

## **Tennessee Academy of Physician Assistants Student Challenge Bowl Rules**

### **Participation**

- Each PA program is invited to register one (1) team comprised of three (3) team members and one (1) alternate.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- The participating PA program must be located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Tennessee.
- At least 70 percent of all PA students in the program must be TAPA student members.
- All team members must be TAPA student members.
- All team members must be registered for TAPA's FallFest Conference – either for the full conference or for the day the Challenge Bowl occurs.
- Only one team member per team can be graduating within 30 days of competition.

### **Game Logistics**

The Challenge Bowl will be led by a moderator. The moderator will be a practicing PA and TAPA member who is not on faculty with any of the participating PA programs. The moderator will determine whether or not a given answer is correct.

A panel of three judges, who are practicing PAs and TAPA members and not on faculty with any of the participating PA programs, will assist the moderator in determining whether or not a given answer is correct. This same panel will be responsible for developing and/or selecting the questions to be used during the Challenge Bowl.

### **Round 1**

- Questions will be comprised of a mix of multiple choice and open-ended questions.
- Individuals will utilize buzzers to determine which team will answer the question.
- If a question is missed, the other team will be given the chance to answer the question.
- Scoring: Multiple choice questions answered correctly will receive one (1) point. Open-ended questions answered correctly will receive ten (10) points.

## **Round 2**

- Questions will be comprised of open-ended questions.
- Individuals will utilize buzzers to determine which team will answer the question.
- If a question is missed, the other team will be given the chance to answer the question.
- Scoring: Open-ended questions answered correctly will receive ten (10) points.

## **Round 3 (if applicable)**

- Questions will be comprised of open-ended questions.
- Individuals will utilize buzzers to determine which team will answer the question.
- If a question is missed, the other team will be given the chance to answer the question.
- Scoring: Open-ended questions answered correctly will receive ten (10) points.

Rounds will be conducted in the following manner, based upon the number of teams registered. Teams will be assigned a number based upon a random drawing by team captains.

### ***Three (3) teams***

- **Round 1** – Teams 1 and 2
- **Round 2** – Teams 2 and 3
- **Round 3** – Teams 3 and 1

At the end of three rounds, the team with the highest overall score wins.

### ***Four (4) teams***

#### **Round 1**

- **Game 1** – Teams 1 and 2
- **Game 2** – Teams 3 and 4

#### **Round 2**

- **Game 1** – Teams with the lowest scores from Round 1, Games 1 and 2. The team with the highest score in this Game will be declared the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the Challenge Bowl.
- **Game 2** – Teams with the highest scores from Round 1, Games 1 and 2. The team with the higher score in this Game will be declared the winner of the Challenge Bowl. The team with the lower score will be declared the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of the Challenge Bowl.

## ***Five (5) teams***

### **Round 1**

- **Game 1** – Teams 1 and 2
- **Game 2** – Teams 3 and 4
- **Game 3** – Team 5, Bye

### **Round 2**

- **Game 1** – Team with the highest score from Round 1, Game 1 and Team 5, automatic winner of Game 3.
- **Game 2** – Team with the highest scores from Round 1, Game 2. The second team in Game 2 will be selected from the two teams that did not win their game in Round 1. Of these two teams, the team with the highest overall score in Round 1 will advance to Round 2, Game 2.

### **Round 3**

- **Game 1** – The teams with the lower scores in Round 2, Games 1 and 2. The winner of this game will be declared the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the Challenge Bowl.
- **Game 2** – The teams with the higher scores in Round 2, Games 1 and 2. The team with the higher score in this Game will be declared the winner of the Challenge Bowl. The team with the lower score will be declared the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of the Challenge Bowl.

## ***Six (6) teams***

### **Round 1**

- **Game 1** – Teams 1 and 2
- **Game 2** – Teams 3 and 4
- **Game 3** – Teams 5 and 6

### **Round 2**

- **Game 1** – Teams with the higher scores from Round 1, Game 1 and Game 2.
- **Game 2** – Team with the higher scores from Round 1, Game 3. The second team in Game 2 will be selected from the three teams that did not win their game in Round 1. Of these three teams, the team with the highest overall score in Round 1 will advance to Round 2, Game 2.

### **Round 3**

- **Game 1** – The teams with the lower scores in Round 2, Games 1 and 2. The winner of this game will be declared the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the Challenge Bowl.
- **Game 2** – The teams with the higher scores in Round 2, Games 1 and 2. The team with the higher score in this Game will be declared the winner of the Challenge Bowl. The team with the lower score will be declared the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of the Challenge Bowl.

*The above rules are based upon six PA programs currently accredited in Tennessee in 2014. As the number of accredited programs changes, the rules will be amended accordingly.*