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2020-2021 Competition Guidelines



The Ultimate Leadership Experience and The Ultimate Consumer Challenge - Combined!

This team competition tests FCCLA members' knowledge in the six content areas:

1. Personal Finance
2. Consumer Rights & Responsibilities (to include Family, Career & Community Studies)
3. Technology (to include Fashion & Housing Design)
4. Health & Safety (to include Food Science & Nutrition and Early Childhood & Human Development)
5. Environment (to include Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation)
6. FCCLA Knowledge

Questions come from a variety of sources. Preparation resources include resources found at www.lifesmarts.org, and in Family and Consumer Sciences textbooks, reference guides, content area websites, the FCCLA website, and other local or online resources.

All teams should be comprised of five affiliated FCCLA members (affiliated at both the state and national level in order to register to compete) from the same chapter. Chapters may have more than one team. Team members may be mixed in grade level (through grade 12) and FCS course background. All competitors must be registered for the conference at which their competition takes place, if offered. Name tags identifying participants must be worn at all times during the competition. Teams with less than five members are ineligible to compete. Team members may not compete in another competitive event during a national conference.

Round 1 - TeamSmarts Quiz

September 14 – October 15

All teams must be registered at www.LifeSmarts.org and take the FCCLA TeamSmarts quiz by October 15. All team members are expected to work together to take the TeamSmarts Quiz. If less than five members take the TeamSmarts Quiz, the team is ineligible to continue in competition. The TeamSmarts Quiz consists of 100 questions from the following content areas:

1. Personal Finance
2. Consumer Rights & Responsibilities (to include Family, Career & Community Studies)
3. Technology (to include Fashion & Housing Design)
4. Health & Safety (to include Food Science & Nutrition and Early Childhood & Human Development)
5. Environment (to include Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation)

Following the instructions at www.LifeSmarts.org the adviser registers and creates the FCCLA team. Students register as directed. The adviser must indicate one student to be the team's captain. The TeamSmarts quiz is only available through the team captain's login.

The scores from the TeamSmarts round will be used to determine the top forty (40) teams to compete in the next round of the competition – Team Interviews.

Round 2 - Team Interviews

The top forty (40) teams with the highest TeamSmarts scores will move on to the next round of the competition – the Team Interviews. There is a one-time registration fee of \$100 per team for the Team Interview phase of the competition. Team Interviews will determine the top sixteen (16) teams that qualify to compete at the National Leadership Conference.

Live video conferencing interviews will be held with each of the top (forty) 40 teams. The Team Interview Round consists of two parts—Individual Questions as well as Team Questions. Four (4) short-answer (fact) questions and one (1) multiple choice question from each of the categories listed below will be asked. Participants will sit in order, based upon their individual topic category. Only the team member representing a specific category is eligible to answer their five questions. No other team members may answer or assist.

1. Personal Finance
2. Consumer Rights & Responsibilities (to include Family, Career & Community Studies)
3. Technology (to include Fashion & Housing Design)
4. Health & Safety (to include Food Science & Nutrition and Early Childhood & Human Development)
5. Environment (to include Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation)

During the Team Questions part of the Team Interview, questions are open-ended and randomly assorted. Of the 16 Team questions, there are guaranteed to be 3 questions from Categories 1-5 and 1 question from Category 6, FCCLA Knowledge. Anyone may answer a Team question, unless someone from that team has already given an incorrect response. If a participant gives an incorrect answer, the question is no longer active and the correct answer will be read.

Once all Team Interviews have finished, each team will have the following scores added together to form their final Cumulative Score: TeamSmarts Quiz and Team Interview points. The top sixteen (16) scoring teams will qualify to compete at the National Leadership Conference Championship, where live pool-play matches will occur. These matches will take place in either a virtual or an in-person competition format.

TIES: The tiebreaker will go to the team with the highest level TeamSmarts score and the lowest time.

The sixteen advancing teams will compete at the following National Leadership Conference. The teams who did not advance will be ranked, based on Cumulative Scores, as alternates.

Online Testing for National Leadership Conference Qualifiers

All sixteen advancing teams and the top two (2) alternate National Qualifying teams will take the National TeamSmarts quiz in the Spring (March 1-31), similar in format to the TeamSmarts quiz teams took in the fall, but with new questions. Teams will not have to re-register. The “FCCLA TeamSmarts Quiz” will automatically appear in the team captain’s page.

