

## Team composition / Tournament designs

The following are different examples of options to establish the composition of teams for competition against relatively even teams, and options for tournament designs, within the intent of the WBQA rules for teams.

Team	
<p><b>(a) Grade / age (as of November 1)</b> <i>Little League</i> – up to, and including, 6<sup>th</sup> grade <i>Junior Varsity</i> – up to, and including, 9<sup>th</sup> grade <i>Varsity</i> – up to, and including, 19 years old</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The team averages 0, 1, 2, or 3 correctly answered 20-point questions per quiz</li></ul>
<p><b>(b) Experience</b> <i>Junior Varsity</i> – all members of the team have completed 0, 1, or 2 years of experience <i>Varsity</i> – at least one member of the team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has completed 3 or more years of experience, or</li><li>• Competed on an All-star team</li></ul>	<p><i>Varsity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One member of the team averages 3 or more correctly answered 20-point questions per quiz</li><li>• The team averages 4 or more correctly answered 20-point questions per quiz</li></ul>
<p><b>(c) Strength</b> <i>Junior Varsity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No member of the team averages 2 or more correctly answered 20-point questions per quiz</li></ul>	<p><b>(d) Combination of (c) and (d)</b> – to prevent one new, dominant quizzier</p> <p><b>(e) Other options</b> – novice (first-year quizzers)</p>

Tournament	
<p><b>(a) Simple round robin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All teams compete in partial or complete round robin</li><li>• All teams are ranked</li><li>• Top fraction (e.g., 75 %) enter single- or double-elimination play-off</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All teams are ranked</li><li>• Teams are grouped into pools where teams are at equal strength<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Teams 1 – 9 = Gold division</li><li>○ Teams 10 – 18 = Silver division</li><li>○ Teams 19 – 27 = Bronze division</li></ul></li><li>• Teams compete in play-off within division</li><li>• Awards given to top team(s) in each division</li></ul>
<p><b>(b) Modified round robin</b> (gives at least one quiz against teams of equal strength)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All teams compete in partial or complete round robin</li><li>• All teams are ranked</li><li>• A complete single-elimination play-off is conducted, including determining all places</li></ul>	<p><b>(d) Self-selection divisions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coaches register for specific divisions using <i>Strength</i> criteria above</li><li>• All teams compete in partial or complete round robin within their division</li><li>• All teams are ranked</li><li>• A complete single-elimination play-off is conducted, including determining all places</li></ul>
<p><b>(c) Modified play-off</b> (gives multiple quizzes against teams of equal strength)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All teams compete in partial or complete round robin</li></ul>	