



Coaches' Guide



Kentucky Association for Academic Competition

**"To Enrich the Lives of Kentucky Students
Through Academic Competition"**

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Introduction

Since its beginning in December 1999, the Sixth Grade Academic Showcase has more than doubled in membership.

This is evidence that administrators, teachers and parents have seen the value of high-quality academic competition and are making it part of their lives.

On behalf of the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition (KAAC), thank you for your willingness to serve the students of your area as a coach. Since those students are the beneficiaries of your efforts, the time you spend is most worthwhile.

We are again pleased to have the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels as our partner in this year's event. More information about the Colonels is on the next page--you can also visit www.kycolonels.org to learn about Kentucky's civic-minded ambassadors.

If we can answer any questions along the way, please give us a call.



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About Our Sponsor

When a Governor commissions an individual as a Kentucky Colonel, he is awarding the state's highest honor to someone who has made a contribution to Kentucky or society in general. The individual may be someone famous such as Tiger Woods. More likely though, the recipient is an outstanding teacher, a fireman who saved a life or a volunteer who works endless hours to help those less fortunate.

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, made up of Kentucky Colonels from around the world, is dedicated to perpetuating the Good Works of the individual members but on a collective basis. Colonels from all over the world voluntarily contribute dollars to help low-income senior citizens in Johnson County, autistic children in Henderson, at-risk teens in Northern Kentucky, students with reading difficulty in Paducah, the homeless in Louisville and thousands of others across the state.



Since 1951, the Honorable Order has awarded nearly 5000 grants to charitable and educational agencies. For the last dozen years, the Order's Board of Trustees has distributed approximately 1.5 million dollars each year. This year, a program funded by the Kentucky Colonels is touching someone in every county in the state.

On behalf of all Kentucky Colonels, the Board of Trustees extends congratulations to those who have earned the right to participate in the Sixth Grade Academic Showcase. We are most pleased to participate in recognizing your achievement. You are already setting the stage to be nominated as a Kentucky Colonel at some future date.

For more information, visit www.kycolonels.org

KAAC Code of Ethics



Sportsmanship Statement

Students, coaches, officials and spectators are to exhibit sportsmanlike conduct at all times.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to: disruptive and/or intimidating behavior, fighting, verbal abuse or dissent directed toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, profanity or obscene gestures, taunting, trash-talking or baiting, cheating, throwing or abusing equipment, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, unauthorized leaving of the team seating area, or excessive congratulatory remarks during the event.

Coaches will:

1. Share the Sportsmanship Statement with their players and reinforce its message.
2. Play honestly and avoid improper communication with players during matches.
3. Treat officials and other workers with respect, making and discussing inquiries in an appropriate manner and accepting decisions graciously.
4. Treat all teams, especially their own, with respect.
5. Know and follow event rules and requirements, including bringing the required number of officials and working buzzer systems.
6. Be responsible for the behavior of their team and those accompanying their team.
7. Be responsible for the respectful care and treatment of the host school's equipment and facilities by their team and those accompanying their team.
8. Not make disparaging remarks about the host school's facilities.
9. Allow event officials to do their jobs without interference.

Students will:

1. Follow the guidelines outlined in the Sportsmanship Statement.
2. Compete honestly.
3. Refer questions and concerns to their coaches for appropriate handling.
4. Display good sportsmanship at all times, especially by: winning or losing graciously, communicating positively with the opposing team(s) and expressing appreciation to event officials.
5. Display appropriate behavior both during and between matches, especially by: being in designated areas only, avoiding profanity, refraining from intentional distractions during their matches and from creating disturbances that may distract from ongoing play at the event site.
6. Take respectful care in using equipment and facilities throughout the host school.
7. Not disturb anything in the event rooms unrelated to the competition.
8. Represent their schools in a positive manner.
9. Follow their school's dress code and the KAAC dress code.

Officials will:

1. Accept their role in an unassuming manner, never showboating or over-officiating.
2. Maintain confidence and poise, controlling the competition from start to finish.
3. Know the rules of the event thoroughly and abide by KAAC rules.
4. Apply KAAC rules firmly but fairly, and consistently to all teams.
5. Know and abide by this Code of Ethics.
6. Publicly shake hands with coaches of all teams before the event.
7. Never exhibit emotion or argue with participants or coaches when enforcing rules.

