

The Minnesota Society For Respiratory Care

SPUTUM BOWL RULES OF COMPETITION

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- I. The prime objective of the Sputum Bowl is to stimulate interest in the current knowledge and practices of respiratory care.**
- II. The competition shall be held in a spirit of professionalism and good sportsmanship.**
- III. There are no losers in this contest. All should gain from this experience a greater understanding of respiratory care and themselves.**

IV. Submission of Teams

- A. Each affiliate shall submit a roster of team members prior to the deadline noted in these rules.

V. National Sputum Bowl Team Composition

- A. A team shall consist of at least three and not more than four (4) Respiratory Care practitioners.
- B. Member Eligibility
 - 2. Team members (herein considered the team) must be current members in good standing of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) as determined by current AARC bylaws.
 - 3. An individual may be a member on only one team entered in the state competition.
- D. Affiliate Team Eligibility
 - 1. Application for entrance in the Sputum Bowl competition at the NRRCC Meeting Congress must be received by the Sputum Bowl Committee no later than March 31, 2010.
 - 2. Submission of 100 oral questions and 15 visual questions shall be made to the Committee by April 16, 2010 to allow for proper review prior to the contest.
 - 3. The team roster shall be submitted to the Committee by April 16, 2010 to determine eligibility. No emergency roster changes will be accepted after April 23, 2010.

VI. Format for State Competition

- A. The state competition will be held during the NRCC Meeting.
 - 1. Preliminaries will be held prior to the finals.
 - 2. Preliminaries will be of a double elimination format.
 - 3. Finals will be of a single elimination format for the four teams remaining after preliminary competition.

VII. Moderators

- A. The moderator shall have the power and option to accept or reject an answer without asking for a judge's ruling.
- B. The chairman of the Sputum Bowl Committee and moderator shall be responsible for the physical setup of the contest site, the proper functioning of all equipment, questions and all other necessary arrangements to ensure a smoothly run game.
- C. During the playing of the game, the moderator is in charge. He must control the actions of the teams, judges, scorekeeper, timekeeper and audience.
- D. The moderator shall review all questions prior to the competition to determine the limits of acceptable alternate responses to each question and determine sets of questions for use during each round of play.

VIII. Judges

- A. The judges shall be qualified individuals in their respective fields.
- B. The judges shall not be directly related to team members involved in any individual contest.
- C. The judges impaneled for the competition shall rule on the response to any question when so desired by the moderator and indicate whether they accept or reject a team's answer. All decisions shall be final.

IX. The Competition

- A. Preliminaries
 - 1. A game will consist of:
 - a. Two teams of up to three members each competing at a time.
 - b. Ten (10) minutes in length

- c. The team scoring the most points at the end of ten minutes is the winner of that game.
 - d. A team will be eliminated when losing two games during the preliminary competition.
2. When a team fails to take their seats within one minute of being called at the time of their game, they shall forfeit that game. The forfeiting team will receive a 0-10 loss. The opposing team shall receive a 10-0 win.

B. Finals

1. A game will consist of:
 - a. Two teams in competition
 - b. Fifteen (15) minutes in length
 - c. The team scoring the most points at the end of fifteen minutes is the winner of that game.
- C. The moderator shall signal the beginning of each game.
 - D. The timekeeper shall time the length of play and announce the end of play.
 - E. The scorekeeper shall maintain a running score visible to all participants and audience and record the verbal portion of all match play.
 - F. The moderator will ask the pre-selected questions, indicate the team that has responded first and await the answer. He will judge the first answer given as to its correctness, and if correct, indicate so to the scorekeeper.
 - G. Each team, after responding to a question, shall have ten (10) seconds to begin an answer. Failure to either begin to answer within ten seconds or to answer correctly will give the opposing team an opportunity to answer correctly within ten seconds after a full re-reading of the question. Team members have the liberty to confer during this time period.
 - H. Anyone may answer a toss up question.
 - I. If Team A responds to a question before the moderator has read the complete question and does not answer correctly, the moderator will re-read the complete question for the opposing team.
 - J. If neither team responds to a question within ten seconds after the moderator has completed it's reading, the question will be set aside and questioning will continue.
 - K. Each correct answer to a question will have a value of one point.
 - L. During the final two minutes of preliminary games and the final three minutes of finals contests, one point shall be deducted for each incorrect or incomplete primary response to a question. Teams responding to a question missed by the opposing team will not be

subject to this penalty. This penalty phase begins with the first question started by the moderator after the moderator's announcement that the game is in the penalty phase.

