

CURRENT EVENTS Official Tournament Rules 2017 - 2018

[AGLOA CURRENT EVENTS playing forms are available on the 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** The following version of CURRENT EVENTS is played at all levels.
- CE3** Three- or four-person games are played.
- CE4** 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 answer choices marked A, B, C, and D. Only one of the four answer choices is correct as determined by reliable resources. Participants must use a NON-ERASABLE blue or black INK PEN in recording ALL answers.
- CE5** Resources to be used for the Current Events rounds are almanacs, RELIABLE internet-based programs, Information Please, and other basic text references. Reference books are NOT permitted at the table.
- CE6** CURRENT EVENTS questions refer to the most recent year from January 1-December 31. Reference books are NOT permitted at the table. Again, questions are taken from current almanacs, published reviews of the year, Time Year in Review and other major publications as well as Information Please website. Question topics include Sports, Advances in Technology, Business, Entertainment, Disasters, Criminals, Crimes and Punishment, Obituaries, Places in the News, Science, Space and Medicine, and World Leaders. Print almanacs, reliable internet-based programs, and other text references will be used to determine any disputed questions or answers.

Current Events Lightning Round

- CE7** For the Current Events Lightning Round 1 students will be asked 18 questions with assigned values of 2, 4 or 6 points. It will be in a multiple choice format.
- CE8** All pens are down on the table until after the second reading. After the second reading of each question and its answer choices, students may pick up their pens and mark their answers.
- CE9** The central reader reads aloud the question and the four answer choices. The reader may read the question and answer choices twice and only twice. As the question is read, the question and answer choices are projected to the players via a central screen.
- CE10** From the end of the second reading, each player has about 30 seconds to circle her/his answer on the Answer Sheet.
- CE11** SCORING for the CURRENT EVENTS Lightning Round: NO reference materials may be used. In addition, wagering is not permitted and there are NO abstentions. The value of each question (2 or 4 or 6) is announced by the central reader prior to the reading. If the student's choice is correct, the assigned point value is awarded; if the student's choice is **incorrect, no** points are awarded.

Current Events Wager Round

- CE12** Current Events Wager Round 2 will be a wagering round. A central reader announces a category. 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 score sheet before the question is read.
- CE13** All pens are down on the table until after the second reading. After the second reading of each question and its answer choices, students may pick up their pens and mark their answers.
- CE14** The central reader reads aloud the question and the four answer choices. The reader may read the question and answer choices twice and only twice. As the question is read, the question and answer choices are projected to the players via a central screen.
- CE15** From the end of the second reading, each player has about 30 seconds to circle her/his answer on the Wager/Answer Sheet.
- CE16** A player may abstain from answering during the CURRENT EVENTS Wager Round after the question is read, 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).
- CE17** SCORING for the CURRENT EVENTS Wager Round:
- If a player's answer agrees with the reader's answer, that player wins his wager (6 or 4 or 2).
 - If a player's answer disagrees with the reader's answer, the player loses HALF his wager (-3 or -2 or -1).
 - If a player abstains, the player neither gains nor loses points, provided he has not exceeded the abstention limit of two (see CE 16).
 - If a player is not at the table to answer a question, the player scores -4 for that question.
- CE18** 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.