Thanks to GATA for allowing us to adapt their Code of Ethics for our own use.

A. Schedule of Events

Coaches' Planning Meeting: November 17

Time decided by Contest Manager working with coaches

Composition: November 29

Time decided by coaches at Coaches' Planning Meeting - must be held after school unless ALL teams agree to come earlier.

Written Assessment and Quick Recall: Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Written Assessment Testing Time Frame 1 All students must begin testing during this time
8:50 a.m.	Exams released to coaches
9:40 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	Written Assessment Testing Time Frame 2
10:35 a.m.	Written Assessment inquiries due
10:35 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	Written Assessment Testing Time Frame 3
10:50 a.m.	Written Assessment rebuttals due
11:00 a.m.	Quick Recall begins (a lunch period may be added at any time, affecting the Quick Recall schedule)

Awards Ceremony following last Quick Recall match

If there are teams in the Section from both Eastern and Central time zones, the event shall be conducted on Central time unless all teams agree otherwise.

B. Participation Information

Participation Guidelines

1. Only sixth grade students may compete.
2. Students may compete in both Governor's Cup and the Sixth Grade Showcase.
3. Students must compete for the school in which they are enrolled.
4. Each student may take part in a maximum of three events.
5. Each team may enter up to three students in each of the written events and in Composition.
6. Enter students online for Sixth Grade Showcase – refer to Appendix A.

Required Officials

1. Each school participating in Quick Recall MUST provide two certified Quick Recall officials.
2. Each school participating in Composition MUST provide a reader.

C. Composition

- a. The writing genre will be defend a position and the time frame will be 60 minutes.

D. Written Assessment

1. All five written assessments are 35 questions, A-D multiple choice. Students are given 45 minutes to complete each exam. Examinations are offered in:
 - ✓ Mathematics
 - ✓ Science
 - ✓ Social Studies
 - ✓ Language Arts
 - ✓ Arts and Humanities

Five multiple-choice questions are used to break ties.

Testing Procedures

1. ALL students must begin testing at the first testing time frame.
2. There will be a total of five questions on the Language Arts examination from the required reading *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan. Required reading questions follow Governor’s Cup guidelines.
3. ALL students must report at the start time for Testing Time Frame 1. If a student is late for the first written assessment time frame, no exams may be taken.
4. Exams must be taken in this sequential order: Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Arts and Humanities.
5. Students who complete their exams early sit quietly at their table. When the time is up, proctors collect the exams and score sheets and sort them by subject area.
6. If a student asks to leave the room to use the restroom or for emergency reasons, that student must be escorted by a proctor.
7. As students finish each Testing Time Frame, score sheets are forwarded to the Head Scorer.
8. Between testing time frames, students may take an escorted trip to the rest room.

E. Quick Recall

1. Governor’s Cup rules will be used with this exception: each Quick Recall match will consist of 10-minute halves, or 30 questions per half, whichever comes first. For a copy of the Quick Recall Manual, visit the KAAC web site at kaac.com.
2. Where Showcase sections consist of eight teams, teams shall be divided into two four-team round robin pools, for the purpose of seeding all teams in an eight-team, single elimination bracket to determine final placements.
3. Showcase sections consisting of fewer than 8 teams will play a double elimination tournament bracket—each team is guaranteed two matches (see Appendix B).
4. Each Quick Recall team is required to provide two certified Quick Recall officials. For a list of KAAC certification sessions, go to kaac.com and click on “Certification.” Online registration is required.

F. Individual And Team Awards

The following individual and team awards are presented:

1. Each school receives 20 certificates of participation. More are available upon request.
2. Awards are presented to the following:
 - ✓ Medals to the top six students in each written assessment event and in Composition;
 - ✓ Medals (8) to the first through fourth place Quick Recall teams; and
 - ✓ Plaques to the first, second and third place teams overall.
3. The ASAP online scoring system employs this table to assign school points:

Quick Recall			
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
13 Points	9 Points	5 Points	3 Points

Written Assessment					
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place	Fifth Place	Sixth Place
8 Points	6 Points	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point

G. Breaking Ties in Final School Rankings

ASAP uses the following procedure to break ties in school points when determining final school rankings:

- STEP 1. ASAP determines the number of first place points awarded to each tied school, and **awards the higher rank to the school with the greater number of first place points.**
- STEP 2. If the schools have the same number of first place points, ASAP determines the number of second place points awarded and ranks the school with the greater number of second place points ranks ahead of the school with fewer second place points. If the second place points are also the same, ASAP declares a tie.

