Lakota Language Invitational Language Bowl

Official Rules and Conduct

Before the competition begins

To qualify, teams must complete the registration form, media release form, and pay the competition fee before the December deadline. Please ensure your school's business office understands that the $350.00 payment (credit card or check) is made to Lakota Nation Invitational, 3213 W Main St #425, Rapid City, SD 57702, and not to the Oglala Lakota County School District.

1. Understanding there are last-minute teams, a payment can be made at the time of the competition. This payment method is check only, as we do not have the ability to accept credit cards on site.
2. Teams must complete check-in before the official competition start time, which begins at 8:00 am, with the first competition starting at 9:00 am.
3. Teams are permitted a maximum of 5 members, including 1 alternate. For eligibility, each team must have at least three members.
4. All teams must consist of enrolled students in grades K–12; Tribal enrollment is not mandatory.
5. Team names will be drawn 15 minutes before the competition to determine participants. If a team is drawn but not present, they will be allowed a 10-minute grace period and then disqualified if not in attendance.

During the competition

1. The promotion of good sportsmanship is strongly encouraged.
2. If an alternate is needed, the student must be checked in and registered on that team's roster on the day of the event. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of that team.
3. Harassment of any kind towards the LNI coordinators, staff, or participating students is not permitted. Non-compliance may result in removal from the event. In case of harassment, please contact any of the Language Bowl staff.
4. During competition activities involving the buzzer, students must keep their hands flat on the table (no hovering above the button). Failure to do so may result in the loss of that point. The moderator will remind competitors of this before the event.
5. Students should prepare for the competition, and the use of scripts or assistance from coaches or sponsors is not permitted.
6. All teams and coaches must comply with the moderators' instructions.
7. All grade levels will be double elimination.

After the competition

1. In the event of a disagreement with a call, the coach may question the decision after the competition. While judges may consider re-administering points, it is essential to acknowledge that the judges' decisions are final.
2. All teams are highly encouraged to shake hands with the moderator, the opposing teams, and judges in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
3. LNI Language Bowl coordinators and staff are not liable for theft or injuries.

I acknowledge and agree to adhere to all the rules of the LNI Lakota Language Bowl. This document must be signed by the team coach or sponsor and submitted to the Language Bowl staff before the competition begins.

Coach / Sponsor: _____ Date: _____