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NCICU Ethics Bowl 2019
Pairings, Match and Scoring Procedures
Revised for 2019

Cases

1. All Campus Coordinators will receive final cases without the ethical questions by mid-September for the Ethics Bowl statewide competition. The Campus Coordinators and student teams will not know the ethical questions or which cases received in advance will be used until the case is read by the moderator at the beginning of each round. Round 2 will consist of a *Surprise Case* and Campus Coordinators will not receive this case or ethical question in advance.
2. The question that teams will address on each case will be revealed on the day of competition when the moderator reads the case at the start of each match.

Team Pairings

1. Student Teams should consist of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) students to participate in the NCICU Ethics Bowl. Only four students can participate in any given round. Student substitutions cannot be made once the four students are seated for each round. Substitutions also cannot be made once the case is announced. These students must be full-time undergraduates and currently enrolled at the college or university during the time of competition. All members of the team are urged to contribute to the discussion of the case as evidence of their capacity for teamwork.
2. Pairings for each round will be completed using a computer-generated random selection process before the Ethics Bowl event. *The pairings will remain confidential until the Opening Session of the Ethics Bowl.*
3. After the completion of the fourth round, the top four teams will be identified as semi-finalists based on the number of rounds won. In case of a tie, the four teams with the highest cumulative score will be chosen as semi-finalists.
4. The top four teams then will be paired by random selection to participate in two simultaneous semi-final matches (Round Five).
5. The winners of the semi-final rounds will compete in the Final Round (Round Six).

Match Procedures

1. One case is debated in each one-hour round; any team that is not seated on time and ready to begin for Rounds 1 and 4 will be disqualified.

2. Three (3) judges will score teams on their presentations in each match and one (1) moderator will monitor time and match procedures.
3. The moderator will hand each judge a new scoring sheet at the beginning of each round.
4. Judges are asked to score teams individually as the match proceeds through its different phases.
5. A new copy of the case assigned will be provided to each team member and each judge at the beginning of each match.
6. Students are not allowed to bring notes and other materials into the match room. Each team will receive clean sheets of paper to make notes before the round begins.
7. Team members may write and exchange notes during the match. More than one student is encouraged to speak during each presentation and response.
8. At the beginning of each new round, the moderator will flip a coin to determine which team will be Team 1 and which team will be Team 2. The team that wins the coin toss can elect to present first or second.
9. The moderator will announce and read the case aloud and then pose the question to both teams. Both teams will have five (5) minutes to confer and prepare their Initial Presentations. Team 1 will have up to five (5) minutes to make its Initial Presentation. Team 2 will have up to five (5) minutes to make its Initial Presentation.

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10. Both teams then will have a chance to respond to each other's presentation with a question. Both teams will have 2 minutes to formulate their question. Each team writes its question on a pre-printed index card that the moderator provides to them, and then hands the card back to the moderator. The moderator reads each question twice, calling on Team 1 first.
11. Both teams will have 2 minutes to confer and form their responses (Conferring is acceptable as long as done quietly and respectfully of the opposing team);
12. Team 1 then will have two (2) minutes to present its response. Team 2 then will have two (2) minutes to present its response.
 - a. Index cards will be collected by each moderator, turned in to NCICU staff, and staff will send to each Campus Coordinator after the Ethics Bowl.
13. Team 1 and Team 2 then will have three (3) minutes to prepare their Concluding Statements and three (3) minutes to present their Concluding Statements. The Team that presents first also goes first in the summary session, thus giving the team that presents second the last word in the round. **Please Note:** Concluding statements will not have specific restrictions regarding whether a team refers to the other team's position or argument. This is an opportunity for teams to clarify the record and offer a cogent statement of their position.

14. After the Concluding Statements, each judge will total the points he/she has awarded each team on the scoring sheet, assign a “W” in the space provided on the scoring sheet indicating the winner of the match, and sign the scoring sheet. Judges then will pass their completed scoring sheets for the case to the moderator.
15. The moderator will transfer the overall point score (0-90) for each judge on a master scoring sheet and also will transfer the number of “W”s awarded each team onto the master scoring sheet. The team with the most “W”s is the winner of the match.
16. The moderator will **not** announce the numerical scores publicly, but will provide the total scores privately to the Campus Coordinator upon request. The numerical scores will be used to break a tie when determining the four semi-finalists.
17. Judges are asked to take five to ten (5-10) minutes (or more if available) after each round to provide verbal comments/feedback to each of the teams regarding their performance in the match.

Scoring Procedures

1. Judges will evaluate the response of teams on the basis of the following criteria:
 - Clarity and Persuasiveness: Did the team articulate a clear and persuasive position based on the facts of the case and an ethical foundation? Regardless of whether or not you agree with the team’s position, did the team present a logical and coherent argument in defense of its position?
 - Quality of Support for the Team’s Position on the Case: Did the team support its major point with relevant facts, statistics, or examples?
 - Understanding/Insight of Relevant Ethical Issues: Did the team demonstrate a good understanding of the key ethical issues in the case?
 - Deliberative Thoughtfulness: Did the team indicate both an awareness and thoughtful consideration of different viewpoints on the case? Did the team respond to questions from the opposing team with clear, relevant, and persuasive answers?
 - Teamwork: Did the team demonstrate effective collaboration?
 - Presentation Skills: Did the team use effective presentation and communication skills such as making eye contact with other participants, speaking clearly and audibly, using language appropriate to a general audience?
 - Professional Demeanor: Did the team demonstrate courtesy and respectfulness in its presentation?

2. The judges will score each team as follows:

- Initial Presentation
 - Clarity/Persuasiveness: 0-10 points
 - Quality of Support: 0-10 points
 - Understanding/Insight: 0-10 points
- Team Questions: 0-10 points
- Response to Other Team's Question: 0-10 points
- Concluding Statement: 0-10 points
- Teamwork: 0-10 points
- Presentation Skills: 0-10 points
- Professional Demeanor: 0-10 points

The judges will award points based on the evaluation criteria stated on the Scoring Sheet for Judges.

Each team can earn up to 90 points per round.

3. Based on the points they have awarded, each judge will designate one team in each round a winner by recording a "W" in the appropriate place on the Scoring Sheet for Judges. Scores ending in a tie are not permitted.

4. Semi-finalists will be determined in the following manner:

- a. The four (4) teams with the largest number of matches won ("Wins") will be declared to be the semi-finalists.
- b. If more than four teams have the same number matches won, the four teams within this pool with the greatest number of "wins" awarded by individual judges through all four rounds will be declared to be the semi-finalists.
- c. If more than four teams have the same number of "wins" awarded by individual judges, then the four teams within this same pool with the greatest number of total points awarded through all four rounds will be declared to be the semi-finalists.