H. Coaches' Planning Meeting—November 17

Your Challenge host will be contacting you soon to set up a time for the Coaches' Planning Meeting. All coaches must attend this very important meeting, where you will discuss:

- ✓ Lunch options
- ✓ Placement of officials, including the Chief Official
- ✓ Buzzer system needs
- ✓ Schedule for Composition and Composition evaluation
- ✓ Whether or not schools will do onsite testing for Composition
- ✓ Written Assessment testing procedures
- ✓ The Quick Recall draw for placement

The Sixth Grade Showcase Coaches' Planning Meeting for coaches is November 17. The time is set by your host school.

For More Information:

Contact KAAC at 502.223.0088.



Appendix A--Entry Form

School _____ School Representative _____
 School Representative phone - Home _____ School Representative phone - Day _____
 School Representative email - Home _____ School Representative email - Day _____
 Quick Recall Coach _____ Cert. # _____ Visit www.kaac.com/Certification/index.html if you forgot your card #.

In order to take part in Sixth Grade Showcase, you must help provide officials.

Step 1—Enter Officials’ Information

REQUIRED Quick Recall Official: Name _____ Cert. # _____ Years Experience _____
 Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ E-mail _____
 Can serve as (circle all that apply): Judge Moderator Scorer Spotter Timer

REQUIRED Quick Recall Official: Name _____ Cert. # _____ Years Experience _____
 Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ E-mail _____
 Can serve as (circle all that apply): Judge Moderator Scorer Spotter Timer

ADDITIONAL Quick Recall Official: Name _____ Cert. # _____ Years Experience _____
 Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ E-mail _____
 Can serve as (circle all that apply): Judge Moderator Scorer Spotter Timer
 Written Assessment Official: Name _____ Can serve as (circle) Proctor / Grader
 Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ E-mail _____

Written Assessment Official: Name _____ Can serve as (circle) Proctor / Grader
 Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ E-mail _____
 Composition Proctor: Name _____
 Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ E-mail _____
 Composition Reader: Name _____
 Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ E-mail _____

Each school may nominate a Chief Official and members of the inquiry panel. List nominees below.

Chief Official: _____ Years
 Experience: _____

Inquiry Panel: Name _____ Subject Area(s) _____
 Inquiry Panel: Name _____ Subject Area(s) _____

This is page 1 of the Entry Form. Page 2 you print off the Internet after entering student names online. Go to the next page for instructions.

Step 2--Enter Students Online

Online Student Entry Period: November 3 to November 17



Instructions:

1. During the Entry Period, sign on to kaac.com and follow the links to enter Sixth Grade Showcase ASAP.
2. Enter your Sixth Grade Showcase password.
3. Enter your student names. IMPORTANT: YOU are responsible for the spelling of your student names. The way you type them will be the way they will show in the online results.
4. IF YOU USE ALL CAPS, YOUR STUDENT NAMES WILL LOOK "OUT OF PLACE" ON THE INTERNET. DO NOT USE ALL CAPS!
5. After you have entered the last name, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Submit Student Names".
6. Print the next page, which has your student names on it. This is Page 2 of the Entry Form.
7. On your printed copy, check the boxes to assign students to events and complete the remainder of the form by following the instructions on the page.

Step 3--Send Page 1 and Page 2 to Host School

1. Make a copy of page 1 (the other side of this page) and a copy of the student page 2 you printed off the Internet. Keep one for your files. Notify the Contest Manager of any changes.
2. Send one copy to the Sixth Grade Showcase Contest Manager.
3. Keep the original for your records.
4. **DO NOT SEND A COPY TO KAAC.** We have your student names in the online database.

