

International Academic Competitions

presents the

2024 Varsity and Junior Varsity National Championships



National
History Bowl



National
History Bee



National
Geography Bee



National
Science Bee



National
Academic Bee



United States
History Bee



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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EXAMS

of the

Arlington, VA and Washington, DC – April 25-28, 2024

Pre-Tournament Email #2

Dear Coaches, Parents, Teachers, and Players,

Greetings Varsity & JV National Championships Participants from International Academic Competitions!

The National Championships are almost upon us - here's your next update. This email will be followed by Pre-Tournament Email # 3 on Thursday, which will have the "Where you need to go

and when you need to be there" details, along with links to the draws for most events. If you did not get Pre-Tournament Email #1, it has been included with this email. Please read it through in full! If you have any further questions, please email hs-info@iacompetitions.com

1. **Filling out the Pre-tournament survey** - [Please do so here](#) asap if you haven't yet! If you filled it out once and need to add/change information, please fill it out again and we will use the most recent version. We particularly need to know...

- a. If you're interested in playing as a **standby team in the History Bowl!** Standby teams may be called to play in the Bowl if space becomes available due to a drop in the field at any time up until 8:15am on Saturday, April 27.
- b. If you have anyone planning on competing in the **National History Bee Play-in Game** (for anyone who hasn't qualified in the Bee, would like to play on Sunday, and hasn't yet played all 3 regional question sets), they should be registered through the survey. The Play-in Game is free, and anyone interested must be at the Help Desk by 10:40 pm on Friday night. Those who qualify for the Bee must pay the \$139 entry fee immediately upon qualification, if you haven't already done so.
- c. If you would like to **represent your state** by carrying your state / territorial flag in the Opening Ceremonies (this has just been added as a question to the survey)

2. **Confirming Event Participation**

- a. To confirm registrations for the Bee or National Championship Exams, please log into your account on our [Registration page](#) to check what you are registered for.
- b. To confirm registration for the Bowl, especially the number of teams and their divisions, please check [The Teams Coming to Nationals Page](#) which has been updated to reflect all current changes.
- c. *Political Science Bee Survey*
 - i. Anyone signed up for the Political Science Bee on Thursday, must [fill out the form here](#) as soon as possible, which includes choosing your Dinner Discussion Group. The sooner you fill out the form, the better the chance you'll get into the discussion you want. Besides, you have to fill out the form in order to compete anyway (the Discussion Groups are mandatory), so there's no reason not to do this asap if you haven't yet done so and are competing in the NPSB.
- d. *Bowl team Survey*
 - i. If your team is registered for the Bowl next Saturday, and you haven't turned in your [History Bowl Team Roster](#), please do so by Thursday, April 25th at 11:59 pm. You can't participate in the Bowl without the roster being filled out! If you need to update your roster, just fill it out again in full and we will use the most recently submitted response for planning. We also need to know if your teams are solos, homeschooled or small schools so they can be tracked during the tournament as we special awards / recognition for these categories. (Our small school definition is defined as a non-magnet, non-selective public school with 1000 or fewer students in grades 9-12 or 800 or fewer in grades 10-12. For public non-magnet middle schools, fewer than 800 in any 3 grades is sufficient.

3. **Contacting Us**

- a. All Nationals related questions should be directed to hs-info@iacompetitions.com
We will be checking this email very frequently.

4. **Staff**

- a. The Staffing Director for this event is Joseph Cox. Please contact him at joseph@iacompetitions.com with staff related questions.
- b. Official room assignments for each competition will be given to you by Joseph in a separate email.

5. Opening Ceremonies

- a. Opening Ceremonies will take place Friday night. We'll be having our opening buzz, as well as the parade of states, with student representatives carrying flags of the states in attendance this year. If you want to be considered to represent your state during our Opening Ceremonies, fill out the pre tournament survey mentioned above.

6. Souvenirs Sales

- a. *Souvenirs* - a variety of items including T-shirts, hoodies, bags, and cups will be available for sale at the Merchandise Desk that will be located outside of the Arlington Ballroom. Stop by early for the best selection of sizes!
- b. *2024 National Championships commemorative T-shirts* - if you pre-ordered a commemorative shirt you can pick it up at the Merchandise Desk. These dated shirts were only available by pre-sale.
- c. *2024 National Championships commemorative pin* - the souvenir desk will also have commemorative pins available to purchase, supplies are limited!

7. Report Time- Some people have begun asking when they should report / arrive. You cannot go wrong if you are in the lobby outside the Arlington Ballroom or the Help Desk by the following times for the following events (the times listed below are all 30 minutes before the start). Please also see the main Nationals website which has a [comprehensive schedule for all events](#). All individual schedules will be available online during the event.

- *National Political Science Bee* - 4:30pm on Thursday (official start for matches is 5:00pm)
- *US History Bee* - 7:30am on Friday (official start is 8:00am)
- *US Geography Championships* - 10:50am on Friday (official start is 11:20am)
- *National Geography Bee* - 4:15pm on Friday (official start is 4:45pm)
- *Opening Ceremonies* - 7:00pm on Friday (official start is 7:30pm)
- *National Academic Bee* - 7:45pm on Friday (official start is 8:15)
- *National Science Bee* - 11:00am on Saturday (official start is 11:30am)
- *National History Bowl* - 7:30 am on Saturday (official start is 8:00am) For the Bowl, only, though, you MUST have filled out the roster survey form [here](#).
- *National History Bee* - 7:30 am on Sunday (official start is 8:00am)

8. Refunds

- a. Again, to reiterate, at this point, the deadline for refunds has now passed. If for some reason you can not make an event, please let us know at hs-info@iacompetitions.com so we can make any adjustments/get a substitute team as necessary.

Good luck in your final preparations, and we'll be in touch soon with Pre-Tournament Email #3!

Best regards,

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