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Coaches' Bulletin

Welcome!

This new monthly bulletin is sent to heads of leagues, who will distribute it to all their coaches.

The monthly AGazine focuses on the people and history of academic games and is posted on the AGLOA website. This bulletin discusses the rules of the games, coaching tips and learning materials, and judging situations.

Future issues will include a **Q&A** section in response to questions coaches and players have submitted.

This month's Bulletin does not address all the rules changes in the various games. The AGLOA website has the complete list.

Revised Senior Equations Variation

The Senior variation formerly known as $= i$ has been revised to the following:

Imaginary | (sideways minus) shall represent the imaginary number i (such that $i^2 = -1$). | may be placed immediately before or after a numeral without the x sign. When this variation is selected, all roots of a^b , where a is a complex number and b is a rational number, are available. Note: This variation may be chosen even if no $-$ signs (or wild cubes) are in Resources.

The purpose of the change is twofold:

1. Choosing the variation doesn't depend upon a certain cube being rolled.
2. Using | for i frees the $-$ sign to give players access to all complex roots in Goals and Solutions.

The worksheets on this variation have been updated for the change in the 2016 edition.

UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE at a reduced price for those who previously ordered the Equations worksheets or the Presidents or Propaganda disks. Download the latest order form at agloa.org.

Major World Events Change

The Social Studies Committee, with the approval of the AGLOA Board and Tournament Council, has split World Events into two games for the 2016-17 school year: Current Events and Theme. The Current Events will be from 2016, and the Theme will be more of the Civil War. The new rules for each game, including the subtopics, will be placed on the AGLOA website by September 1.

Current Events and Theme will count as *two* different games at Nationals for Sweepstakes scoring. However, no team or individual may use Current Events for the Social Studies requirement (Presidents or Theme only). However, Current Events *may* be used as the extra (fourth) game for Sweepstakes.

Main benefits of this change:

-) Teams may play only one of the two games. The Committee believes many more people will play Current Events in the first year.
-) Once teams play one of the games and see how much fun it is, they will be more inclined to play the other game as well.
-) With the changes, Current Events will have 144 possible points, the same as the other three reading games and no negative scores.

Survey of the Month

What does your league do in reading games about students marking answers on the wrong line?

1. Nothing – the players take care of it.
2. A monitor straightens out the situation and initials the answer sheet but no penalty is assessed.
3. Same as #2 but -1 penalty is assessed.
4. Same as #3 but each player gets one violation per round before -1 penalties are assessed.
5. Other

Please reply to bngolden1@cox.net and indicate the league you represent. The results will be reported in the next *Coaches Bulletin*. Direct questions to the same email.

UPCOMING AGLOA EVENTS

September 1 – Order form for reading games questions emailed to league heads

September 15 – Propaganda examples for local play available

October 1 – Cube games judges tests available

October 15 – Presidents questions for local play available

December 15 – Current Events and Theme questions available for local play