

**2008 NACTA
Agricultural Knowledge Bowl**

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Wednesday April 16th – 7:00 pm – Round I
Thursday April 17th – 7:00 pm – Round II
Friday April 18th – 3:00 pm – Finals (If Necessary)

Location – Jesse Tackett Ag Auditorium
(Additional locations may be announced for different brackets)

RULES

1. Teams will participate in a double elimination tournament. Tarleton reserves the right to alter the format as necessary to accommodate the number of teams entered.
2. There will be both a two year and four year division.
3. Each school may enter one team consisting of four members with one member being designated the team captain.
4. Brackets will be established for each division based upon a draw by the coaches. Should a bye be necessary after the 1st round it will awarded to the team having the highest score in the previous round.
5. Each match will consist of one (1) 15 minute period. Any question in progress at the end of the period will be completed. If the question is a toss up and is answered correctly a bonus question will also be asked even though time has expired.
6. Toss up questions are worth ten (10) points and may be answered by individuals only, with NO conferring among teammates. Contestants must begin their answers within three (3) seconds of being recognized. If the question is answered correctly, the team is awarded ten (10) points and a bonus question. If the question is answered incorrectly, the question will be re-read in its entirety and a member of the opposing team may answer the question after being recognized. If answered correctly the team will receive the ten (10) points, but will **NOT** be eligible for a bonus question. Should no contestant attempt the question within fifteen (15) seconds after the reading of the question has finished, time will be called and the moderator will select another question.

7. Bonus questions are worth twenty (20) points and may consist of multiple parts. No partial credit will be awarded; all parts of a multiple part question must be answered correctly. The team has thirty (30) seconds to confer after the question is read before the team captain must begin to answer the question. Should the team ask for a part or all of the question to be repeated, this time will be considered to be a part of the thirty (30) second consultation time. If a team continues consulting after the captain has begun the response, the questions will be thrown out and zero (0) points will be awarded.
8. Should there be a tie at the end of time, one final toss up question will be used to break the tie.
9. Questions will be in the areas of Crop, Soils, Agribusiness/Ag Management, Horticulture, Animal Science, Wildlife Management/Natural Resources, Ag Mechanics, Meats/Food Sciences as well as Current Agricultural events.
10. Contestants may use a CLEAN notepad and writing utensils during their round. The use of calculators, reference materials, etc. is prohibited. Contestants observed in violation of this WILL be eliminated from the competition.
11. Audience members are welcome, but **MUST** refrain from vocal responses. Should an audience member fail to remain quiet, the moderator can stop the match until the audience member in question has left.
12. The decision of the judges will be FINAL! The clock will be stopped should there be a discussion over procedural issues or judges conference.
13. Announcements, additional technical rules over the use of the equipment, etc. made during the contest will take precedent over the written rules.
14. Results are FINAL after they are announced!