

# ACEL Geography Bowl 2025

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### 1. Teams

- Geography Bowl teams will have 4 team members, with at least one member representing each gender.
- At this time, ACEL does not recognize middle school or high school categories for this event. When designing the bracket for the event, however, the age ranges of the teams will be considered.

### 2. Entry

- 1-2 months before the event, an online registration form will be added to the ACEL Arts and Academics web page.
- Teams will be registered as a group, not individually.
- An online payment system will be set up on the ACEL website; alternate instructions will be posted for mail-in payments.
- A single alternate member may be listed in case of injury or illness.

### 3. Preliminary Schedule

- The Geography Bowl will be an auditorium event during the Academics Festival.
- It will take place as the second event to begin after the Bible Bowl is completed.
- A finalized bracket and schedule will be emailed to the team director after registration has closed.

### 4. Study Material

- We will be utilizing TWO study books:
  - *The Mighty Geography Quiz Book: Over 1,000 Multiple-Choice Trivia Questions About The World Around Us!* by Megan Moran
  - *The US Geography Trivia: The Ultimate American Geography Quiz Book For Geography Lovers, 300 Multiple Choice Questions about Interesting Geography Facts, Monuments, Historical Sites, and Much More* by Sarita Hafit

- The *Mighty Geography Quiz Book* is broken down into several “Sections.” For the 2025 Geography Bowl, we will ONLY utilize Sections 1-8 of the (we will utilize different parts each year while keeping the book the same).
- Some questions may be re-worded or “flipped” at the commissioner’s or quiz-master’s discretion, but the information will remain the same. The purpose of this would be to emphasize the learning of information over the learning of memorized facts. An alternate reason for this is that questions may have to be re-used during the event.

#### 5. Game Play

- There will be eight regular rounds of five questions each. One round will be from each “Section” of the world geography study book.
- There will be a US round of twenty questions from the US geography study book.
- A button-style buzzer system will be used, and every member will be able to buzz for each question.
  - If a single member has answered three questions in a single world geography round, that member will be “buzzed out” for the remainder of the round. For the US round, a member will buzz out after eight correct answers.
  - If a question is answered incorrectly, the first member of the other team that had hit his buzzer will be allowed to answer. If the second answer is also incorrect, neither team will receive the points for that question.
- After the nine rounds of game play, a Final Question will be asked. The Final Question may be from either study book. Each team will discuss the answer and write it down along with a “wager” of points. If answered correctly, the team will be awarded the number of points wagered. If answered incorrectly, the team will lose the number of points wagered (as in Jeopardy!).

#### 6. Adjudication

- The team with the most points at the end of a match will advance in the bowl bracket.
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be awarded to each of the top-performing teams along with a medal for each member.
- If only three teams enter, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award will not be awarded. If only two teams enter, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award will not be awarded.
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#### 7. Required Paperwork

- A photo release for each member of the team