

2016 National Bioethics Bowl

Summary of Gameplay

75 Minute Rounds

- 0:00–0:05 Match Preparation
1. Moderator introduces herself and both teams.
 2. Judges introduce themselves.
 3. The moderator flips a coin to determine which team presents first. The moderator will select a team to “call” the coin flip. The team winning the coin flip (hereinafter Team A) will present first. The other team (hereinafter Team B) will present second.
 4. The moderator will ask both teams to clear their tables. Only water, blank scratch paper, writing utensils, and timers may remain on the tables.
 5. The moderator opens the match packet and reads aloud the case title and indicated question for debate.
 6. The moderator offers Team A time warnings when 3 minutes and 1 minute remain during the presentation.
- 0:05–0:15 Team A Presentation
1. The moderator confirms that the teams and judges are ready for gameplay to begin.
 2. The moderator sets a timer for 10 minutes and indicates Team A to begin presenting.
 3. Team A presents its response to the case and selected question for up to 10 minutes.
 4. The moderator will stop Team A’s presentation if it exceeds 10 minutes.
 5. The judges finalize their scores on the scoresheets.
- 0:15–0:20 Team B Commentary
1. The moderator confirms that the teams and judges are ready for gameplay to begin.
 2. The moderator sets a timer for 5 minutes and indicates Team B to begin its commentary.
 3. Team B comments on the initial presentation for up to 5 minutes.
 4. The moderator will stop Team B’s commentary if it exceeds 5 minutes.
 5. The judges finalize their scores on the scoresheet.
- 0:20–0:25 Team A Response

1. The moderator confirms that the teams and judges are ready for gameplay to begin.
2. The moderator sets a timer for 5 minutes and indicates Team A to begin its response to the commentary.
3. Team A may respond to the commentary for up to 5 minutes.
4. The moderator will stop Team A's response if it exceeds 5 minutes.
5. The judges finalize their scores on the scoresheet.

0:25–0:35 Judges' Questions

1. All three judges may ask Team A questions about its case, presentation, or response.
2. The moderator will stop the questions and Team A's responses if they exceed 10 minutes.
3. The judges finalize their scores for Team A and Team B.

0:35–0:40 Transition

1. Judges flip their scoresheets to judge the second half of the round.
2. The moderator opens the match packet and reads aloud the second case title and indicated question for debate.
3. The moderator offers Team B time warnings when 3 minutes and 1 minute remain during the presentation.

0:40–0:50 Team B Presentation

1. The moderator confirms that the teams and judges are ready for gameplay to begin.
2. The moderator sets a timer for 10 minutes and indicates Team B to begin presenting.
3. Team B presents its response to the case and selected question for up to 10 minutes.
4. The moderator will stop Team B's presentation if it exceeds 10 minutes.
5. The judges finalize their scores on the scoresheets.

0:50–0:55 Team A Commentary

1. The moderator confirms that the teams and judges are ready for gameplay to begin.
2. The moderator sets a timer for 5 minutes and indicates Team A to begin its commentary.
3. Team A comments on the initial presentation for up to 5 minutes.
4. The moderator will stop Team A's commentary if it exceeds 5 minutes.
5. The judges finalize their scores on the scoresheet.

0:55–1:00 Team B Response

1. The moderator confirms that the teams and judges are ready for gameplay to begin.
2. The moderator sets a timer for 5 minutes and indicates Team B to begin its response to the commentary.
3. Team B may respond to the commentary for up to 5 minutes.
4. The moderator will stop Team B's response if it exceeds 5 minutes.
5. The judges finalize their scores on the scoresheet.

1:00–1:10 Judges' Questions

1. All three judges may ask Team B questions about its case, presentation, or response.
2. The moderator will stop the questions and Team B's responses if they exceed 10 minutes.
3. The judges finalize their scores for Team B and Team A.

1:10–1:15 Final Tally

1. The judges give their scoresheets to the moderator.
2. The moderator tallies the scores and determines the winner of the match.
3. The moderator announces Judge 1's designated winner, Judge 2's designated winner, and Judge 3's designated winner.
4. The moderator announces either the overall winner of the match, or the occurrence of a tie.
5. The moderator thanks the teams and judges, and calls the match to an end.
6. The moderator submits all judges' scoresheets to the judges' room and prepares for the following match.