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## Coaches' Bulletin

### Did You Know?

That AGLOA has a YouTube Channel? Check it out at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AGLOAczeller>



Submit questions to:  
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Heather Davidson, IU4 League (PA)

"Could you clarify the Presidents penalty listed in the last Coaches' Bulletin? We had a training yesterday and there was confusion over the wording.

It says at the end: "In either case, the player, if correct, receives the number of points (minus one) based on their actual wager" Does this mean their actual wager which was a 6 even though they answered on the 2 or 4, or the actual wager which should have been a 2 if they answered on the 2?"

#### Answer

AGLOA never wants to reward a player for cheating. So the "actual wager" is based on *when* the player actually answered the question - after the 4- or 2-point clue in this case. If the player answered after the 4-point clue but put 6 as the wager, the player receives -1 if wrong and 3 if correct (not 5). If the player answered after the 2-point clue but put 6 or 4 as the wager, he receives -1 if wrong and 1 if correct (not 2).

The *Presidents* Tournament Rule in question has been revised as a result of this question to this: "In all divisions, any player who marks 6 as his wager when answering after the 4 or 2 point clue or marks 6 or 4 as the wager when answering after the 2 point clue receives a one-point penalty for that question. The -1 must be approved and initialed by a monitor. In either case, the player, if correct, receives the number of points (minus one) based on when he actually answered, not on his false wager."

### AGLOA Services

- Both the *Propaganda* and *Presidents* questions for local play 2016-17 are available to league directors.
- The Judges Tests in all three cube games are also available. (See next page.)
- *Current Events* and *Theme* questions will be available December 15.

### Survey of the Month

Does your league play the AGLOA Tournament Rules in every game? If not, what are the exceptions?

Please reply to [bngolden1@cox.net](mailto:bngolden1@cox.net) and indicate the league you represent. The results will be reported in the next *Coaches Bulletin*.

### Responses to Last Month's Question

*Which game does your league play first and why?*

- Sarah Miller, Beaver County (PA): "We play *Propaganda* first, as we find it the easiest game to prepare for."
- Larry Liss, Palm Beach County (FL): "Based upon tradition, PBAGL plays the Math Season (*Equations*) first."
- Melinda Hall, St. Bernard Parish (LA): "We play *On-Sets* and *Propaganda* the first half of the year. *Propaganda* is easier for new coaches to learn. *Equations* is played at the end of the year to give Elementary players time to develop math skills."
- Pam Champagne, Michigan League of Academic Games: "You may play any combination of cube games for any tournament."
- Jonica Walters, IU4 (PA): "We play *On-Sets* first because the least number of students play this game."
- Brother Neal Golden, New Orleans: "We play *Propaganda* first because newcomers can learn it quickly."

### On-Sets Changes

After a challenge in a three-player match, the Third Party has two minutes to decide whether or not to present a Solution. If the Third Party indicates her decision before the two minutes expire, she may not retract the decision.

The Third Party is not obligated to indicate whether he is presenting a Solution before the time limit expires. However, if the Third Party decides to indicate his decision prematurely, he may:

- (a) state whether or not he will present a Solution;
- (b) answer "yes" (verbally or with a nod) or "no" (verbally or with a shake of the head) when asked whether he is presenting.

In Senior, if a player specifies a Double Set using  $-$ , that  $-$  means regular subtraction even if a *subsequent* player calls Symmetric Difference. However, if Symmetric Difference is called first, then any  $-$  in a Double Set called subsequently means Symmetric Difference.



