



## **Medical Assistant Student Challenge Bowl Details and Rules**

The Medical Assistant Student Challenge Bowl is a one-day educational competition which is open to all medical assistant students who are enrolled in institutions offering a medical assistant program at the time of the competition.

A school team includes two students plus a coach (instructor/coordinator) from the school. The teams will compete in answering questions in administrative, clinical and general categories of medical assisting. Teams will compete in elimination rounds. The top two scoring teams proceed to the championship round. The school winning the Medical Assistant Student Challenge Bowl will receive a trophy with second and third place finishers receiving ribbons and all competitors receiving a certificate of competition.

### **Officials:**

The Student Challenge Bowl project leader is the Chair of the Student Activities Committee. The Student Challenge Bowl officials are comprised of a moderator, two (2) judges, scorer and timer.

- Moderator will be responsible for reading the questions
- Judges (2) will make final decisions in the event of discrepancy in the responses. Preferably judges should be current or recently retired medical assisting educators.
- Scorer (1) will ensure accurate score keeping, and will follow the designated scoring system
- Timer (1) will keep time and ensure that the contestants respond to each question as per designated time
- Ushers/Greeters (2) will make sure instructors and non-competing students are seated at the back of the room and contestants are seated accordingly in the front of the room

### **Questions:**

The questions will be created by the Project Leader and Student Activities Committee utilizing standard medical assisting exam review publications.

Questions will cover administrative, clinical and general categories.

Questions will be read aloud to the teams by the moderator from a PowerPoint presentation format. The moderator will also have the correct answers and acceptable alternate responses.

Each question will be worth one point and each round will consist of 25 questions.

### **Conduct:**

Challenge Bowl officials and student participants are bound with the ethical code, including courtesy, refraining from any forms of cheating, conspiracy activities, use of profanity, intentional defeat or "fixing" a match.

All decisions/sanctions made by the judges are final.

If a team fails to arrive on time the judges may proclaim that a team has forfeited the competition.

If a team is not following contest rules, the judges may proclaim that a team is disqualified.

Disputes may be protested only through the coaches to the judges at the end of the round. If a point is protested and judges cannot come to a resolution, an alternate question will be asked to the teams to determine the final score for the round.

**Rules:**

1. The team will consist of two contestants from each competing school. The Student Medical Assisting Challenge Bowl will accept a minimum of 2 teams to a maximum of 10 teams. All teams must have pre-registered prior to the event.
2. The number of teams available will determine the number of rounds to be played. The teams chosen to compete against each other will be determined by random drawing the names of the schools from the pool of school teams.
3. Each round will consist of 25 questions. Each correct answer will be worth one point. The scorer will tabulate the points for each team.
4. The moderator will read the question and the team will hit a buzzer to signal their readiness to answer.
5. Once the moderator completes reading the question, teams will have up to 20 seconds to hit the buzzer. The moderator will not complete reading the question if a team buzzes in before the full question is read.
6. Once a team has buzzed, 10 seconds will be allowed for a response. If the first team to buzz either does not answer in 10 seconds or has the incorrect answer, the other team has 10 seconds to attempt to answer the question correctly.
7. If neither team has a response to the question at the end of 20 seconds, no points will be awarded and the moderator will read the next question.
8. One point will be awarded to the team who answers correctly.
9. Team members must speak loudly and clearly. If the moderator questions the pronunciation of the answer, he/she may request the team to repeat the answer or to spell the answer to the question correctly.
10. Questions that are answered by the audience will be eliminated.
11. The scorer will tabulate the final score for each team at the end of the round of 25 questions.
12. After all rounds are completed, the two teams with the highest number of points will advance to the championship round.
13. In the event of a tie of more than the top two teams, there will be a lightening round conducted in which each team will be asked a question in alternating, rapid succession and then awarded one point for each correct answer. A coin will be flipped to determine who will be asked the first question. The first team to reach 5 points will then advance with the top two teams advancing to the championship round. There will be no time limit for this lightening round.
14. The team winning the final round will be the Medical Assisting Student Challenge Bowl winners and will be awarded the trophy.