This will be the teams’ first event in the National Leadership Conference competition.

Championship at National Leadership Conference

July

Sixteen teams will qualify for the National Championship. Final National Leadership Conference alternates will be selected based upon scores from completion of the March TeamSmarts quiz. Teams must confirm National Championship participation by April 1. Alternates will be notified of available openings, should they become available.

Orientation and Pool Play

Teams are assigned to one of four competition pools based upon the March TeamSmarts scores. Each pool will have four teams and each team will play three matches. The March TeamSmarts score plus the scores from the three matches will be combined to determine the top team from each pool. Pools will play simultaneously and the questions for each round will be the same in each pool. As space allows, teams may have to wait in a holding room. Play will be adjusted if fewer than sixteen teams compete at the National Leadership Conference.

Once all pool play matches have finished, each team will have the following scores added together to form their final National Leadership Conference Cumulative Score: TeamSmarts Quiz (from March), and the three matches played in Pool Play. The team in each pool with the highest National Leadership Conference Cumulative Score will automatically advance to the knockout bracket.

The four remaining teams with the highest National Leadership Conference Cumulative Score will also advance to the knockout bracket. It is possible for more than one non-winning team from the same pool to qualify.

Ties for 1st place in each pool must be broken before ties for the 4 non-winner spots are broken. If teams are in the same pool, the tiebreaker will be determined by total points gained during the total pool play buzzer matches. The second tie-breaker, if needed, will be determined by who won the head-to-head round between tied teams.

For ties between teams in different pools, only the first tie-breaker will apply. In the event that competition pools are of different sizes, the second tiebreaker will be the highest average points per match.

Should any ties remain, the final tiebreaker will go to the team with the highest score from the Online TeamSmarts quiz from March and lowest time.

Knockout Bracket

The four pool winners and the next four top-scoring teams will be seeded into an 8-team single elimination bracket. Winners advance through the bracket until the top two finalists are determined. The top two teams will compete in one final match during a general session to determine first and second place. A live match determines third and fourth place, and remaining teams will be ranked based on cumulative scores.

Each round will consist of two parts — Head-to-Head Individual Questions as well as Team Questions. In the Head-to-Head round, one multiple choice question from Categories 1-5 will be asked, with up to two open-ended bonus questions asked after each correct answer. Participants should sit in order, based upon their individual topic category. In the Team Questions part of the round, all questions are open ended and randomly assorted. Three questions will be asked in each of the categories except FCCLA Knowledge, which will have one question per round.

During the Head-to-Head round, questions will be asked in the following order:

1. Personal Finance
2. Consumer Rights & Responsibilities (to include Family, Career & Community Studies)
3. Technology (to include Fashion & Housing Design)

4. Health & Safety (to include Food Science & Nutrition and Early Childhood & Human Development)
5. Environment (to include Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation)

During the Team round, questions are open-ended and randomly assorted. Of the 16 Team questions, there are guaranteed to be 3 questions from Categories 1-5 and 1 question from Category 6, FCCLA Knowledge. Anyone may buzz in to answer a Team Question, unless someone from that team has already given an incorrect response. If a participant gives an incorrect answer, the question is reread and asked to the other team.

Buzzer Round Rules of Play

Head-to-Head Individual Questions Rules

Questions in the head-to-head individual part of the round are multiple choice. Each team member is assigned a number corresponding to the category he or she has selected as their focus topic.

1. Personal Finance
2. Consumer Rights & Responsibilities (to include Family, Career & Community Studies)
3. Technology (to include Fashion & Housing Design)
4. Health & Safety (to include Food Science & Nutrition and Early Childhood & Human Development)
5. Environment (to include Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation)

These questions are asked only to the player on each team with the corresponding number. After the question and answer choices are read to team members #1, whichever individual buzzes in first has 10 seconds to respond. The individual cannot confer with team members. Individuals may give the full answer or the letter (a, b, or c) associated with the answer. If the player gives a correct answer, his or her team is awarded 5 points, and the moderator will ask up to two additional bonus questions for that individual. A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 questions will be asked in this round.

If the individual who has buzzed in cannot answer in the time allowed, or gives an incorrect answer, the opposing individual team member has 10 seconds to provide an answer.

