

WASHINGTON STATE KNOWLEDGE BOWL CODE OF CONDUCT

The State Knowledge Bowl Tournament is certainly the highlight of the year for the teams that qualify. These teams have worked hard to attain their status as among the best in the State of Washington. It becomes the responsibility of all persons to see that proper conduct is adhered to at all times from the time they leave home until they return home. Individual conduct and appearance are part of good sportsmanship and reflect upon the school and region of each team.

Attendance at any sponsored State activity is a special privilege. Knowing that any organization is judged largely by the behavior of its individual participants, the following Code of Conduct is subscribed to for members, guests, and coaches who attend the State Meet. These rules will be strictly enforced.

Please note the following:

1. The term "Team Member" shall be any delegated person attending the State Meet with a team, whether directly participating or not.
2. Team Members shall wear their State Knowledge Bowl Tournament nametags/buttons at all times on site.
3. Team Members shall behave in a courteous and respectful manner refraining from language and actions that might bring discredit upon themselves, their schools, their home, their friends, or upon the State Knowledge Bowl organization.
4. Because Team Members are guests using the facilities, special care should be taken not to deface or destroy any property. The individual must pay any damages to any property or furnishings in either the school or the hotel rooms or buildings. No vandalism of any kind will be tolerated.
5. Team Members shall:
 - a. Keep your adult coach(s) informed of your activities and whereabouts at all times.
 - b. Do not use your own car. (Transportation to and from the tournament shall be by school district or public carrier only, unless otherwise authorized by your school district. All vehicles must be driven by authorized adults.)
 - c. Do not engage in activities with non-participating students.
 - d. Do not enter public dance halls, bars, or nightclubs.
6. No alcohol beverages or illegal substances in any form shall be possessed or used at any time or under any circumstances.
7. Team Members shall respect and abide by the authority vested in the State Coordinator, State Meet Staff, and host school officials.
8. All Team Members shall be registered and shall attend their designated play-off sessions, and other activities for which they are registered.
9. Teams or team members who violate or ignore any of the preceding rules subject themselves:
 - a. to being sent home by their coach(s) and/or those members of the State Meet Staff present or their designees, at their own expense or at the expense of the guardians.
 - b. to have any awards or honors canceled and withdrawn.

(Detach here and return this form to your coach before you leave for the State Meet.)

I have read the Washington State Knowledge Bowl Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its provisions. In the event of a violation, I agree that the School Official(s), the Coach(s), the Board of Directors, or the State Staff, have the right to send the student home from the activity at parent/guardian expense, provided that parent/guardian contact has been made.

Student Name _____ Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers:

(home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____