

## **CURRENT EVENTS Official Tournament Rules 2016 - 2017**

[AGLOA CURRENT EVENTS playing forms are available on the [agloa.org](http://agloa.org) website.]

- CE1** All AGLOA competitors are expected to preserve the integrity of the competition by conducting themselves in a fair and ethical manner. In cases of unfair play, unsportsmanlike conduct, or clear violations of tournament rules, the Penalties Policy in the AGLOA National Tournament Administration Manual should be consulted.
- CE2** CURRENT EVENTS questions refer to the most recent calendar year (January 1 through December 31).
- CE3** Questions are taken from current atlases, almanacs, *reliable* Internet-based sources, published reviews of the year, Time Year in Review and other major publications as well as the Information Please website. Question topics include People in the News, Sports, Science/Technology, Business/Economy, Entertainment, Disasters, National News, National Politics, International News, and International Politics. Print atlases will be used to determine any disputed questions or answers.
- CE4** Reference books are NOT permitted at the table.
- CE5** Three- or four-person games are played.
- CE6** A total of 30 questions are played as follows:  
Round 1 — CURRENT EVENTS Lightning Round #1, 18 questions  
Round 2 — CURRENT EVENTS Wager Round #2, 12 questions  
Questions are multiple-choice with four alternatives marked A, B, C, and D. At least one of the four alternatives is correct as determined by reliable resources. Participants must use a non-erasable blue or black ink pen in recording *all* answers.
- CE7** During the CURRENT EVENTS Lightning Round #1, students will be asked questions with assigned values of 2, 4, or 6 points. Only the following categories will be covered in the Lightning Round: People in the News, Sports, Science/Technology, Business/Economy, Entertainment, and Disasters.
- CE8** The CURRENT EVENTS Wager Round #2 will be a wagering round. A central reader announces one of the following categories before reading the question: National News, National Politics, International News, or International Politics. Each player begins the round with 0 points. Before each question is read aloud, each player writes a wager of 2, 4, or 6 on his/her wager/answer sheet based on the category the central reader announces. All wagers at a table are revealed simultaneously, then recorded on a common scoresheet before the question is read.
- CE9** For both rounds of CURRENT EVENTS, the central reader reads aloud the question and the four alternative answers. The reader may read the question and alternatives twice and only twice. At the end of the second reading, the question and choices are projected to the players via a central screen.
- CE10** From the end of the second reading, each player has 30 seconds to circle her/his answer on the wager/answer sheet.
- CE11** A player may abstain from answering during the CURRENT EVENTS Wager Round #2, but each player may abstain no more than twice per round. If a player abstains more times than allowed, the player loses his/her wager for that question and receives the highest negative score (-3).

**CE12** Scoring for the CURRENT EVENTS Lightning Round #1:

Wagering is not permitted and there are NO abstentions during this round. The value of each question (2, 4, or 6 points) is announced by the central reader prior to the reading. If the player's choice is correct, the assigned point value is awarded; if the player's choice is incorrect, then no points are awarded. Players cannot lose points for incorrect answers in the Lightning Round.

**CE13** Scoring for the CURRENT EVENTS Wager Round #2:

- a) If a player's answer agrees with the reader's, that player wins his wager (6, 4, or 2 points).
- b) If a player's answer disagrees with the reader's, the player loses HALF his wager (-3, -2, or -1 points).
- c) If a player abstains, the player neither gains nor loses points, provided he has not exceeded the abstention limit of two (see **CE11**).
- d) If a player is not at the table to answer a question, the player scores -4 for that question.

**CE14** Play proceeds until all questions have been read and answered in a round. The ultimate winner in a division is determined by the total number of points in both CURRENT EVENTS rounds.