If a member buzzes in before the entire question is read, the moderator will stop reading the question or answer choices. The individual must give an answer within 10 seconds. If the answer is incorrect, the moderator will re-read the question and answer choices to the corresponding player on the opposing team. He or she will have 10 seconds to buzz in and provide a response.

If neither individual buzzes in within 10 seconds, or both members give incorrect answers, the moderator will give the correct answer.

If a player correctly answers the multiple-choice question, that team will be asked an open-ended follow-up question. If the follow-up question is answered correctly, then a second open-ended follow-up question will be asked to that team. Up to two follow-up questions may be asked after each multiple-choice question.

If either follow-up question is not answered correctly, the question set ends. The corresponding player on the other team will not get an opportunity to answer the follow-up questions. Play continues with the next set, an Individual question asked to the players in the next position.

Each correct answer is worth 5 points. There is no deduction for incorrect answers.

This process is repeated for all team members.

Upon completion of the head-to-head part of the round, scores will be tabulated by the scorekeeper and announced by the moderator.

Team Questions Rules

Questions in the team questions part of the round are open ended. The moderator will ask a question, and the first person to hit his or her button will have the opportunity to answer. These questions are open to all players on the team, though only one player per team may buzz in to answer each question.

A player may buzz in before the entire question is read. If this happens, the moderator will stop reading the question and will call on the player who buzzed in. The team member who buzzed in has 10 seconds to answer the question. The team may confer both orally and in writing until a team member buzzes in. Once the team has buzzed in, conferring must stop. Only the team member who buzzed in will be allowed to answer the question.

If an incorrect answer is given, the moderator will begin re-reading the question, and members from the other team may buzz in at any time.

If no one buzzes in within 10 seconds after the question has been read, or both teams give incorrect answers, the moderator will give the correct answer.

Each correct answer is worth 10 points. There is no deduction for incorrect answers.

This process will continue through all 16 open ended questions. Upon completion of the team questions, scores will be tabulated and announced by the scorekeeper and moderator. If there is a winner, the winner will be announced. If there is a tie that must be broken, tie breaker question(s) will be read.

Tie Breaker Round Rules

Tie breaker questions are open-ended, and are randomly selected from the six topic categories. Each correct answer is worth one point. There is no deduction for incorrect answers. The first team that buzzes in will have 10 seconds to answer. The team that wins the best of three tie breaker questions will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie after a round of three tie breaker questions, one "sudden death" tie breaker question will be used.

General Rules

Acceptability of Answers

Only the first answer from the team member who buzzes in and is recognized will be accepted. Only one team member may buzz in per question. The moderator will determine if the answer given by the competitor matches the correct answer. If there is a question about the acceptability of the answer, the moderator may consult with the room judge.

Appeals

During the Team round of a buzzer match, a team may appeal a response ruled incorrect by raising a Challenge card, which requests that question be thrown out and a new question asked in its place. The team may only issue a Challenge when points are not awarded in response to an answer given by one of the team members. Challenges may not be issued once points have been awarded for the question. Teams may not challenge during the Head-to-Head round. Teams may not challenge a response given by the opposing team.

The Challenge card must be raised before play moves on (either before the question is re-read for the other team, or if the other team has given a response, before the next question in the match is read). Any player on the team may issue the challenge. Once the challenged question is thrown out, the new question is open only to the teams who were eligible to answer the question when the Challenge was issued.

Each team is awarded two Challenge cards at National Leadership Conference). Unused Challenge cards do not carry over to the next level of competition.

Consultation

Team members may confer with one another both orally and in writing until a team member buzzes in. From the time a competitor buzzes in until the time the moderator announces whether the answer is correct or incorrect, no one on that team should speak or write notes to another. If consultation continues while a team member has buzzed in, his/her answer will not be accepted even if it is correct. Team members of the opposing team may consult while a competitor on the other team is answering the question.

Dress Code

Participants should follow the approved FCCLA conference dress code for participation in all levels of competition.

Moderator/Judge/Question Error

If the moderator misspeaks or misreads a question, but catches the mistake prior to either team buzzing in, they may repeat the question correctly and the time for answering will begin again at 10 seconds.

The judge and/or moderator may decide that a replacement question should be used if an answer is prematurely given by the moderator, judge, or spectator, or if the way a question is read is deemed unfair for either or both teams. Replacement questions will not be used if a competitor reveals the correct answer out of turn or if a competitor or spectator disagrees with the determination of the moderator and judge.

