examples:

George H. W. Bush or George Herbert Walker Bush, and George W. Bush or George Walker Bush

John Adams and John Quincy Adams or John Q. Adams

Individuals that are well known by their first names, last names, AND their middle initials will be accepted.

Examples:

John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Franklin D. Roosevelt

Nicknames are also accepted if those nicknames are commonly used to refer to the specific president. Nicknames for other heads of state, past or present, are not accepted unless specifically requested.

Q: “Which president was recently acclaimed for creating the first budget surpluses in 60 years?”

Acceptable answers:

William Jefferson Clinton or Bill Clinton or William Clinton

Unacceptable answers:

W.J. Clinton

Will Clinton

Certain exceptions are made for people who are best known by their first names, as for example, some Medieval and Renaissance personalities, some members of royalty, and some entertainers. In these few cases, first names alone will be accepted and underlined in the official answers. If a player chooses to include a surname or a last name, it must be spelled correctly.

Examples include:

Michelangelo (for Michelangelo Buonarroti)

Beyonce (for Beyonce Knowles)

Galileo (for Galileo Galilei)

Napoleon (for Napoleon Bonaparte)

For most heads of state, the title does not have to be included in the answer but the number, if any, must also be included. If the head of state in the question has earned such distinction as to be definitive of the name, the number is not required.

Examples include:

Tsar Nicholas II
King George III
Queen Elizabeth I or Queen Elizabeth II
King Louis XIV or King Louis XVI
Pope Benedict XVI
Cleopatra VII (for Cleopatra)
Napoleon I (for Napoleon Bonaparte)
Napoleon II

In some cases, a person may be known by a name different from his or her given name. In such cases, the given and current alternate name will be accepted.

Examples include:

Eminem or Marshall Mathers
50 Cent or Curtis Jackson
Billy the Kid or Henry McCarty
Malcolm X or Malcolm Little or El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz

All names must be written out. Commonly-recognized initials instead of people's full names are not acceptable.

Examples of unacceptable answers:

JFK
MLK Jr.

Generational suffixes (II, III, IV, etc.) are not required in an answer, but can be included in the answer unless two different generations are equally well-known. If a generational suffix is used, it must be correct, or the answer will be wrong. For example:

Acceptable answers:

Dale Earnhardt, Sr. or Dale Earnhardt, Senior
Dale Earnhardt, Jr. or Dale Earnhardt, Junior
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Orel Hershiser IV

Vince McMahon, Sr. or Vince McMahon, Senior

Unacceptable answers:

Martin Luther King, Sr.

George Bush, Jr.

NOTE: There may be questions that explicitly ask for the first and last name of a person, even if that person is commonly known by first name, middle name or initial, and last name. For example, a question may ask for the first and last name of the U.S. President who was elected to four terms. The answer will be Franklin Roosevelt, even though he was commonly known as Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and even though we may require his middle name in other questions.

We may also occasionally ask for only the first name of a person (or the last name only). It is each players' responsibility to pay attention to what the question is asking.

International naming conventions:

Naming conventions vary from country to country. It is not possible to list all possible naming conventions, but the major ones are shown here.

Kingdom of Spain, United Mexican States, and other countries where Spanish is the primary written and spoken language: People generally have a given name, followed by the father's surname, followed by the mother's surname. There are also permutations that may include conjunctions such as *y* or *de* or *de la*. Generally the paternal last name is the name required in an answer: Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra.

People's Republic of China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, and Republic of China (Taiwan): In the name Mao Zedong, Mao is the family name, and Zedong is the given name.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) and Republic of Korea (South Korea): The family name comes first, followed by the given name. When the given name is hyphenated, only the first name is capitalized. For example, Kim Jong-un is the current leader of North Korea, his father was Kim Jong-il, and his grandfather was Kim Il-sung.

Japan: The family name comes first, followed by the given name; for example, Takayama Kota. The same person living outside Japan, for example in the United States, would be known as Kota Takayama. Members of the Japanese imperial (royal) family are known by a single name: Hirohito, Naruhito.

In all three instances above, we will accept either the family name, the given name, or both: Mao Zedong; Kim Jong-un. The hyphen is not required; however, capitalization of the given name must be correct.

Russian Federation: People generally have a given name, a patronymic, and a family name. The patronymic for males generally ends in -ovich or -evich; for females, it ends in -ovna or -evna. For example, in the name Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev, Nikita is the given name, Sergeyevich indicates that his father's given name was Sergey, and Khrushchev is the family name. For the purposes of the Academic Bowl, we will accept the family name: Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev.

