

# International Academic Competitions

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## 2025 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



NATIONAL  
POLITICAL  
SCIENCE BEE



UNITED STATES  
GEOGRAPHY CHAMPIONSHIPS



United States  
Geography Bee



National  
Geography Bowl



**Arlington, VA and Washington, DC – April 24-27, 2025**

**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 can be found on [our website](#). Please read it through in full! If you have any further questions, please email [hs-info@iacompetitions.com](mailto:hs-info@iacompetitions.com).

Finally, don't forget to watch IAC Executive Director David Madden in the final of *The Floor* on FOX tonight (i.e. Wednesday) at 9pm EDT/8pm CDT/9pm PDT! And don't forget to watch National History Bee and Bowl alumnus Liam Starnes today/tonight on *Jeopardy!* who currently has a 3-day winning streak and has won over \$70,000!

1. **Madden Ranks** (i.e. History Bowl seeds for the top 1/3 of teams in each draw) [are now available here](#)! Congratulations to all seeded teams! Any adjustments to these at this point will solely be done if there are teams that drop and need to be replaced in the draw prior to the room assignments being made public for the morning pools on Saturday. That will happen by Thursday evening at the latest. (hopefully, there will be no further adjustments needed).
2. **Filling out the Pre-tournament survey** - [Please do so here](#) 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 26.
  - 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 10:45 pm on Friday night. Those who qualify for the Bee must pay the \$155 entry fee immediately upon qualification (by cash, check, or credit card), if they haven't already done so.
  - c. If you would like to **represent your state** by carrying your state/territorial flag in the Opening Ceremonies

### 3. Confirming Event Participation

- d. To confirm registrations for the Bee or National Championship Exams, please view [this document](#). If you need to make any corrections or inquire about registering for any other events, please come to the Help Desk. *We are no longer taking registrations through the website for in person events.*
- e. 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.
- f. If you have any roster changes for the bowl, either let us know in the pretournament survey or email us at [hs-info@iacompetitions.com](mailto:hs-info@iacompetitions.com).
- g. Students participating in the National Political Science Bee have had their discussion groups sent to them in a separate email, so make sure to check your email!

### 4. Contacting Us

- h. All Nationals related questions should be directed to [hs-info@iacompetitions.com](mailto:hs-info@iacompetitions.com) We will be checking this email very frequently.

## 5. Staff

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

## 6. Opening Ceremonies

- k. 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, please fill out the pre tournament survey mentioned above.

## 7. Souvenirs Sales

- l. *Souvenirs* - a variety of items including T-shirts, hoodies, bags, and bottles 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!
- m. *2025 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.
- n. *2025 National Championships commemorative pin* - the Merchandise Desk will also have commemorative pins available to purchase, supplies are limited!

## 8. Exhibitors

- o. Make sure to stop by our exhibitors, located outside the Arlington Ballroom
  - i. [Immerse Education](#) will have an information about their summer and online programs
  - ii. The Virginia Tech Geography Department will have information about their programs of study, and will be presenting about careers in geography! Check out [their flyer](#) for more details about those talks.

## 9. Receptions, Talks, & Info Sessions

- p. Attention Geographers! [Professor Tom Crawford](#), the Chair of the Virginia Tech Department of Geography and Mr. JG Williams, the Director of Recruitment for Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources and Environment will be attending Nationals on Friday-Sunday! They will be presenting a talk from 5pm-5:30pm on Friday about studying geography at the university level. The talk will take place in Arlington Ballroom Salon 2. If you can't make this talk, they will be reprising their talk on Sunday from 2:35-3:00pm in Grand Ballroom Salon A.
- q. We are having a reception for Girls Who Quiz on Friday immediately after the Opening Ceremonies (i.e. from 8:15-8:45) in Arlington Ballroom Salon 2.
- r. From 8:30-9:00pm on Friday evening, we have free drinks for coaches available at the bar in the hotel lobby at our Coaches Reception!
- s. From 9:30-10:00pm on Friday evening in the Arlington Ballroom, we will have a Q and A session on the [2025 International History Olympiad](#) in Paris

(now with 272 students signed up!) and the [2026 International Geography Championships](#) (expect an announcement at Nationals on the location!).

#### **10. Getting Around the Hotel**

- t. We have included a [map of the hotel](#) to help you find your competition rooms. If you have any questions, stop by the Help Desk.

#### **11. Google Calendar**

- u. We invite you to [subscribe to our Calendar on Google](#), which lists all of our Nationals events, and can also remind you when events take place so that you can plan out your day.

#### **12. Report Time**

- v. 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 check in with the help desk by Friday night.
- *National History Bee* - 7:30 am on Sunday (official start is 8:00am)

#### **13. Refunds**

- w. 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](mailto: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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