Repeating of Questions

Individual team members may request a multiple-choice question to be repeated during the Head- to-Head Individual Round. No open-ended questions will be repeated once they have been read in their entirety. If there is an issue in which the moderator feels the question should be repeated (noise interference or equipment problem) they may repeat the question at their discretion.

Spectator/Participant Conduct and Sportsmanship

When competition is open to spectators (students, advisers, chaperones, alumni, and other conference attendees), spectators are not allowed to enter or leave the competition room during play. Spectators are prohibited from cheering, visual signaling, audible conversations, and the use of cell phones during competition. Any spectators who disrupt the round in any way or are thought to be communicating with competitors will be asked to leave by the room judge or moderator. The room judge and moderator have the authority to control the competition atmosphere within their room.

Disputes concerning their judgment should be directed to the LifeSmarts staff, Competitive Events Manager or the on-site national staff person who is overseeing the competition.

Good sportsmanship is expected of all participants, advisers, chapter members, and other spectators.

Poor sportsmanship on the part of any team member or their supporters may result in disqualification. Any use of extremely negative behavior (such as the use of profanity or yelling) will result in immediate disqualification of the team.

No videotaping, audio recording, or photography is allowed during live competition without prior approval of FCCLA.

Substitution

Substitution of team members between Level II and Level III will be allowed. Substitutions must be made prior to June 1. Substituted competitors must be affiliated members of the same FCCLA chapter to qualify.

Teams will be sent a confirmation of their Level III participation via email by March 1. Any changes made to the composition of a Level III team must be made in writing by the chapter adviser or team captain to competitiveevents@fcclainc.org by June 1. Changes may be made any time between December 1 and June 1 of the current school year.

Team Captain

Each team should select one of its members to serve as the team captain. This member will be responsible for picking up team materials. The team captain will be indicated on the registration form and will be designated on their place card.

Team Holding Room

All teams in Level I and III are required to report at a designated time, and may be required to remain in a holding room when not competing. Failure to report to the holding room prior to the start of the first round of competition will result in a team receiving an automatic loss in the first round. Teams are disqualified if not in the holding room by the time the first round of competition is completed. Teams may utilize printed study material. The use of cell phones, or other electronic devices which may record, publish or receive information are prohibited.

Unanswered Questions

If a question is not answered by either team, no points will be awarded or lost and no replacement question will be given. The moderator will give the correct answer and move on to the next question.

Writing Instruments

Paper and pencils for each competitor will be provided by FCCLA. Competitors will not be allowed to bring any writing tools or paper into the competition room.

Knowledge Bowl Overview



	Direct Qualifying (must complete Parts 1 and 2)		Online TeamSmarts Quiz	National Championship
	Part 1 - Online Test 9/15 – 10/15, 2020	Part 2 November 16-20, 2020	Online Test 3/1 – 3/31, 2021	National Leadership Conference July 2021
Who?	Any team of 5 FCCLA members	The top 40 teams from the Online Test	The 16 teams that advanced and the top 2 alternate teams	16 teams
Competition Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adviser creates coach account and registers team at www.lifesmarts.org Students register as team players and take practice quizzes Adviser appoints team captain When test window opens, the quiz appears automatically in the captain's folder Team captain leads team through Online TeamSmarts quiz Top 40 Teams announced on October 16, 2020 on the FCCLA website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adviser registers team for Virtual Leadership Experience (all team members must be affiliated and registered to compete) by October 26, 2020 Teams sign up for Zoom interviews based on competition schedule by November 6, 2020 Top 16 teams and two alternates are announced during the Virtual Leadership Experience on December 11, 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams who competed in the fall do not need to re-register Adviser coach may substitute players on online team Teams keep taking practice quizzes until window opens When test window opens, quiz appears automatically in the captain's folder Team captain leads team through Online TeamSmarts quiz 	Orientation and Pool Play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams seeded into 4 pools of 4, each team plays a buzzer match vs. the other 3 teams in their pool Scores accumulate, top-scoring team in each pool advances to knockout bracket The next 4 highest-scoring teams across all pools also advance to knockout bracket
				-Top 8 teams seeded -
				Knockout Bracket Seeded teams play head-to-head until 2 finalist teams remain
Who advances?	The top 40 teams	16 teams and top 2 alternates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 teams – score is part of their NLC score 	Two finalist teams play for the Championship during National Leadership Conference General Session