**Entry Form Due Date:
November 17**

If you don't submit this form by its due date, you may render your school ineligible for competition.



Appendix B - Quick Recall Draw

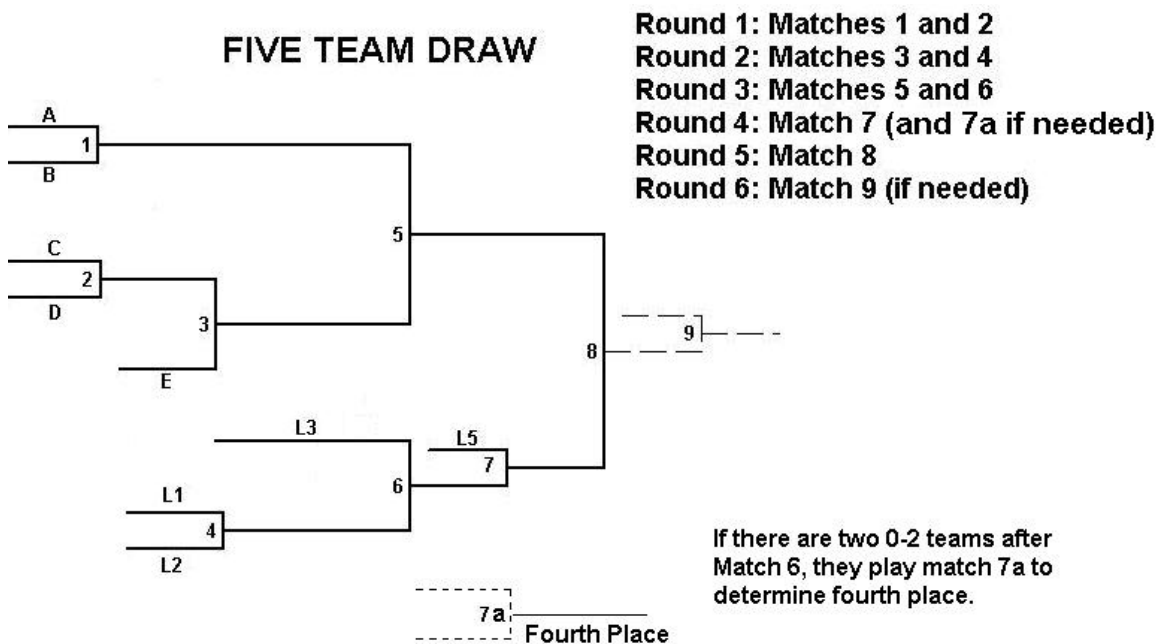
Use the appropriate schematic for the number of teams in your section.

Steps:

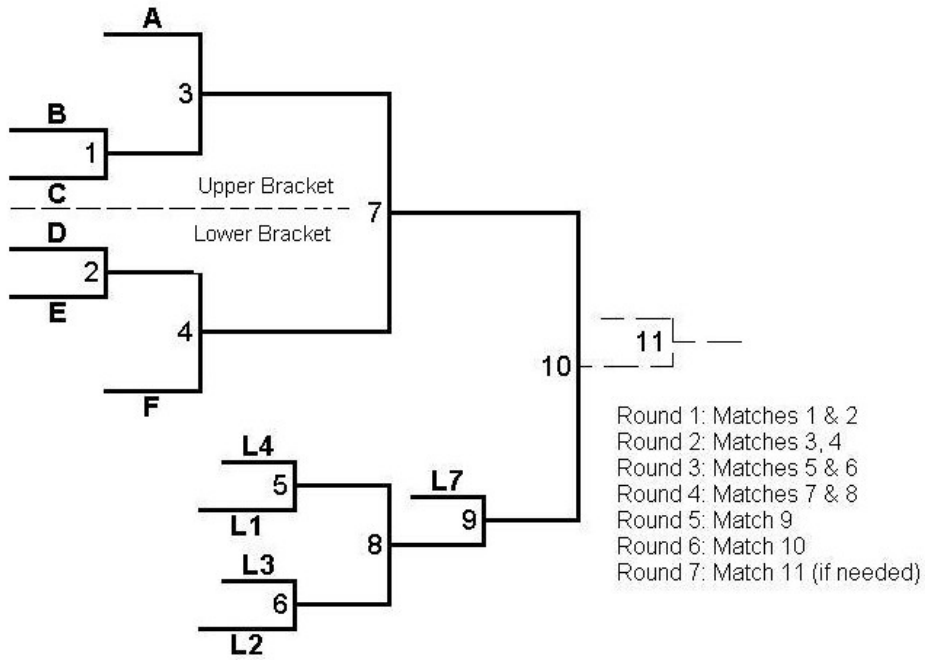
At the Coaches' Planning Meeting the Contest Manager or designee performs the drawing for the Quick Recall competition following the instructions below:

