

HEREFORD BOWL

The primary objective of the Hereford Bowl is to provide opportunity for NJHA members to demonstrate their knowledge of Hereford beef cattle. The Hereford Bowl competition will allow contestants to demonstrate good sportsmanship and it is hoped that this contest will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

RULES

1. Each state can have one team per age division, or if a single state does not have four members to compete as a team those team members may combine with another state association to form a team, as long as a team has not already been formed from either state.
2. If you do not have a team and want to compete in the written test, you can show up to the test and register there.
3. Each team will consist of four members.
4. All contestants must be members of the National Junior Hereford Association.
5. The senior division will consist of members who are 14 years of age and older as of Jan. 1. The junior division will consist of junior members who are 7-13 years old. Any junior may play as a senior, but no senior may play as a junior.
6. You may compete as an individual for the overall test score, but your score will not be included in any teams score.
7. There will be two officials who will determine the accuracy of the answers.
8. Members of the NJHA board will help with scoring, moderating and overseeing the contest.
9. All teams must pre-enter by **July 1**. Individuals can still enter on site the day of.

JUDGING PROCEDURES

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION:

1. The preliminary round will consist of a 50 question multiple choice test. All team members must take the test, and those who are individually competing for high individual.
2. The test will be held July 5, 2026. All contestants **MUST** be in the room by 8:30 a.m. for registration and contest overview. The test will be handed out at 9 a.m. with no time limit.
3. The NJHA reserves the right to add interactive and visual portions to the test, similar to a skillathon contest.
4. The four teams with the highest combined team scores will compete in the buzzer rounds the following day.

QUIZ BOWL BUZZER MATCH 1:

Buzzer Match 1 is a single elimination bracket consisting of two rounds.

1. The bracket will start with the 1st place team competing against the 4th, followed by the 2nd place team against the 3rd place team.
2. In the 10 question round, first to buzz may answer the question.
3. The eight-question round consists of one-on-one questions, matching Chair 1 of the 1st place team against Chair 1 of the 4th place team and so on.

QUIZ BOWL FINAL BUZZER MATCH:

The Final Buzzer Match will consist of three rounds.

1. Round 1 and 2 will operate the same as Buzzer Match 1.
2. Round 3, the Final Jeopardy Round, allows teams to work together to answer the final jeopardy question.
3. Teams may wager as many or as few points as they have earned up to now.
4. Teams will write down the answer and the correct answer will earn the points risked, with a wrong answer deducting the points risked. Highest end score wins.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 1

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MISC. CONTEST PROCEDURE RULES

1. In case of a tie in any match, a batch of five questions will be in the bank that can be answered by any member of the team. If a team answers incorrectly, the other team may answer to receive full credit.
2. Each question is worth 1 point, except the final jeopardy round, during which the amount of points risked will be decided by the individual teams.
3. There are 10 seconds to answer questions in every round except the Final Jeopardy Round where teams have 1 minute to decide wagers, and 1 minute to answer the question.

SAMPLE MATCH

BUZZER MATCH 1:
1st Place Written Test Team vs.
4th Place Written Test Team

ILLINOIS - 1

**BUZZER MATCH 2 AND FINAL
JEOPARDY ROUND**

ILLINOIS

INDIANA

KANSAS - 4

BUZZER MATCH 1:
2nd Place Written Test Team vs.
3rd Place Written Test Team

INDIANA - 2

TEXAS - 3

*Example from 2021 Hereford Bowl contest at the JNHE.

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