



## Example Tournament Participation Release

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### Identification and Context

1. I am **Pat Smith**, a legal adult, and will be traveling with the quiz bowl team comprising players who are eligible to play for **Example University** (“the team”), to the Example Tournament (“the tournament”) in Anytown on January 1, 2021 (plus possible additional travel time).
2. I understand that the tournament is an educational academic competition for which prizes are only of token value.
3. I 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. I understand the eligibility rules (<https://www.naqt.com/college/eligibility.html> and possibly the additional rules for Division II or Division I Undergraduate teams, depending on the particulars of my team) and certify that I am eligible to compete for the team at this tournament (perhaps via explicit special dispensation from NAQT). I understand that if I am found ineligible, the team will forfeit all matches in which I participate, and I and/or the team may be subject to further sanctions.
5. I understand that my behavior reflects not only on myself and the team, but also on the quiz bowl community and the overall institution of quiz bowl. I will refrain from conduct that discredits myself, any team, NAQT, or quiz bowl in general, or brings any of them into disrepute.
6. I agree to treat all participants—including other players, coaches, tournament staff, spectators, and others—with respect.
7. I understand and agree 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. I 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. I understand that the tournament may involve stretches of downtime during which staff will not be observing the team.
10. I understand that statistical results will be recorded for myself and the team, and will be posted on NAQT’s website and potentially in other media. I 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>).

### Independence

I understand that no chaperones are required at the tournament and that NAQT and/or tournament staff are not responsible for the supervision or behavior of me, the team, or any other participant. However, staff may impose warnings, penalties, or sanctions for inappropriate behavior, subject to NAQT rules and policies and the discretion of the tournament director. I am responsible for my own appropriate behavior at the tournament.

### Media

1. I understand that my participation in the tournament may be memorialized in audio, video, photographic, or other media (hereafter and collectively “recordings”).
2. I 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. I will not participate in any such acts and will immediately notify the tournament director should someone try to induce me to do any such acts. I understand that ethical violations may be reported to my school, team leadership, and/or law enforcement.
3. I will not make any unauthorized mention or plug of any commercial product, service, venture, or thing while being recorded.
4. I grant to NAQT the irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide right and license to record me and to use my likeness, name, voice, biographical material, and any remarks I 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 I say or do 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. I 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 name, picture or likeness unless it can be shown that such use was for the purpose of subjecting me to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn, or indignity.

7. I will not make audio or video recordings during the tournament that contain any questions, nor will I otherwise transmit question content (e.g., via social media posts), except as authorized by tournament staff.
- I prefer that audio or video recordings of me not be made. I understand that NAQT mandates the recording of some games (typically late in the playoffs), considers the recording of some games to be optional, and does not record some games. NAQT will provide me with a name card indicating that I opt out of non-mandatory recordings, and—provided that the name card is displayed—tournament staff will not record me in such games. However, I understand that if my team plays in games with mandatory recording, I will have to choose whether to participate and be recorded, or not participate, in those games. I may also need to opt out of the awards ceremony and/or other media opportunities. I understand that I 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**

I 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 participation in the tournament, including travel to and from the tournament and any and all events occurring between me leaving for the tournament and arriving home after 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 and my 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 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.*

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Player’s name (print neatly)

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Player’s signature

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Date