1. Write each team name on a piece of paper and put the pieces of paper in a box or hat.
2. Use the appropriate bracket below for the number of participating Quick Recall teams.
3. Begin at Match 1. Simply draw two teams out of the kitty and place them into the bracket.
4. Continue with Match 2, etc. until all teams are placed into the bracket.

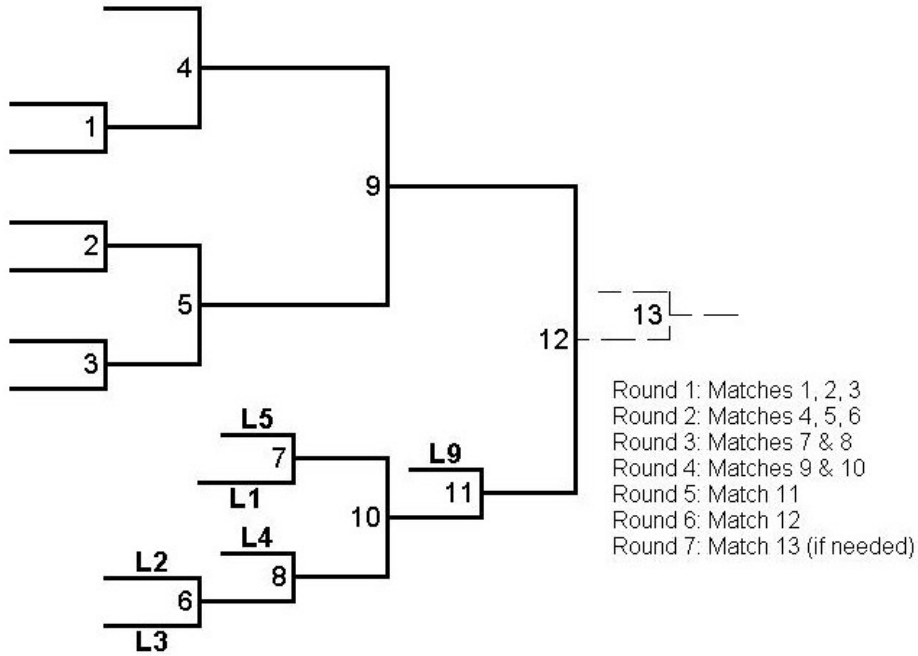
Please note new schematic for 2011



Six Team Draw



Seven Team Draw



8-Team Pool Play Procedures JV Challenge and 6th Grade Showcase

- Write each team's name on a slip of paper and put the slips in the kitty.
- Set up a grid for the teams as follows:

Pool A	Pool B
E	W
F	X
G	Y
H	Z

- Play your Pool play rounds:

Round 1	Match 1: E-F	Match 2: G-H	Match 3: W-X	Match 4: Y-Z
Round 2	Match 5: E-G	Match 6: F-H	Match 7: W-Y	Match 8: X-Z
Round 3	Match 9: E-H	Match 10: F-G	Match 11: W-Z	Match 12: X-Y

- Determine team seeding based on pool play wins and losses:

Record	Seed	Record	Seed	Record	Seed	Record	Seed
3 vs. 0	1	2 vs. 1	1/2*	3 vs. 0	1	2 vs. 1	1/2/3**
2 vs. 1	2	2 vs. 1	1/2*	1 vs. 2	2/3/4**	2 vs. 1	1/2/3**
1 vs. 2	3	1 vs. 2	3/4*	1 vs. 2	2/3/4**	2 vs. 1	1/2/3**
0 vs. 3	4	1 vs. 2	3/4*	1 vs. 2	2/3/4**	0 vs. 3	4