- M. If, due to moderator error, a question must be thrown out after Team A has already missed it and before Team B has had a chance at the question, the very next question will be read to Team B which shall have ten seconds to respond within the rules. Any points lost by Team A on the first question (penalty phase) shall stand and Team B shall earn points on the next question based on their correctness. The moderator at all other times shall have the freedom to select questions in the order he/she sees fit and to throw out questions at any time he/she deems necessary.
- N. Tie games at the end of regulation play shall be resolved by a sudden death playoff. The first team to score three points shall be declared the winner. There is no penalty phase and Rule IX.L does not apply during such sudden death playoffs.
- O. Any question begun prior to the end of regulation play shall be completed in accordance with the above rules if either team has responded prior to the end of play. (Elapsed time to 0:00 as determined by the timekeeper.)

X. Questions

- A. Each affiliate entering the competition shall submit 100 oral and 15 visual questions (see Appendix C).
- B. Questions used in competition will be of both the traditional oral and visual types. They will be reviewed and selected by the Sputum Bowl Committee prior to competition.
- C. Oral Questions.
 - 1. The questions will represent the level of didactic and clinical proficiency the respiratory care practitioner is expected to possess.
 - 2. The questions will not be of either the true/false or multiple-choice format.
 - 3. The questions will be referenced to the list specified in Appendix A.
 - 4. The number of required questions in a given category are shown in the table below.
- D. Visual Questions
 - 1. Each visual question shall consist of an image provided in Power Point format, along with a numbered, printed question also in Power Point (see Visual Question Template).

Please note: The definition of a “visual question” is one that CANNOT be answered without seeing the picture associated with it. Questions that do not meet this definition are not “visual questions”.
 - 2. There shall be one question from each of the 15 question categories (See Table below) and only one question per photograph.

3. The photographs submitted do not have to appear directly in the reference but the content of the question and answer shall be referenced to the list of textbooks and journals selected by the Sputum Bowl Committee (Appendix A). Please use reference list number and page number rather than title or author and page number. For journal citations, also use year and/or volume.

3. Subjects for visual questions should predominantly be items or scenes a typical respiratory care practitioner can reasonably be expected to recognize. The visual questions should require recognition or analysis of the visual image to compose a correct answer and not simply provide a visual background to a traditional, oral question. Please note the following criteria for visual question preparation:
 - a. Highly recommended
 - (1) Interesting scenes of any aspect of the actual practice of respiratory care by RCPs and/or RCP students.
 - (2) Realistic, staged illustrations of the practice of respiratory care
 - b. Acceptable
 - (1) Items of equipment
 - (2) Clear technical diagrams
 - c. Unacceptable
 - (1) Equations
 - (2) Slides consisting only of words
 - (3) Copyrighted photographs or cartoons

4. Teams submitting photographs depicting patients are expected to have obtained signed releases authorizing the use of the photographs in Sputum Bowl competition. These documents must be available upon request by the MSRC Sputum Bowl Committee. Note that it is not necessary to submit release forms with visual questions. Release forms should be obtained from your hospital or other employer.

	<u>Oral Questions</u>	<u>Visual Questions</u>
a. Anatomy and Physiology	10	1
b. Diagnostics	10	1
c. Pathology	10	1
d. Acute Care	10	1
e. Mechanical Ventilation	10	1
f. Neonatal / Pediatrics	8	1
g. Airway Management	7	1
h. Gas Therapy	6	1
i. Microbiology	4	1
j. Pharmacology	7	1
k. Cardiopulmonary Rehab / Home Care	5	1

l. Chemistry/Physics	3	1
m. Humidity / Aerosol	5	1
n. Management	4	1
o. History	1	1

XI. Challenging the Competition

- A. A team member may submit a protest form, challenging any portion of the competition within ten minutes after the completion of the game in which the protest is claimed.
- B. Team captains are asked to wait at the contest site for ten minutes after the completion of their game to learn of any protests relative to that contest.
- C. The Review Committee shall consist of:
 1. Scorekeeper
 2. Moderator
 3. Timekeeper
 4. Judges
- D. Review shall consist of:
 1. Team captains stating discrepancy and any or all supporting material or statements (limited to 5 minutes).
 2. Any rebuttal from the opposing team captain (limited to 5 minutes).
 3. Committee meeting and reviewing all material pertinent to the proceedings.
 4. Final decision voted upon and decided by the majority of the Review Committee within one hour of the completion of that round of competition.
- E. A team which has won a game in regular play cannot be declared the loser of that game as a result of a protest. Teams, which lose a game in regular play and as a result of the remedy applied to a successful protest would not lose, will play their opponent in a sudden death playoff per the rules contained in IX. N. above.

APPENDIX A

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