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2022 ACADEMIC GAMES NATIONAL TOURNAMENT INVITATION & PRICING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Academic Games Friends:

The AGLOA Board of Directors and Tournament Council want to extend an invitation to your league's coaches and qualifying players to the 2022 AGLOA National Tournament to be held April 22-25, 2022, at the Knoxville Convention Center in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Following are preliminary details to help prepare for the national tournament. **Please read all of the sections carefully, as there are updates from previous years.**

Because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, all participants will be required to wear masks completely covering their noses and mouths at all times in the convention center, except while actively eating or drinking. Anyone who repeatedly violates this rule will be removed from the convention center. AGLOA also reserves the right to isolate and test anyone who is deemed to be contagious or displaying multiple symptoms. AGLOA will have COVID protocols in place to protect the larger group, and we will work to keep everyone safe throughout the event. Participants will be reminded to physically distance when possible and to wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. There will be additional measures in place, including recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, to help prevent the spread of the virus.

We will be asking all participants to complete a health waiver in order to participate in the tournament. As the pandemic continues to evolve, we understand that there may be some issues with some schools and districts being approved for out-of-state travel. We're asking that you provide an estimate of the number of participants (students and adults) who tentatively plan to attend the tournament, as well as how many hotel rooms you will need for your group. This estimate is not binding, but it will give us **your best guess** of the number of attendees you plan to bring.

Registration Fee: Each student or teacher/coach who attends the national tournament must pay the registration fee of **\$125**. Accompanying parents, non-participating children and other chaperones *do not* pay the registration fee.



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Housing: We will be using five hotels: the Marriott Knoxville Downtown, Hilton, Crowne Plaza, Cumberland House and The Graduate. Each offers unique amenities, and the Housing Committee will provide Fact Sheets for everyone to assist in choosing your hotel. While we cannot guarantee where you will stay, we will try and honor requests in the order they are received. Rooms will be booked through AGLOA and we have worked with the hotels to guarantee sufficient rooms for everyone. Each room costs **\$170** per night with each group being able to house up to four people in a room.

Meal Plan: The meal plan consists of nine meals, starting with dinner on Friday night. There will be breakfast, lunch, and dinner on both Saturday and Monday. The Sunday meals include breakfast and lunch; however, dinner on Sunday evening is on your own. Participants will have the option of eating in the dining areas, which will have increased physical distancing between tables, or taking meals in to-go containers so that they can eat outside, at their hotels or elsewhere. There are numerous restaurants within walking distance of the hotel for groups to go on Sunday. The cost of the meal plan is **\$175** per person, which includes all taxes and tips. The menu for each of the meals offered throughout the tournament will be posted on our website when available. Parents and other attendees can take the meal plan if they would like.

Facility Fee (in lieu of Meal Plan): Purchasing a sufficient number of hotel rooms and meal plans is how AGLOA gets the playing space for free at each of the tournament sites. For those players or coaches who do not want to utilize the meal plan, you must pay a facility fee of **\$45** instead. *NOTE:* This only applies to coaches and players. Although parents and other attendees can take the meal plan, they are not required to do so, nor are they required to pay the facility fee.

Tournament Location: All meals, meetings and events related to the national tournament will take place in the Knoxville Convention Center, which is located at 701 Henley Street. Attendees will be required to wear a mask and nametag when in the convention center. A map of the convention center with key locations noted on it will be posted online at a later date.

Tournament Schedule: The final tournament schedule will be online at agloa.org. The first game competition does not take place until Friday evening. In an effort to evenly distribute the types of games played each day and the cube-game playoffs, several games have been moved from their “regular” time slots.



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Tournament Registration: All leagues will use the AGLOA online registration system to register teams and players. All other forms and registration materials will be sent via email to **Nancy Kinard (nancykinard@agloa.org)**. A separate email will be sent with an explanation of forms and timeline/checklist for the registration materials. All forms, including the cost sheet, will be available on the AGLOA website.

Tournament Rules: All tournament rules have been updated on the AGLOA website for the 2021-2022 school year. For your information:

Theme: "The Gilded Age"

Propaganda Sections: A, B, D and F

Presidents: Group C (Elementary and Middle) and Groups A & C (Jr/Sr)

Equations: Even-year variations in Elementary and Middle Divisions.

Qualification: Because of the pandemic, the Board has approved modifications to the team and individual qualifying procedures and requirements to allow additional students from each area to attend the national tournament this year. This will allow players who didn't previously meet the criteria to compete at the national tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me or Nancy Kinard.

Questions for Local Play: The order form for local questions already has been sent to those approved by their leagues to order questions. If your league did not receive the form, it can be requested by contacting Brother Neal Golden at nealgolden@agloa.org.

Judge Certification Tests: Only AGLOA-certified judges are allowed to judge in the cube games at the national tournament. The list of certified judges in all cube games is on our website [here](#). The order form (Form B) will be on the AGLOA website, and tests must be ordered by a league's approved proctor by February 1, 2022, and returned no later than March 14, 2022. Anyone who was last certified before 2018 must recertify to judge this year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at rod.beard@agloa.org.

We are excited to have a new host site for the 2022 AGLOA National Tournament and look forward to having you join us in Knoxville!

Rod Beard, Tournament Director
for the AGLOA Board of Directors and Tournament Council