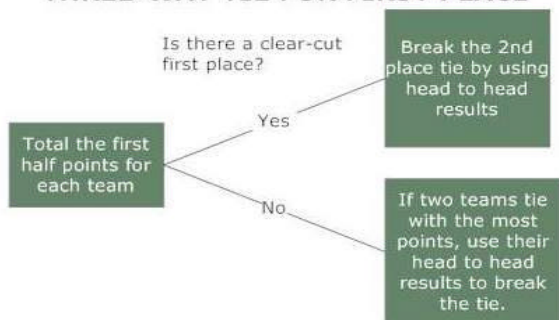
To break ties among tied teams, use the tiebreaker procedures below:

***IF TWO TEAMS ARE TIED**

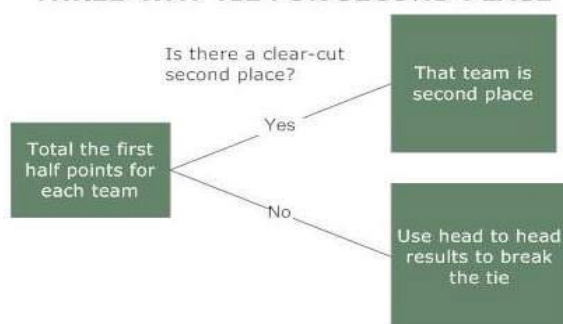
Use the head vs. to vs. head result to break the tie.