Answers to Language questions:

Some questions may contain material that can be copied into the answer. For example, a question may ask what words or punctuation would make a phrase or sentence correct. Usually, just the correct word(s) or punctuation will suffice. However, if a player chooses to copy the phrase or sentence from the question slide, it must be copied exactly as it appears, with any appropriate changes. An example is as follows:

Q: Which word serves as the verb in the following sentence?

Sally picked up a leaf from the garden.

Acceptable answer:

picked

Unacceptable answer:

Picked

Amendments:

Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America are an unique case. A common mistake is to write them as "2nd" or "12th" and so forth, but there are only two acceptable ways to write numbers for amendments. For example:

Acceptable answers:

Amendment XIII

Thirteenth Amendment

Unacceptable answers:

13th Amendment

1st Amendment

Filling in Answers:

Some questions ask players to complete a sentence, phrase, idiom, or saying. For example, if a question asks “Complete this popular saying, “Break a(n) ____” The answer is leg, and players are expected to write their answers using the correct case. For the above question, Leg would not be an acceptable answer.

Other examples include:

“_____, my dear, I don’t give a damn.” Answer: Frankly

“Four legs good, two legs _____!” Answer: bad

Hyphens in Answers:

Some book titles have hyphens, like Catch-22 and Moby-Dick. We will not require hyphens in the book titles. The same applies for people who have two last names such as Jane Doe-Smith. We will not require hyphens in those answers.

Abbreviations widely used:

There are two common abbreviations that we will now accept. Mount is commonly abbreviated as “Mt.” and Saint is commonly abbreviated as “St.” In both cases, there must be clear evidence that Mt. or St. is a common abbreviation for that specific answer (i.e. many maps abbreviate Mount Everest to Mt. Everest). Examples include:

Acceptable answers:

Mount Everest or Mt. Everest

Saint Lawrence River or St. Lawrence River

Saint Louis or St. Louis

For **Round Two** multiple choice answers, we will accept both upper and lower case letters: A, B, C, D or a, b, c, d.

Mathematics and Science and Technology Answers:

All answers must be written in digits unless otherwise specified.

Example:

Question: “What is $1 + 1$?”

Acceptable answer:

2

Unacceptable answer:

Two
two

Lowest terms: In mathematics, science, and technology, a fraction is in lowest terms when the greatest common factor (GCF) of the numerator and denominator is 1. All Mathematics and Science and Technology answers must be expressed in lowest terms unless otherwise stated in the question. For example: $1/6 + 1/6 = 2/6 = \underline{1/3}$. Although $2/6$ is a possible answer, it is not in lowest terms, and therefore must be reduced to $1/3$.

Units: If a question does not include the unit, then the unit must be added to the answer.

Example:

Question: “The measures of the five angles in a pentagon are x , x , $2x$, $2x$, and $3x$. What is x ?”

Acceptable ways to write a unit in the answer include:

60 degrees, or 60 deg., or 60°

If a question includes the unit, then the unit does not have to be added in the answer. If, however, the given answer includes units, the units must be correct, or the entire answer will be incorrect.

Example:

Question: “If two angles of a triangle measures 48 and 62 degrees, how many degrees is the third angle?”

Acceptable Answer: 70 degrees

Unacceptable Answer: 70 radians

Other examples of acceptable abbreviations for units are:

9 feet, 9 ft., 9'

10 ounces, 10 oz.

12 inches, 12 in., 12”

100 degrees Celsius, 100 deg. C, 100° C

Note: With Mathematics answers, students who write anything other than the answer on the paper MUST circle the answer so that the judge can recognize the answer. If there is nothing else on the paper other than the answer, there is no need to circle it.

NOTE: We recommend that Trivia Cup participants in the Science and Technology event be familiar with the International System of Units (SI units), both SI base units and SI derived units. See <http://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/units.html> for lists of these units and their names.

18. OBJECTIONS

Objections to a question, or to its official answer, may be made only by players competing in a Finals event. Objections cannot be made in a Preliminary event.

Examples of common objections that will be considered by the judge include:

1. An answer was spelled wrong and the judge mistakenly accepted it.
2. An answer was capitalized incorrectly and the judge mistakenly accepted it.
3. A player feels an answer could be accepted as an alternative answer.

