

A Brief List of Academic League Rule Changes for 2008

as decided at the Coaches Meeting of November 29, 2007

Coaches speaking to moderator:

Rule change—One coach per match may speak on behalf of the team to the moderator. All others must speak through that coach. Said coach must identify him/herself to the moderator prior to the match.

Academic League Manual Reference:

Structure – Rule 14, page 5

Match time and date:

Rule change—For security reasons, matches may not be changed from the scheduled time of 7:00p.m. on Thursdays, except for ITV videotaping.

Academic League Manual Reference:

Time and Date of Matches – page 6

Contestant's Code of Ethics:

Rule change—Students are reminded to refrain from conferring after time is called in a bonus question.

Contestants' Code of Ethics Reference:

Bullet #14

Current Events Questions:

Rule change—The Academic League Commissioner will write nine current events toss-up questions **from any source he/she deems appropriate.**

Academic League Manual Reference:

Moderators – Rule 1, page 9

End of Match Tie:

Rule change—If a match is tied when the final buzzer sounds, the moderator will continue to read toss-up questions until a team hitting the buzzer first answers correctly. If a toss-up question is answered incorrectly, one point will not be deducted.

Academic League Manual Reference:

End of the Competition Time Period – Rule 3, page 12

Moderator Protests:

Rule change—A moderator (or judge) must call a time-out to discuss answers he/she questions.

Academic League Manual Reference:

Moderator Time-out – Rule 4, page 13

Other changes:

- **League division alignment** – The current league alignment will remain in effect for the 2007-08 season. A new alignment was agreed upon for 2008-09 (see minutes of 11.29.07 meeting).
- **Scrimmages** are now the responsibility of coaches.
- **New Academic League Board members** are Phil Fickling (Francis Parker), Mike Maheu (Mira Mesa), Todd Glaeser (Lutheran), and Chris King (OLP).