## **Rules**

- 1) Contest will consist of two rounds (4-5 categories in each round, 5 questions per category) plus a final jeopardy round.
- 2) Typically Jeopardy is scheduled to last a total of 55 minutes. The first round will finish when all questions are exhausted or 35 minutes before the concluding time, whichever comes first. The second round will conclude when all questions are exhausted or 10 minutes before the concluding time, whichever comes first.
- 3) Each team will be comprised of 3 students (undergraduate and/or high school). There are a maximum of 6 teams.
- 4) Each team begins with 100 points.
- 5) Emcee chooses the first question.
- 6) Teams will have 20 seconds to answer a first round question and 30 seconds to answer a second round question. This means the questions should NOT be too complicated, although the second round questions can be SLIGHTLY more computational than the first round questions. If a team answers incorrectly, other teams have 10 more seconds to ring in with an answer.
- 7) Teams buzz in to answer the questions. The team that buzzed in first (as determined by the judge if necessary) has the first opportunity to answer. Upon buzzing, a team must be ready to present their answer. Continued work after the buzz will disqualify the team from answering that question.
- 8) The first team to correctly answer the question is awarded the point value of the question. Incorrect answers do not penalize a team's score.
- 9) Each team has only one chance to answer each question.
- 10) If the answer is in a different but possibly correct form than the answer given by the emcee, an independent judge will make the final determination about the correctness of the answer.
- 11) Either emcee will repeat a team's answer, or each team will have a microphone at the table when giving their answer.
- 12) The team that correctly answered the previous question chooses the next question. If no team answered the previous question correctly, the team that most recently answered a question correctly chooses the next question.
- 13) During the final jeopardy round, each team will be given the category of the question. Each team will then write an amount that they are willing to wager on answering the question correctly based on the category. That amount will be a non-negative integer and will be no more than the number of points they currently have. These amounts will be given to the emcee with the team's name/number.
- 14) After the team places its final jeopardy wager, the question will be shown. Teams then have 4 minutes to come up with an answer. At the end of the 4 minutes, teams will individually reveal their answers, starting with the team with the lowest number of points prior to final jeopardy. Teams with a correct answer will have their wager added to their score; teams with an incorrect answer will have their wager deducted from their score.
- 15) The team with the highest score after final jeopardy is the winner.