Objections must be related to the questions and answers, not to the match procedures or technological related. Those types of issues need to be brought to the attention of the moderator immediately. Some examples of situations that are not objections but need attention immediately: 1. equipment failures; 2. room lighting, ventilation, or other environmental factors; or 3. blocked view.

Objections by individuals competing in the match must be filed before the next question is played. Retrospective or *post hoc* objections will not be accepted.

A player may object to a question or answer by saying “Objection.” The judge will ask the objector to state his or her objection, and then listen to and consider the player’s alternate answer and rationale for it.

The judge will then make a decision whether to accept the alternative answer or to void the disputed question and answer. If a question and answer are voided, scoring will be amended accordingly.

Occasionally, the judge may wish to consult reference materials, or consult with the Head Judge to double-check a possible answer. The judge will announce the final decision. Once that decision has been made, no further objections will be permitted related to that question and answer.

Frivolous objections are not permitted at any time during a match. Some examples include:

1. Players cannot object based on the legibility of a player's handwriting. The judge's decision on legibility is final. However, a player can object if one member has spelled a word wrong, and the judge appears to have overlooked it.
2. Players cannot object to questions missed based on their lack of attention or readiness. The players must follow the pace of the moderator.

19. COMPETITION STANDINGS

For each event, we will announce the top four finishers. The winner of the championship match will be the first place winner, the loser of the championship match will be the second place finisher. We will have a 3rd place match for each event to determine the third and fourth place finishers.

20. OVERALL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION STANDINGS

This section applies only to those who want to be considered for the Overall Individual Competition standings. Individuals will be expected to sign up for four or more events in order to become eligible for the overall individual competition standings. Points will be awarded based on their standings and the points earned is based on how far they go in each event.

Champion: 10 points

2nd place: 7 points

3rd place: 5 points

4th place: 4 points

Quarterfinals: 3 points

Finals (top 16): 2 points

Individuals may decide to sign up for all seven (7) trivia events and we will only take the results of the individual's four best events.

Sample Individual points:

Entertainment: did not finish in top 16, 0 points

Science and Technology: fourth place, 4 points

Mathematics: second place, 7 points

Language and Literature: Top 16, 2 points

U.S. Government and the 2020 Election: Quarterfinals, 3 points

Total (four best events): 16 points

21. SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

Appropriate sportsmanship and professional behavior is expected from all individuals participating in the Trivia Cup.

Underage drinking, use of illegal drugs, or any other type of illegal activity during the duration of the online competitions will not be tolerated. An individual may be removed from the competition if we witness this type of activity during any of the online competitions.

22. COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Communication devices may not be used in the Zoom call at any time by the players. This includes smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, notebook computers, or any other device. Their use may jeopardize the fairness and integrity of the Trivia Cup competition. Players should leave any additional devices in a different room before the start of each event. Earbuds or headphones connecting a player to a computer in order to hear the ASL to voice interpreter will be allowed.

23. AWARDS

23A. Individual Events

We will recognize the top four finishers in each event and also recognize those who advanced to the Top 16 and the Quarterfinals for each event.

For high school students, the Amazon gift card prizes for each event will be:

1st place- \$150

2nd place- \$100

3rd place- \$75

4th place- \$50

There will be no monetary prizes given to Middle School students. We will recognize the top three Middle School finishers for each Preliminary event.

23B. Overall Individual Competition

We will recognize the top four finishers in the overall individual competition and also recognize those who finished in the top 10 in the overall competition. The 1st through 10th place winners will receive a plaque from the Youth Programs office along with some Gallaudet gear including a backpack. For high school students, the Gallaudet scholarship amounts the top winners will receive are:

1st place- \$1,500

2nd place- \$1,000

3rd place- \$750

4th place- \$500

24. COPYRIGHT OF QUESTIONS

All of the questions used in the Trivia Cup competitions are copyrighted and are the sole property of Gallaudet University. No other use of these questions is permitted.

25. INFRACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

If the Youth Programs office finds out after the competition that a player has violated the Participation Contract during the competition period, it reserves the right to suspend the player from the following year's competition if the violation is deemed serious enough.

CHANGES TO THE RULES AND GUIDELINES

These Rules and Guidelines are subject to change by Youth Programs staff as necessary to maintain a fair and enjoyable competition. In-season changes will be kept to an absolute minimum.