****IF THREE TEAMS ARE TIED**

THREE-WAY TIE FOR FIRST PLACE

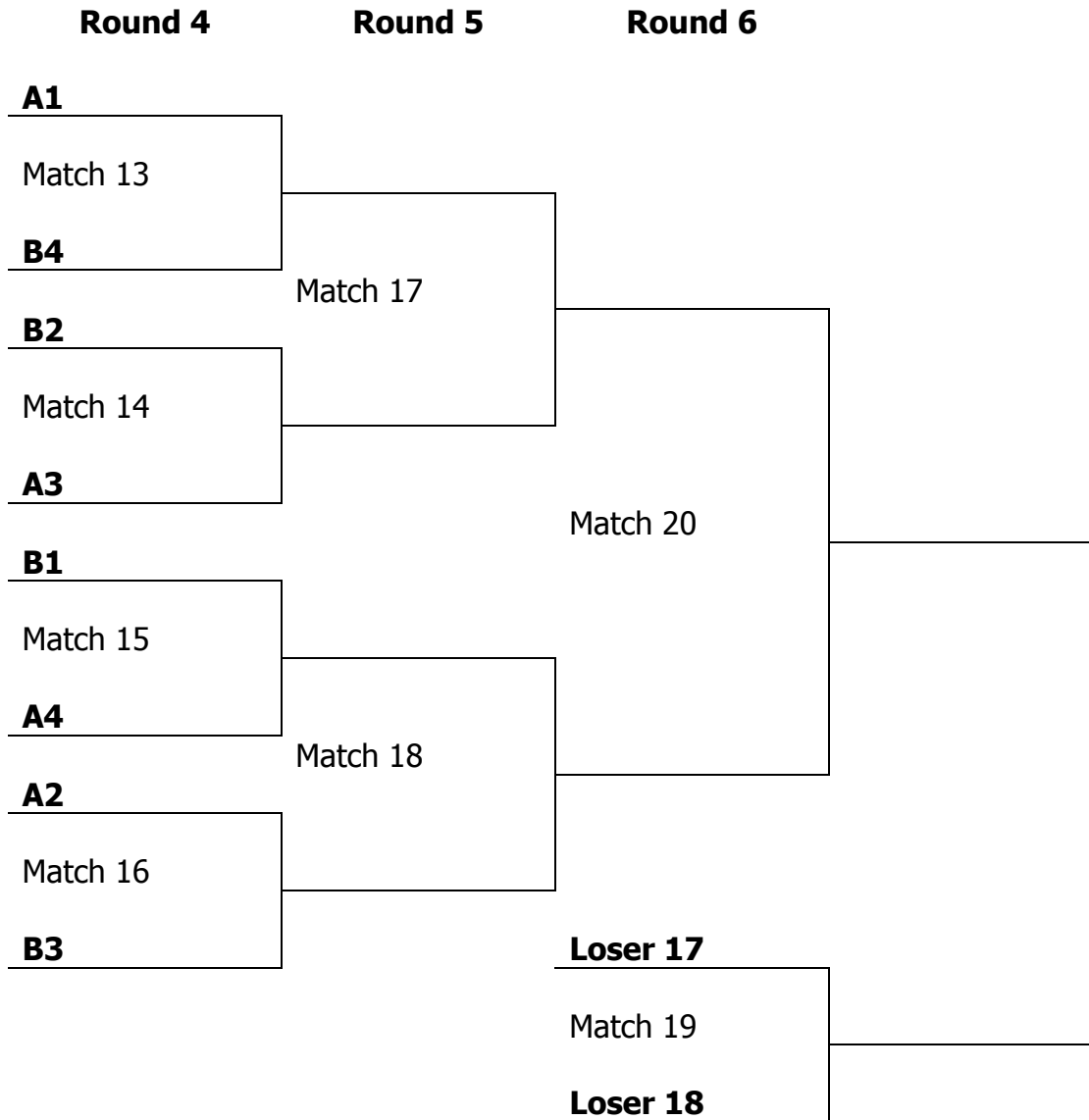


THREE-WAY TIE FOR SECOND PLACE



8-Team Single Elimination Bracket JV Challenge and 6th Grade Showcase

1. Establish the seeding for each team from the pool play rounds.
2. Place each team in the bracket as follows:



3. The final Quick Recall placements are listed below.

Winner Match 20: 1 st Place	Loser Match 20: 2 nd Place
Winner Match 19: 3 rd Place	Loser Match 19: 4 th Place

Quick Recall and Written Assessment Content

Each Quick Recall round and/or written exam contains balanced proportions from these categories.

Mathematics

1. Fractions, Decimals, and Percents (Including Percents Greater Than 100% and Improper Fractions)
2. Ratios, Exponents (e.g., Squares, Cubes)
3. Prime and Composite Numbers, Factors, Multiples, Greatest Common Factors, Least Common Multiples
4. Estimation
5. Applications Of Properties (e.g., Commutative, Associative, Inverse, Identity)
6. Regular and Irregular Polygons
7. Area Of Plane Figures
8. Length, Weight/Mass, and Volume/Capacity
9. Regular Polygons, Special Quadrilaterals, Special Triangles
10. Characteristics Of Lines (e.g., Parallel, Perpendicular), Lines Of Symmetry
11. Organizing and Interpreting Data
12. Introduction To Algebra, Cartesian System

Science

1. Scientific Inquiry
2. Laboratory Equipment and Safety
3. Motion and Forces
4. Solar System and Its Components
5. Gravitation and Space Phenomena
6. Earth Phenomena Caused By The Sun's Energy
7. Life Science—Regulation and Behavior
8. Life Science—Populations and Ecosystems
9. Science and Technology
10. Resources and Environmental Change
11. Great Scientists
12. Current Events In Science

Social Studies

1. Human and Physical Geography
2. Land Use (e.g., Preservation, Development, Modification)
3. Map Skills
4. Physical and Human Characteristics Of Places and Regions
5. Five Themes Of Geography
6. Economic Concepts – Scarcity and Economic Systems

7. Modern Forms Of Government
8. Elements of Cultures
9. Cultural and Social Institutions
10. Kentucky History and Geography
11. U.S. and World Geography
12. People and Events from 2010 to the present
13. U.S. Presidents

Language Arts

1. Literary Devices and Techniques
2. Vocabulary: Spelling and Definitions
3. Vocabulary: Greek and Latin Affixes and Roots
4. Parts of Speech and their Functions
5. Grammar: Mechanics and Sentence Structure
6. Newbery Award Winners
7. Classic Children’s Novels
8. Award-winning Contemporary Young Adult Novels
9. Award-winning Contemporary Young Adult Nonfiction, including Biographies
10. Famous Poets and Poetry, Poetic forms
11. Short Stories--Authors, Titles, Characters, Themes
12. Characters in Fables, Folklore, Tall Tales

