



National Ocean Sciences Bowl

MODERATOR

What Do I Do ?

1. Introductions

- Introduce officials
- Ask students to introduce themselves and test the buzzer system.
- Ask coaches, then alternates, to come to front of room, shake hands, introduce themselves, and sit in the back of the room.

2. Rules

- Read the “Important Rules” at the start of each game and before the Team Challenge Question segment (located in your binder).

3. Reading the Questions

- Announce whether it’s a toss up, bonus, or team challenge question.
- For buzzer questions; announce whether multiple choice or short answer, subject category, then read the question.
- For team challenge questions; announce topic, amount of time and when to begin.

4. Challenges

- Only players (not audience, coach, or alternate) may challenge a Moderator’s ruling on an answer.
- The science judge will make a ruling or take the challenge to the Judges’ Appeals room.
- There are no challenges on Team Challenge Questions.

5. Getting the Answer

- Moderator: Verbally recognize the individual before she/he responds.
- Identify student by....
 1. Announcing Team A or Team B and
 2. Announcing participant ID (captain, 1, 2, 3)

6. Who Won?

- Fill out official score sheet. Ask Captains to initial the score sheet.



Challenge?
Ask timekeeper to stop the clock

Team Challenge?
Consultation allowed; written answers are handed in by the captain.

Toss-Up?
No consultation among team members.
(Shhhhhhh)

Bonus?
Consultation is allowed, but the captain must answer.

Team A,
Captain



Acceptable Answers?

- Responses to Multiple Choice questions can be the letter (W, X, Y, Z) or the answer exactly as written, or both.
- Anything else is unacceptable, including synonyms, broader terms, and more specific terms.
- The first answer stated is the one that counts!

Note: At the end of each match the official score sheet, the flipchart tally, & the team challenge questions should be put back in your envelope/packet. The packet should then, immediately, be taken to Ocean Bowl Central by the Runner or official who will be going to Ocean Bowl Central first.