



NATIONAL OCEAN
SCIENCES BOWL

National Ocean Sciences Bowl

TIMEKEEPER

What Do I Do?

The Basics:

- It's very important to keep focused on the time -- NOT the game.
- One match is composed of two (2) buzzer question halves and two (2) team challenge questions. There will be a minimum two (2) minute break in between the halves.

First Buzzer Question Half:

- Clock set for 6 MINUTES.
- Begin the clock when the moderator starts reading the first question.
- After the first half has lapsed, announce "HALF."

Team Challenge Question (TCQ) Segment:

- Students have between 90 SECONDS and 5 MINUTES to answer the TCQs. There are two (2) TCQs.
- Use the stop watch to time each TCQ and begin the clock when the moderator announces "BEGIN".
- After the students have finished their second TCQ, time a 2-MINUTE BREAK. The break is a minimum of 2 minutes but may take longer.

Second Buzzer Question Half:

- Clock set for 6 MINUTES.
- Begin the clock when the moderator starts reading the first question.
- After the second half has lapsed, announce "GAME!"

Challenges

- When a team challenges a question, stop the clock.
- Add time to the clock if necessary. Confer with the Rules Judge or other officials about amount.

Challenge?

- **Stop the Clock**



Toss-up Question (5 seconds to buzz in, 3 seconds to answer)

When time is up- Say "TIME"

Bonus Question (20 seconds to answer)

When 5 SECONDS are left- Say "5 SECONDS"

When time is up- Say "TIME"

Team Challenge Question

When 45 SECONDS are left- Say "45 SECONDS"

When 15 SECONDS are left- Say "15 SECONDS"

When time is up- Say "TIME, PENCILS DOWN!"