



Trivia Bee Rules

1. Teams will consist of 3 members, and are encouraged to collaborate on each answer.
2. The Team Captain is the designated speaker/writer for the team.
3. Topics for the Trivia Bee **may** include literature, science and technology, history and geography, arts and entertainment, sports, Benicia History, wild cards and “CLUE!”
4. Independent researchers select the trivia questions and answers.
5. The Master of Ceremonies will ask all questions. Each question will be read two (2) times, and a 15 second time limit will start after the second reading. A warning bell will sound at 5 seconds remaining. After each question, a designated scorekeeper will review each team’s written response.
6. For every correct answer, the team scores 1 point. There are no penalties for incorrect answers.
7. The Bee is divided into three rounds: Qualifying, Semi-final, and Final.
8. The Qualifying round will consist of 14 questions. When all 14 questions have been asked and answered, the **9** teams with the highest scores will compete in the Semi-final round.
9. **All scores return to zero at the beginning of each round.**
10. In the Semi-final round, 10 questions will be asked. The team captain will announce each written answer. At the end of this round, the 5 top scoring teams will compete in the Final Round.
11. The Final Round will be played for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, and will consist of 7 questions. The team captain again answers each written answer. In the case of a tie at the end of this round, there will be a sudden death playoff.
12. The Judge will make decisions on the correctness of all answers. We try our very best for accuracy. **The judge’s decision is final.**
13. **Have lots of fun!!!**

Round	Questions	# of Teams
Qualifying	14	Total # Registered
Semi-final	10	9
Final	7	5