

## **BATTLE OF THE CHAPTERS GUIDELINES**

1. Questions may be formulated from any of the FBLA-PBL state or national publications (Chapter Management Handbook, PA FBLA Policy/Leadership Handbook, Tomorrow's Business Leader, Robert's Rules of Order--Newly Revised, 1990, National FBLA-PBL Web Site, or Pennsylvania FBLA Web Site, etc.) or current news issues from any newspaper or magazine.
2. Questions will be developed in the state office.
3. A moderator will read the questions; judges will verify if the answer is correct. Judges will use their FBLA-PBL knowledge to ascertain if a question, if not exact, is acceptable. **Judges' decisions are final.**
4. For the final round of competition, scores are recorded on a chalkboard.
5. If a discrepancy exists between two publications, the information in the most recent publication will prevail.
6. A student may not participate in this event if he or she has participated in prior years.

### **Preliminary Round**

1. Two or three persons from each chapter shall make up a team.
2. Team members are lined up across the stage or in front of the stage from stage right to stage left in alphabetical order.
3. An announcer will give a question to each team beginning in alphabetical order by chapter. The first team member will have a chance to answer the question within ten seconds. A timekeeper will state when the ten seconds are up. If the team member answers incorrectly, the next chapter's team member will attempt to answer the same question.
4. If more than one answer is given by a team member, the first answer will be the only one used by the judges.
5. When the question has been answered correctly, a new question will be asked of the next chapter's team member. If no one answers correctly, the question is discarded. Another question is given with no one disqualified from the previous question.
6. Team members are not allowed to discuss the question. The audience is asked to remain quiet and not to respond to the question.
7. When a team member answers incorrectly, he/she will leave the stage, only after the question has been answered correctly.
8. Questions will be asked of team members until only two chapters are represented. All three team members of these two remaining teams will participate in the finals.

### **Final Round**

1. Two chapters will be represented in the finals.
2. Each chapter has a bell placed in the center of its table. When the moderator asks a question, team members may discuss the answer among themselves. The first chapter team member to ring the bell

gets the chance to answer the question first. The person who rings the bell must answer the question. Each correct answer is worth 5 points.

3. If an answer given is incorrect, the other chapter team has the opportunity to answer the question. Only five seconds will be allowed to give an answer in the finals. After time is up, another question will be given.
4. If members of both teams ring the bell at the same time, the question may be thrown out and another question would be asked.
5. There will be no penalty points for incorrect answers.
6. The team that reaches 50 points first will be the winner.