

# Question Authorities Open Spring 2026

## Rules and Procedures

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### Coach Requirements

- Coaches **MUST** be physically present and supervising during the **ENTIRE** tournament session.
- Coaches may not provide answers or hints.

### Team Requirements

- Each school may enter only one team in the tournament.
- Two or more schools may combine to form a single team. A school that participates in a combined team may not also enter a separate team. All participating school names and the combined total enrollment must be reported at registration.
- Any student who participates in extracurricular activities at the school may compete.
- Teams may include any number of students.
- During tournament play, only the students competing for that team and the coach(es) may be present in the room.

### Integrity Requirements

- Answers must be based solely on team members' own knowledge and memory.
- Teams may not consult outside sources (people, internet/AI, electronic devices, notes, books, or other materials).

### Timing Information

- Once you click "Start Tournament," your 240-minute timer begins.
- The next question will automatically begin after a 15-second countdown.
- You can click "Take a Break" to pause before the next question starts, but the 240-minute countdown continues, so be sure to leave enough time to finish all the questions.
- If you run out of time, you'll receive points only for the questions you completed.

### Question Procedure

1. First, you'll see the 5 answer options for 6 seconds. Answer choices can be labeled A-E or 1-5: set your preference on the start screen or between questions.
2. Then, the question text will appear word by word.
3. Answer by clicking with the mouse or by pressing A-E or 1-5 on the keyboard. Both sets always work regardless of which labels are currently shown, but be aware that the next question will display with whatever set you pressed most recently. You can also have one student on the keyboard and one on the mouse if you like.
4. Points are awarded based on speed: faster = more points.
5. You can resume if you leave the page, but the timer keeps going without you.

### Technical Notes

- The official time is the time recorded by the server, for both the total time allowed and the time taken to answer each question (and thus points awarded).
- The time in the browser and the timer progress bar during the question are local time and may vary slightly from the server time.
- The time taken to answer is adjusted slightly to allow for internet transmission time.
- Avoid playing on an unstable internet connection as this will lead to uneven delivery of questions and inaccurate timing.