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## **Coaches' Bulletin**

At the meeting of the AGLOA Board and the Tournament Council in Orlando last month, a committee was formed to develop behavioral rules for the **reading games** like those in the cube games in keeping with AGLOA's desire to make procedures in all games as uniform as possible.

**Part I. Behaviors:** Certain forms of behavior interfere with play and annoy or intimidate opponents. If a player is guilty of such conduct, a monitor will warn the player to discontinue the offensive behavior. Thereafter during that round or subsequent rounds, if the player again behaves in an offensive manner, the player may be penalized one point for each violation after the warning. Flagrant misconduct or continued misbehavior may cause the player's disqualification for that round or all subsequent rounds.

**Part II. Infractions:** Certain infractions that give a player an unfair advantage or completely disrupt the reader may draw a -1 penalty immediately without a warning provided at least two monitors agree on the penalty. Examples include announcing an answer to other players before the correct answer is revealed or consulting notes that were written before the match began. A pair of monitors may also issue a -1 penalty or even expel a player from a match for other egregious actions such as continually making hand signals or other gestures to another player during the reading of a clue, knocking materials off the table, intimidating an opponent verbally or with threatening gestures or body language, refusing to continue play when told to do so by a monitor, and so on.

This rule also applies to use of any electronic device (smart watch, phone, tablet, etc.), constant talking, tapping on the table, humming or singing, loud or rude language, writing an answer on the wrong line two or more times in a round, and so on. The first time a player marks an answer on the wrong line in a round, there is no penalty although a monitor must initial the correction with a red pen. Any other answers marked on the wrong line by that player the remainder of the round incur a one-point penalty that must be initiated by a monitor with a red pen.

A monitor may be called at any time if a player is missing materials, feels another player is competing unfairly, or has an emergency that should not wait. During the reading of a question/example, no player may call over a monitor

to fix a mistake on an answer sheet or score sheet. Any issues dealing with writing on the wrong line, changing or marking out an answer, or marking a player's score incorrectly must be dealt with after the answer is revealed but before the next clue/question/example is read.

### **Propaganda Changes**

The new *Propaganda* committee has voted on several proposed changes in the interpretation of techniques. This committee includes the three-person panel (none of whom are active coaches) that decides the answers to all the local and national tournament examples but also includes coaches from various states – a total of seven individuals.

Here are the changes that were approved with explanation.

1. All divisions: Degrees & Titles in an ad is *never* No Technique.

Rationale: Even when the degree/title is relevant to the product or service, the aim is to convince the consumer to buy something.

#### **Examples**

- a. I would like to introduce our Environmental Pollution speaker, Mr. Roger Rogue. He is a member of the President's Committee on Pollution Control and is former Director of the State Wildlife Association.

*Comment:* This example is No Technique because no product is being sold.

- b. Magazine ad: "Opti-Free Eye Disinfecting Solution is the #1 doctor recommended brand based on a survey of Eye Care Practitioners in December 2017."

*Comment:* This is Degrees & Titles. Even though eye doctors are being cited for an eye care product, the purpose is to sell the product.

- c. Ad for a political candidate: "As District Attorney, I have prosecuted many cases in Judge Henry Millwood's court. He has always been fair and competent. Reelect Judge Henry Millwood."

*Comment:* The DA knows the judges, but he's still "selling" a candidate. Answer is Degrees & Titles.

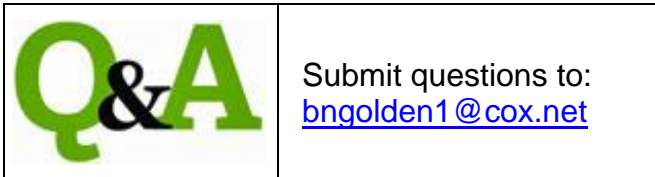
2. Jr/Sr only: Alliteration counts as Repetition with the same three times rule.

## Examples

- a. "Shop our Daily Deal of the Day."

*Comment:* Studies confirm that alliteration, like the repetition of an entire word, helps consumers remember the slogan.

- b. Coach to his team before the big game: "Ladies, remember: Poise, Pride, and Performance. Go get 'em!"



## Equations

**Q1** MJS only: When the variations are a base and Multiple of  $k$ , do you have to convert the value of  $k$  into the base? So if the  $k$  is 11 and the base is 8, do you need to make it vary from your Solution by 9 (11 in base 8) or by 18 (22 in base 8) or do you just make sure the solution varies by a multiple of 11. (Libby Michalik, PA)

**A1** The value of  $k$  is in base ten regardless of the base chosen. So  $k=11$  means multiple of eleven, *not* multiple of nine (base eight).

**Q2** It is my understanding that we can put zero in front of digits in the Goal. For example, instead of setting the Goal 5+3, we can set 05+03 for the same value, and zero wild does not have to be in effect. (Senay Tascioglu, MI)

**A2** You are correct. Two-digit numbers are allowed in the Goal at any time, and 05 and 03 count as two-digit numbers. The Goal would be much more interesting, of course, if 0 wild were in effect.

**Q3** MJS only: with Exponent and Powers of the Base variations, the Goal is 71 where 1 is

the color of the exponent. May the 1 = 1, 10, 10<sup>2</sup>, 10<sup>3</sup>, ..., 10<sup>-1</sup>, 10<sup>-2</sup>, ...? (Deborah Tjin, CO)

**A3** The 1 may equal 10, 10<sup>2</sup>, 10<sup>3</sup>, ... only if the 1 is an exponent. So the values of the Goal 71 are 71, 7, 7<sup>10</sup>, 7<sup>100</sup>, ..., 7<sup>-1</sup>, 7<sup>-2</sup>, ...

## Availability of Reading Games Questions (based on last year's league schedules)

Propaganda – October 1

Presidents – November 1

Theme – December 15

Current Events – January 1

Attachments  
The new Presidents of the Solution

Propaganda  
**Q3** What are the Presidents of the Solution focusing on the three presidents who served during World Wars I and II. So each answer is either Wil-

**A3** Two Revised Senior Equations worksheets for the Decimal in Goal variation which now include three consecutive digits in the Goal. Includes the Forms of Reading as part of the Non Sequitur technique.



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## Nationals Reading Game Examples

### Propaganda

This example was originally intended for EI/Mid: The Bears defense played "Ring Around the Quarterback" all day. He didn't have time to throw for a touchdown.

The author's opinion was Metaphor and Simile. However, two of the three panelists chose Quotation Out of Context. The response caused the editor to look at the example again and come up with this analysis. You could argue that the writer is comparing the play of the Bears defense with children forming a ring and all falling down at the end of the short song – hence, Metaphor and Simile. However, you could also say that "Ring around the Quarterback" is twisting the children's song/game "Ring around the Rosie" to fit a football game. So the example was moved to Jr/Sr and two answers were required: Metaphor & Simile and Quotation Out of Context.