

Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Rules

To participate in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, elementary and middle school students must read the 2008-2009 Georgia Children's Book Award Nominees. The Georgia Book Award Nominees is the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl's official reading list.

High school students must read the Georgia Peach Teen Readers' Choice Award Nominees for 2008-2009 which is the official reading list of the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl.

A school may sponsor no more than one team per level (elementary, middle, or high school)
Each team will consist of five players and five alternates.

If your school system participates in a district wide competition, the first and second place winners in each division may then advance to the regional competition.

If there is no district wide competition and there are more than two schools in the same division (elementary, middle or high) desirous of competition in the same school system, then there must be a local competition to determine the 1st and 2nd place teams. The 1st place and 2nd place teams may then advance to the regional bowl.

Game Format and Rules

1. Each school will participate in six rounds.
2. Each round will consist of 10 questions.
3. Alternates may be substituted between rounds.
4. Teams will receive 10 points for each answer.
5. There will be no penalties for wrong answers.
6. There will be five members on a team and up to five alternates.
7. A school may have no more than one team.
8. Students may hold the buzzer.
9. When the student buzzes in, the console judge must acknowledge the student and team.
10. The answer must be given within 10 seconds by the student who buzzed in.
11. If the answer is incorrect, the question will be repeated for the other team.
12. They will have ten seconds to answer after buzzing in.
13. If neither team buzzes in, the moderator will answer the question and proceed to the next question.
14. If a contestant buzzes before the completion of a question, the moderator stops reading and, after being recognized; the contestant must answer immediately. If an incorrect answer is given, the moderator reads the entire question and the opposing team has an opportunity to answer the question within 10 seconds.
15. Any concern about an answer to a question MUST be addressed by the student to the COACHES before the next question is asked. The moderator's decision is final. The student will get the attention of the coach by raising his/her hand.
16. Coaches stay with your team. You will ask any questions, not a team member, a parent or other visitor.