



# BISHOP GARRIGAN

October 3, 2021

Dear Quiz Bowl Coaches,

Thank-you for registering for the 31<sup>st</sup> Bishop Garrigan High School quiz bowl tournament. We expect thirty teams representing fourteen schools to be on hand for this year's tournament. Schools represented include:

- Algona High School (3 teams)
- Ankeny High School (1 team)
- Bishop Garrigan High School (Algona – 5 teams)
- Cherokee Washington High School (2 teams)
- Emmetsburg High School (1 team)
- Estherville Lincoln Central High School (2 teams)
- Forest City High School (2 teams)
- Newell Fonda High School (2 teams)
- Newman Catholic High School (Mason City – 3 teams)
- North Union High School (Armstrong – 2 teams)
- Sioux Central High School (Sioux Rapids – 2 teams)
- St. Edmond High School (Fort Dodge – 1 team)
- St. Mary's High School (Storm Lake – 2 teams)
- Spirit Lake High School (2 teams)

We remind you that we are counting on each school supplying the workers that you indicated in your registration. As the host school, Bishop Garrigan will provide many additional workers ourselves. While we will try to honor preferences of reading or judging, this is not always possible.

There are no mask or other COVID-related requirements in our school. Any students or adults who prefer to wear masks are welcome to do so, and we will try to position desks for competition to maximize to provide as much distance as practical between teams.

Complete rules and a brief rule summary are attached and are also at <https://bqgoldenbears.org/qb/>. Each team will compete in four preliminary matches in a three-team format. Each game will include toss-up, bonus, and lightning rounds. After the preliminary games, the top sixteen teams (based primarily on win/loss record) will advance to a single elimination playoff. Medals will be awarded to players on the top four overall teams.

Our schedule is as follows:

- 8:45am = Check-In opens (gym lobby)
- 9:40am = Opening meeting (Friedmann Auditorium – next to gym lobby)
- 10:00am = Round 1 – 4  
(Rounds should run 25 – 30 minutes, with 5 minutes scheduled between games.)
- 12:20pm = LUNCH BREAK
- 1:30pm = Play-Offs (single elimination, with consolation game)
  - Rounds 5, 6, 7, and 8 should run about 25 minutes each.

We will not be serving lunch in our building. There are many restaurants available throughout Algona. These include:

- Intersection of US 18 & US 169 = McDonalds, Subway, pizza, Mexican, Chinese, three family restaurants, truck stop, convenience store, & the Hy-Vee Deli
- Downtown Algona = Dairy Queen, pizza, Chinese, Casey's, and coffee bars
- Near Garrigan = Casey's
- US 169 south = Subway, convenience stores, Daylight Donuts

The playoff bracket will be posted partway through the lunch break.

Bishop Garrigan High School is located in the northeast corner of Algona, just south of U.S. highway 18 at the corner where Fareway is located. Parking for all vehicles will be in the lot south of the school. Full directions are found on our website at <https://bggoldenbears.org/location/>. Spectators are welcome, but if your school has multiple teams, you will probably want to tell visitors which team different students are playing on.

A common question is whether teams must have four players to compete. The answer is no. Teams may have **up to** four players, but they may compete with fewer. (In fact, we have had one-man teams at our tournament in the past.) So, if you have players drop, we encourage you to bring the team anyway. Teams may also have alternates, who would substitute between games. We can award medals to up to six players on a team.

Another common question is whether you need to bring any supplies. Each team will receive a folder that will include pens, scrap paper, a team sign, and the competition schedule. We don't use buzzers (except in some playoff centers) because they don't work in a three-team format. Students will signal by slapping the desk or table in front of them.

Teams are invited to practice using the questions from last year's tournament, which are available online at <https://bggoldenbears.org/qb/>. There are more questions than usual there, since our online tournament last year was over a two-week window. Following the completion of this year's event, results and the questions used this year will be posted there.

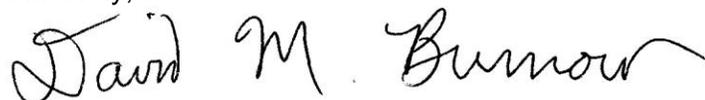
Please remind your students that all workers are volunteers and that of necessity their decisions must be final. We attempt to treat all our guests as well as possible, and we expect good sportsmanship in return.

A few teams still haven't gotten their payments in. We know writing a check can be complicated in some schools, but please try to get this taken care of as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions, the best way to contact me is by e-mail at [burrowd@bishopgarrigan.org](mailto:burrowd@bishopgarrigan.org). If you have an emergency on the day of the contest, you can call or text 515/341-3763.

Thanks again for your registration. We look forward to a great day on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,



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