

Rules and Online Competition Process

Illinois Economics Challenge

GENERAL STRUCTURE

1.11.2012

ONLINE COMPETITION:

1) Team Composition

- a) Teams shall be comprised of four (4) members.
- b) All members of a team must be from the same public, private, or home-based high school.
- c) A team which qualifies for the National Semi-finals* competition may reconstitute up to two of their team members prior to the next level of competition. The reconstituted team member(s) needed to have participated in the current year's online competition.

2) Student Eligibility

- a) Students must be enrolled *during the 2011-2012 school year* in Advanced Placement (AP Micro, AP Macro, or AP Micro and Macro), International Baccalaureate (pre-IB and IB), honors, two-semester, or any other advanced courses in economics (including courses taught by a secondary teacher where students earn college credit).
- b) Students must be registered by and participating with their high school teacher, or another teacher at their school which was designated by their teacher, as the team coach.

3) Competition Process

- a) Teachers register students in anticipation of four competitors per team. Following student eligibility verification, team coaches will receive an e-mail regarding how to take these registered students and create student teams for the online competition. Student teams may be created after January 1, 2012.
- b) EconChallenge ONLINE! testing takes place in March throughout Illinois. Select a day and time block for your students to take the online test and *inform Econ Illinois of the scheduled time*. Scheduling of the preliminary online testing is done at each teacher's own discretion with the team coach as the proctor to ensure the online testing protocol is adhered to.
- c) Teachers will be provided with a unique access code for each student. Distribute these codes to your students only when they are ready to take the online test.
- d) Registered students will enter the EconChallenge ONLINE! website and complete an online test of 30 questions. Each student will be allowed a maximum of 35 minutes to answer the questions, but all team members must complete the exam within 3 hours.
- e) Students may take the test on one computer, provided each student tests one after the other; *or they may use multiple computers (one per student), whichever your resources allow. However, each student must test on an individual basis. All Illinois Economics Challenge ONLINE! testing must be done on an individual basis for students to be eligible for participation in advanced level competitions.*
- f) Scoring: The sum of the top three individual scores on each team make up the team score. Scoring on individual tests is done as follows:
 - ⇒ +10 points for each correct response
 - ⇒ -5 points for each incorrect response
 - ⇒ 0 points for no response
- g) The top scoring teams in Illinois are invited to participate in the State Finals at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The State Finals competition: three rounds of proctored tests leading to a "quiz bowl" final round of competition to determine the State Championship team.
- h) The top scoring team in Illinois is invited to participate in the National Semi-final competition: three rounds of proctored tests given at the winning team's high school. The testing takes place at the same time for all state qualifying winners across the country. The top six scoring teams are then invited to compete in the National Finals held in New York City in May.

For full contest rules on the National Semi-finals & Finals go to:

<http://economicschallenge.councilforeconed.org/rules.php>

The webpage will be available for the 2012 program during the spring semester.

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