Arts and Humanities

1. Elements Of Art, Principles Of Art Design
2. Art Processes and Media
3. Great Artists and their Works – Emphasis on Michelangelo, Goya, Rembrandt, O’Keeffe
4. Elements Of Music
5. Musical Instruments and Families
6. Great Composers - Emphasis on Chopin, Vivaldi, Handel
7. Elements Of Dance
8. Dancers and Choreographers
9. Elements Of Drama and Age-appropriate Broadway Plays
10. Historical and Cultural Contexts Of Art, Dance, Music and Drama
11. Mythology—Emphasis On Greek/Roman
12. Cultural Icons 1990-present
13. World Religions; Great Religious Leaders In History
14. National Landmarks

Appendix D - Press Release

To Participate in Kentucky Colonels' Sixth Grade Academic Showcase

will take part in the 13th annual Kentucky Colonels' Sixth Grade Academic Showcase.

The competition will be held on Tuesday, November 29 and Saturday, December 3 at

Other competing schools are

The Kentucky Colonels' Sixth Grade Academic Showcase features written assessment events in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts and Arts/Humanities, and a double elimination Quick Recall tournament. The event began in 1999 with 90 schools and has since more than doubled in size.

The Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels, the event sponsor, is made up of Kentucky Colonels from around the world, and is dedicated to perpetuating the good works of individual members on a collective basis. Since 1951, the Honorable Order has awarded nearly 6000 grants to charitable and educational agencies. For the last 15 years, the Order's Board of Trustees has distributed approximately 1.5 million dollars each year.

"A major goal of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is to enhance educational opportunities available to all Kentuckians. Kentucky Colonels are pleased to help recognize the work done by the participants in the Sixth Grade Showcase."

–Jim Lindsey, Commanding General, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels

According to KAAC Executive Director John Bennett, the Showcase was designed to fill a need in Kentucky schools. "As KAAC began to look for ways to reach more students, we realized that a significant number of students were graduating from fifth grade, then finding it hard to compete on their school's middle grades Governor's Cup team. The Showcase gives those students another competitive opportunity, and helps them remain interested and active in academic competition until they can more realistically contribute to their academic team programs on the middle grades Governor's Cup level."

The coach of the

team is

For more information, contact

Sixth Grade Showcase Order Form

Part 1: QUICK RECALL QUESTIONS

These questions were used in past Sixth Grade Showcase competitions. Questions are balanced among mathematics, science, social studies, language arts, & humanities. Pricing is for KAAC members only--others, please call 502.223.0088.

Circle the round(s) you choose to order below.

Year	# of Rounds	Cost	Total
January 2001	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	@ \$6.00 ea.	
December 2001	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2002	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2003	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2004	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2005	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2006	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2007	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2008	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2009	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
2010	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	@ \$6.00 ea.	
Total from Quick Recall Questions:			\$

Part 2: WRITTEN ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Used in past Sixth Grade Showcase competitions. Keys are provided.

Circle the round(s) you choose to order below.

Exam	Year	Cost	Total
Mathematics	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010	@ \$6.00 ea.	
Science	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010	@ \$6.00 ea.	
Social Studies	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010	@ \$6.00 ea.	
Language Arts	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010	@ \$6.00 ea.	
Arts & Humanities	2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010	@ \$6.00 ea.	
Total from Written Assessment Questions:			\$

Shipping Costs

\$1 - \$50 order: \$7.95	\$201 - \$350 order: \$16.95
\$51 - \$100 order: \$9.95	\$351 - \$500 order: \$18.95
\$101 - \$200 order: \$11.95	\$501 and greater: \$20.95

TOTAL ORDER = QUICK RECALL TOTAL + WRITTEN ASSESSMENT + SHIPPING

Purchase order required for orders over \$100 PO# _____

NAME _____ SCHOOL _____
 UPS SHIPPING ADDRESS (LIST STREET ADDRESS, NO P.O. BOXES PLEASE)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Send completed form with check payable to KAAC, or purchase order to:
 KAAC, 113 Consumer Lane, Frankfort KY 40601
 Fax order to: 502.223.0430