



Example Tournament Participation Release

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When this release is complete, scan (or photograph) it and email it to release@naqt.com. This must be completed and received on or before Friday, December 25, 2020 (preferably earlier) or the player may not compete.

Identification and Context

1. I am the parent or legal guardian (or legally authorized representative thereof) of **Pat Smith** (“my child”; collectively, “we”), who will be on the quiz bowl team comprising players who are eligible to play for **Example High School** (“the team”) at the Example Tournament (“the tournament”), which will be held online on January 1, 2021.
2. We understand that the tournament is an educational academic competition for which prizes are only of token value.
3. We understand that the tournament is run by National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC (“NAQT”), which is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation, California.
4. We understand the eligibility rules (<https://www.naqt.com/hs/eligibility.html>) and certify that my child is eligible to compete for the team at this tournament (perhaps via explicit special dispensation from NAQT). I understand that if my child is found ineligible, the team will forfeit all matches in which my child participates, and my child and/or the team may be subject to further sanctions.
5. We understand that my child’s behavior reflects not only on themselves and the team, but also on the quiz bowl community and the overall institution of quiz bowl. My child will refrain from conduct that discredits themselves, any team, NAQT, or quiz bowl in general, or brings any of them into disrepute.
6. We agree to treat all participants—including other players, coaches, tournament staff, spectators, and others—with respect.
7. My child understands and agrees to abide by the NAQT Rules (<https://www.naqt.com/rules/>), including but not limited to Rule K.1:
All players, institutional representatives, and other persons associated with a school are bound by an honor code to behave responsibly and ethically. This includes, but is not limited to, treating all other participants and staff with respect and courtesy, not receiving or giving impermissible assistance, not creating the temptation for another to cheat, abiding by all decisions of the tournament staff, not colluding with another person to “fix” a match result, not intentionally “throwing” a match, honestly reporting details of game situations to tournament officials, and promptly reporting violations of this honor code to a tournament staff member.
8. We understand that NAQT’s decisions on all matters relating to the tournament—including but not limited to correctness of responses; adjudication of protests; accusations of, investigations of, determinations of, and consequences for cheating or other misconduct; resolution of other issues; and communication about any of these matters to other entities—are final and not subject to litigation or further appeal in any venue.
9. We understand that statistical results will be recorded for my child and the team, and will be posted on NAQT’s website and potentially in other media. We understand and agree that these results will generally not be suppressed or removed, in accordance with the Privacy Policy on NAQT’s website (<https://www.naqt.com/go/privacy-policy>).

Chaperone

1. I understand that the team is required to have a chaperone, subject to the following rules:
 - (a) The chaperone must be a legal adult.
 - (b) The chaperone must be reachable by text message (at a number provided to NAQT) throughout the tournament, to the maximum extent possible given availability of cellular networks.
 - (c) The chaperone is welcome, but not required, to observe the team during the tournament. If the chaperone is not doing so, NAQT is not obligated to contact the chaperone in situations short of an emergency. In particular, NAQT will not contact absent chaperones regarding protests.
2. I am or will be aware of the team leadership’s choice of chaperone(s). I affirm that the chosen chaperone will meet NAQT’s requirements above, any applicable requirements from the team’s school, and my own requirements for supervising my child.
3. I understand that NAQT is not responsible for arranging or vetting the chaperone.
4. I understand that NAQT is not responsible for supervising, or providing supervision for my child or any other participants.
5. I understand that the chaperone is the primary (and potentially only) person responsible for the appropriate behavior, safety, and well-being of my child and the team, and my child is responsible for complying with the chaperone’s directives. I understand that the role of tournament staff is to officiate games and otherwise facilitate the tournament, and that tournament staff are not responsible for supervising participants.
6. I understand that during in-game disputes, the team’s coach (if present) and chaperone (if present) will be primarily responsible for speaking for the team. In case of emergency or any other situation in which an adult contact is necessary, the chaperone will be NAQT’s first point of contact for the team.

Media

1. We understand that my child’s participation in the tournament may be memorialized in audio, video, photographic, or other media (hereafter and collectively “recordings”).

2. We understand that it is forbidden by federal law to fix the outcome of any broadcast contest of knowledge or to offer or accept special or secret assistance related to the program, and that this provision might apply to recorded matches. My child will not participate in any such acts and will immediately notify the tournament director should someone try to induce them to do any such acts. I understand that ethical violations may be reported to my child’s school, team leadership, and/or law enforcement.
 3. My child will not make any unauthorized mention or plug of any commercial product, service, venture, or thing while being recorded.
 4. We grant to NAQT the irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide right and license to record my child and to use my child’s likeness, name, voice, biographical material, and any remarks my child may make in connection with the production, distribution, exhibition, advertising, and other exploitation of the tournament worldwide by any method and in all media. Photographs, tapes, movies, and recordings of anything my child says or does at the tournament will be owned by NAQT to do with as NAQT wishes at any time, including for publication on the NAQT website, advertising, and broadcast. NAQT has the right to cut, edit, and combine materials for final publication, display, or broadcast.
 5. I understand that NAQT need not provide recordings to me or anyone else, nor is NAQT required to use recordings for any purpose.
 6. We waive all claims—including those based upon invasion of privacy, misrepresentation, defamation, or right of publicity—arising out of any use (or any unintentional blurring, distortion, alteration, faulty reproduction, optical illusion, or use of composite form) of my child’s name, picture or likeness unless it can be shown that such use was for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn, or indignity.
 7. Neither I nor my child will make audio or video recordings, nor take screenshots, of gameplay during the tournament; nor will either of us otherwise transmit question content (e.g., via social media posts); except as authorized by tournament staff.
- I prefer that audio or video recordings of my child not be made. I understand that NAQT mandates the recording of some games (typically late in the playoffs or in the course of investigating possible misbehavior), considers the recording of some games to be optional, and does not record some games. My child will add “No Recording” to their display name during games, and—provided that they do so—tournament staff will not record them in such games. However, I understand that if my child’s team plays in games with mandatory recording, my child will have to choose whether to participate and be recorded, or not participate, in those games. My child may also need to opt out of the awards ceremony and/or other media opportunities. I understand that my child may appear in still images (at any time) as described above, and grant the above-mentioned rights. I understand that NAQT is not responsible for recordings made by people other than tournament staff (e.g., parents of players on other teams).

Release of Liability

We agree to indemnify and hold harmless NAQT; its members, officers, employees, and contractors; and all tournament staff, from all liability, claims, actions, damages, expenses, and losses of any nature arising from my child’s participation in the tournament.

Other Matters

1. All information that I have supplied to NAQT has been accurate.
2. The name I give below is my legal name.
3. The provisions of this agreement shall bind me, my child, and our heirs, executors, and administrators.
4. The term “NAQT” throughout this contract includes NAQT’s successors, licensees, agents, and assignees.
5. The rights I grant to NAQT may be assigned to any person, firm, or corporation.
6. This is the complete agreement between NAQT and me with respect to my child’s participation in this tournament. No one claiming to speak on behalf on NAQT has made any representations to me that contradict what is in this contract. This agreement may only be modified by a written amendment signed by both parties.
7. This agreement shall be construed and governed by the laws of Minnesota. I agree that the proper venue for any resulting judicial actions will be the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota or a corresponding Minnesota state court. If I habitually reside in any other country, I consent to the jurisdiction of the United States courts to enforce this agreement.
8. I have the capacity and authority to understand and sign this contract.

I agree to (both pages of) this Participation Release for the Example Tournament.

 Legal guardian’s name (print neatly)

 Legal guardian’s signature

 Date