



Texas Thespian Virtual Festival

“Technician Quiz Bowl Challenge”

Quiz Bowl Summary:

For the 2020 Virtual Thespian Festival Tech Team Challenge will be temporarily replaced by the Technician Quiz Bowl Challenge. This event will provide individuals with an opportunity to test their knowledge of all things technical theatre and show Texas Thespians that they have the skills and the talent to be number one. Student participants will be tested on a wide range of technical theatre topics. Participation does not require any advance registration or additional cost. Students can compete in 1 or all 6 Quiz Bowl rounds with 1st and second place winners from each round Competing in the Quiz Bowl Championship. So start brushing up on that Technical Theatre knowledge and be ready to let Texas Thespians know who is number One!!!

Tech Areas Covered in Quiz Bowl:

The Quiz Bowl Preliminary rounds will be designed to test the basic technical theatre knowledge of the participants in the following areas. Questions will be developed using information that follows industry standards and practices.

- a. Performance Spaces
- b. Manual Rigging Systems and Terminology
- c. General Theatre Safety
- d. Scene Shop Tools and Equipment
- e. Lighting Systems, Fixtures, Tools, Electricity, Common Electrical Components and Terminology
- f. Costume, Sewing, Costume History and Terminology
- g. Live Audio Systems, Digital Audio, Components, Applications and Terminology
- h. Make-up, Types of, Application and FX Techniques and Terminology
- i. Props, Types, Common Construction Techniques and Terminology

- j. Scenic, Lighting, Audio, Costume, Make-up Design, and Terminology

Questions that will be used in the finals will include information from the above as well as any one or more of the following areas

- a. Digital Media and Projection
- b. Shop Math, Theatre Mechanics and Automation
- c. Basic Electronics and Wireless components and Applications

How to Participate, Game Format, Basic Rules

What do I need to do to participate?

Nothing up front.

- Quiz Bowl sessions will be offered two times a day (Morning and Afternoon) for the first three Virtual Festival Super Saturdays. (Six Quiz Bowl Sessions)
- A link with an access code will be posted during the session time and will be available to all registered Virtual Festival Attendees for two hours. At the end of the two-hour time period, the link will be removed and the Quiz Bowl session closed. Participants can start at any time within the two-hour time period.
- **To identify each participant, track scores, and tally all information more easily for each session, participants will sign in using their last name and their Troupe# (Example: woods5168)**
- Students can participate only once in a single session and can participate once in any of the remaining sessions (for a total of 6) as long as they use the same last name and troupe number. More than one student from the same school can participate in the same session but they must use **their last name and troupe number.** (Internal Troupe rivalries are encouraged!!)
- Scores from multiple attempts by the same participant will not be added or averaged together. Their highest score from a single session will be used for any Quiz Bowl finals placement or final tally. All posted results and placing will utilize participants lastname and troupe number.
- At the end of each Quiz Bowl Session, First and Second place winners will be posted along with the scores.
- The first and second place winners from each session will qualify for the Quiz Bowl Finals to take place on the last Super Saturday of the festival. A first, second and third place winner will be announced during the closing/awards ceremony.
- When the Quiz Bowl Finalists have been chosen, a director/sponsor from each of the troupes represented in the finals will submit a working email address for their student to the Quiz Bowl chairperson. The chairperson will then email the link and code to the finalist at the start of the finals round.

Quiz Bowl Format

Questions:

- Quiz Bowl Questions will all be multiple choice.
- They may include pictures, diagrams, charts, graphs and may require multiple steps to answer.
- Correct Answers will be displayed after each question attempt.
- Questions for each of the 6 preliminary sessions will be different.
- Questions for the Finals round will include a sample from each of the 6 preliminary rounds plus additional higher difficulty questions.
- Each Session will consist of 40-50 questions.

Scoring:

- Will be based on both Accuracy and Speed
- 600Pts for a correct answer
- 0-400pts based on how quick you answer

Basic Rules:

Some of the following rules are not easily enforceable due to the nature of a virtual/online format. As members of Texas Thespians representing your troupe at the festival, we trust that you will participate in this event fairly and will use this event to test your knowledge of the material, **not “How can I best cheat the system to win.”**

1. Students will participate individually.
2. Directors, chaperones, or other adult sponsors may not coach, or assist the student participant at any time during their Quiz Bowl attempt.
3. Participants must use their “Last name and Troupe number” as their ID name for any session they compete in. Make sure that you have this entered correctly before starting. If the last name troupe number is entered incorrectly, there will be no way to correct it after you start.
4. Any student Quiz Bowl ID that is not in the “Last Name, Troupe Number” format, will be removed from the session and not considered for advancement to Finals.
5. Participants can compete only once per session. Any duplicate last name and troupe number appearing in a single session will be removed.

As the Tech Team Challenge and Quiz Bowl Chairman; I am excited about this event and how it adds another level of challenge for our student technicians. Although this is not the expected” Tech Team Challenge” I think it is something that (if well received by the students) can be a part of future festivals to provide additional opportunities for our Texas Thespian student technicians. If you have any questions about the Quiz Bowl, please contact Charlie Woods at: Charlie.woods@texasthespians.org