

## Rule Changes for Academic League 2009

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Academic League Manual 2008 Reference	Rule Change
Structure – p. 5, rule #1	<u>Revise rule to read:</u> “Two teams of no more than five high school students each compete...” (Note: Teams may be less than 5.) <u>Add:</u> Middle school students, especially 8 <sup>th</sup> graders, may not participate.
Structure – p. 6, rule #15	<u>Add:</u> “If buzzers, a timer, and a scoreboard are not present, the home teams will be charged a forfeit.”
Team Standings – p. 6, rule #1	<u>Add:</u> Pair-ups for city semifinals will be done by seeding.
Team Standings – p. 6, rule #3	<u>Revise rule to read:</u> “If two or more teams remain tied at the end of the season, the champion will be determined by the total number of points earned per team during the 2009 matches against each other.”
General Caveat – p. 6	<u>Add:</u> Computational questions may be worked by coaches only and must be destroyed at the conclusion of the match.
Officials – p. 7, rule #2	<u>Eliminate</u> required judges at regular matches. <u>Revise rule to read:</u> “Two student scorekeepers must be used at all times. Scorekeepers are to keep a running tab of scores for both teams. Coaches may not serve as official scorekeepers.”
Officials – p. 7, rule #3	<u>Eliminate</u> required judges at regular matches. <u>Revise rule to read:</u> “The moderator will resolve all disputes concerning competition questions.”
Host School Responsibilities – p. 7, rule #1	<u>Revise rule to read:</u> “The <u>moderator</u> (not the coach) will introduce and begin the match. The moderator will acknowledge and thank the GATE department and any other sponsors.”
Host School Responsibilities – p. 7	<u>Eliminate the rule which read:</u> “Provide one or more judges and an official scorekeeper other than the coach.”
Host School Responsibilities – p. 7, rule #4d	<u>Eliminate the rule which read:</u> “[Provide] three microphones and a sound system.”
Host School Responsibilities – p. 7, rule #4d	<u>Revise rule to read:</u> “[Provide] a podium/lecture with microphone, if possible.”
Visiting School Responsibilities – p. 7	<u>Eliminate the rule which read:</u> “Provide one judge as needed.”
Coaches’ Responsibilities – p. 8 <b>non-negotiable</b>	<b><u>Add as rule #1:</u></b> “A coach or school official/employee must accompany and remain with the school’s Academic League team members throughout all three matches <b>or the school’s teams must forfeit the matches.</b> ”
Coaches’ Responsibilities – p. 8 <b>non-negotiable</b>	<b><u>Add as rule #2:</u></b> “If a coach is unable to attend a match, he/she must submit written notice to the Academic League Liaison in the GATE office prior to the match. The notice must state the name of the school official who will accompany teams to the match along with his/her position at the school site, and be signed by the principal of the school. The Academic League Liaison will inform the moderator of the match.”
Coaches’ Responsibilities – p. 8, rule #5	<u>Revise rule to read:</u> “Coaches have the option to provide written evaluation of moderator performance after each match. An evaluation form will be provided.”

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Coaches' Responsibilities – p. 8, rule #6a	<u>Revise rule to read:</u> "...school sends an annual <b>\$60.00</b> check..."
Coaches' Responsibilities – p. 8, rule #6b <b>non-negotiable</b>	<u>Add to rule regarding submission of 12 questions:</u> <i><b>"If a school's questions are not received by the deadline, its Academic League teams must forfeit each subsequent match until questions are submitted."</b></i>
Coaches' Responsibilities – p. 9, rule #9	<u>Revise "protest" rule to include the following steps: (Changes in bold)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>"If a protest will impact the outcome of a match,</b> the coach may file a written protest or appeal within 24 hours of the disputed match with the Academic League Liaison in the GATE office, <b>and the liaison will contact the Commissioner.</b></li> <li>• <b>The coach must inform the moderator of his/her intent to file a written protest at the end of the disputed match.</b></li> <li>• <b>The moderator will inform the scorekeeper of the coaches' intent to protest upon calling in the score.</b></li> <li>• The Commissioner may then seek written statements from any other coaches or officials involved.</li> <li>• The Academic League Board shall be convened or contacted by the Commissioner within three days of the filing to consider all evidence.</li> <li>• The Commissioner shall render a decision within five days after the protest or appeal is filed with the Academic League Liaison.</li> <li>• <b>Only the coach may contact league officials and speak on behalf of the team.</b></li> <li>• <b>All involved will respect the decision of the Academic League Board as final and make no further protests or appeals once rulings have been made."</b></li> </ul>
Contestants' Code of Ethics – p. 10	<u>Add to code:</u> "[Students must] refrain from passing notes after time is called during a bonus question."
Rules of Play: Toss-up Questions – p. 11, rule #11	<u>Add to rule:</u> "If the buzzer has been hit, the opposing team will be disqualified from a chance to answer the toss-up question if team members confer <b>while the first team is answering.</b> "
Rules of play: Bonus Questions – p. 11, rule #3	<u>Add to rule:</u> "Team members may not pass notes or papers after "time" is called [at the end of a bonus question]."
Academic League Board – p. 14, rule #1	<u>Revise rule to read:</u> "...coaches will serve for <b>two</b> years on a rotational basis."
Academic League Board – p. 14, rule #3	<u>Revise rule to read:</u> "...A quorum for voting [at general meetings] is reached if 10 schools are present."
Academic League Board – p. 14, rule #4	<u>Eliminate the words:</u> "...each February."