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Calc Bowl is  
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## 2026 Calc Bowl Rules

### I. Teams and Equipment

- Teams must consist of at least two, and no more than six participants. All team members must be students. Students may participate on one team only (no switching teams during the tournament!).
- One player from each team is designated as the Team Captain, and will be responsible for representing her/his team in any discussions with the CalcBowl administrators.
- Calculators, computer tablets, smart phones, books, pre-written notes may NOT be used. No assistance outside of the competitors on the team is permitted.

### II. Structure of the Tournament

- There will be one or more preliminary rounds.
- The teams to compete in each prelim heat will be determined by random draw. Each team is guaranteed to play in at least two rounds, either in two prelims or in one prelim and in the final round – see below.
  - The top ranked teams from each prelim will advance to the final round. Teams winning in a prelim do not participate in further prelims. Second-chance rounds give some teams that lose in their initial prelim heat an opportunity to move on to the semi-finals.
  - “Wildcard” teams, selected at random from the second place teams may also advance to the semi-finals.
  - For each prelim, the assignment of teams to the seating positions will be determined by random draw at the time of registration. For the final round, a separate random draw for seating positions will be held.
- Each prelim will consist of 30-40 multiple-choice questions. The final round will consist of about 50 questions.
- Regardless of placements in the prelims, semi-final scores are ranked independently. Likewise, final round scores are ranked independently of prelim and semi-final rounds.
- Occasionally, something unusual comes occurs during a CalcBowl and the administrators are called upon to arbitrate. Regardless of these rules, all decisions by the CalcBowl administrators are final.

### III. Rules for Answering Questions

- Responses to questions may be made only via pressing the responder buttons. Voice responses from teams are ignored..
- Each team is allowed only one response per question. Thus, once a response is made, it cannot be changed.
- There are 2 types of Bowl questions:
  - Classical Competitive Bowl Questions - First team to answer!
    - After a question is presented, teams have 30-60 seconds to respond. Responses made after the allotted time will not be recorded.
    - If the first responding team's answer is incorrect, an additional 30-60 seconds will be allowed for the remaining teams to attempt to answer the question. The original team is not permitted to answer the question a second time. A second incorrect response will result in the contest moving to the next question. Some questions, such as T/F, do not permit a second chance response.
  - Timed Bowl Questions - All teams can answer!
    - Each team can answer during the allotted time, but is not required to.
    - All answers are scored.
    - Only one response is allowed, so wait to push your button until you are sure of your answer!