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

Pre-Tournament Email #3

Dear Students, Coaches, Parents, and Teams!

Welcome to Nationals! I hope that you and your families and teams are traveling safely and are looking forward to a great weekend of competition! This is the last email from us before Nationals kicks off - below are some very brief announcements, then

the important **where you need to go and when you need to be there** information followed by a few last reminders.

1. Late Registration for Individual Events

- a. [National Championship Exams](#) - you can add a registration for any of the National Championship Exams at the Help Desk until the time the Help Desk closes the night before the exam you're looking to add. After that, late registration will depend on if we have additional copies of the exam.
- b. Bee events - if you would like to request to register for one of the Bee events, you will need to come to the Help Desk to make that request. Late registration for any of the Bees is not guaranteed as it depends on how it affects the draw. If you would like to add a Bee, please make that request as soon as possible so there is time to determine if we can add you! In particular, remember that the [National Academic Bee](#) does not require prior qualifying, so if you are looking for another chance to get on the buzzer, that's a good pick!

2. Schedule

- a. The general schedule of events can be found [here](#). The Political Science
- b. If you have any issues, please email hs-info@iacompetitions.com or visit the Help Desk. You will get the quickest response by email.

3. Hotel Escalators

- a. As you arrive, please remember to stand or walk on the escalators (please do NOT run). If the escalators are broken or if hotel or IAC staff see you running needlessly on the escalators, they will not be available for the rest of the event, and you will be disqualified from your events!

4. Room Assignments and Results

- a. The [website to access schedules and results](#) currently has the National Political Science Bee room assignments available. Additional events will be added on a rolling basis over the course of the weekend once draws are finalized (anywhere from 18-36 hours before the start of each event).
- b. The room numbers assignments will be replaced with scores during the competition. Make sure to check the tabs for each event for your division.
- c. Please note the following:
 - i. The list of teams attending the Bowl is available [here](#).
 - ii. For individual events you can check the schedules for each event as they are posted.
 - iii. If you don't see your name or if you see your name and you don't think you should, please email hs-info@iacompetitions.com for all events!

5. Exams

- a. All National Championship Exams will be held in Arlington Salon VI (6), for large exams Salon V (5) will also be used.
- b. The rooms for the US Geography Championships will be
 - i. Varsity (born before July 1, 2009) - Arlington Salon VI (6)
 - ii. Junior Varsity (born on or after July 1, 2009) - Arlington Salon V (5)

6. Report Times-

- a. Please also see the main Nationals website which has a [comprehensive schedule for all events](#).
- b. All individual schedules will be available online during the event on the [Player Schedules and Results](#) page.
- c. Players should be in (or outside awaiting your reader) your Round 1 rooms 5-10 minutes before your start time. The first time listed for each event below is the time at which you should plan to be at the hotel and ready to play.
 - *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)

7. Play In Game for the National History Bee

- a. Meet at the Help Desk at 10:45pm on Friday Evening.
- b. Be prepared to register and pay for the History Bee at the Help Desk immediately after if you qualify.

8. Receptions, Talks, & Info Sessions

- a. 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.
- b. 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. Water and light snacks will be available.
- c. 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!
- d. 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!).

9. Communication

- a. All of the [emails for Nationals](#) are also posted on the [Varsity / JV Nationals Website](#) for your convenience. Feel free to share this site with others, anyone

who wishes to be added to the email list should contact
hs-info@iacompetitions.com.

- b. The Help Desk will be at the top of the escalator, but please continue to contact us at hs-info@iacompetitions.com - we will be constantly monitoring this inbox all weekend.

That's all! Good luck, safe travels, and have a great time!

Best regards,

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