



## ISSF

### Independent Schools of South Florida

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### 19th ANNUAL ISSF "MIDDLE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE"

- DIVISIONS:** Middle School (for 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)
- TEAMS:** A maximum of ONE (1) Teams (of five students) per school will be allowed. No alternates.
- DATE:** **Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020**
- SCHEDULE:** 8:00 to 9:00 a.m..... Welcome Registration, Training of Moderators and Timekeepers  
9:00 a.m. sharp until elimination (*approximately 2:00 p.m.*)
- LOCATION:** **Women's Club of Coral Gables**  
1001 East Ponce de Leon Boulevard  
Coral Gables, FL 33114-5057  
Clubhouse Telephone: **305-448-7080**
- FEE:** **\$150.00 per Team (if registered and paid by January 31, 2020)**  
**\$165.00 per Team (if registered and paid on or after February 1, 2020)**

### RULES & REGULATIONS

#### 1. TEAMS

- ◆ Schools can only send ONE Team to the Middle School Geography Bee.
- ◆ Each Team consists of five (5) Team members who play together at the same time.
- ◆ Each Team shall designate one "Team Captain" who will be the person designated to provide responses to the Moderator. Only the Team Captain may speak out loud to the adult Moderator or Timekeeper.
- ◆ If a Team gives an answer that is not complete or specific enough, it may be asked to clarify or expand its answer to receive the point.
- ◆ When a team is discussing its answer, the other team must remain silent, and may not do things that are distracting to the deliberating team, i.e., loud laughter, inappropriate facial expressions, gestures, etc.
- ◆ A Round Robin format will be used.

#### 2. QUESTIONS

- ◆ All questions have been prepared and confirmed by Social Studies Teachers.
- ◆ All Teams will receive the same number of original questions.
- ◆ Questions will be asked alternating between the two teams; only the team captain answers the questions.
- ◆ The team receiving the first question will be determined by coin toss.
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- ◆ If Team A misses a question when it is its turn, the other team will be given a chance to answer the same question. Team B will receive a point if it answers correctly. Team B will then receive the next original question. If Team B misses its original question, Team A will get a chance to answer the same question. Team A then gets the next original question.
- ◆ Some questions may require more than one answer.
- ◆ The questions each team receives depend on the "luck of the draw."
- ◆ A question will be read twice for the team receiving the original question.

- ◆ If the team misses the question, the question will then be read only once for the other team.
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### 3. ROUNDS

- ◆ Teams continue to play through a twenty minute round.
- ◆ Each round will be twenty (20) minutes long.
- ◆ If two teams are still competing when the time is up, the team that is ahead will win the game as long as both teams have had the same number of original questions. Timekeepers must keep track of how many original questions are asked of each team. The Moderator can determine who received the original question by placing the coin tossed at the beginning of the round near the team who received the first original question. The other team must then receive the last original question of the round. Team members who have completed their rounds are to remain quiet and are not to converse with each other or the opposing team so that the room remains quiet through the completion of the round. Moderators are to instruct teams who have completed their rounds to remain silent for the benefit of others still competing. **Ties will be allowed in the morning rounds; ties will not be allowed in elimination rounds.**

### 4. MATERIALS.

- ◆ **Absolutely nothing** may be written down during the competition.
- ◆ Bookbags, books, notebooks, reference materials, electronic devices, smart phones, etc. are prohibited during the hours of the Geography Bee, during Breaks and/or during Bye Rounds. These cannot be inside or outside the ballroom.
- ◆ Students that violate any of the above on that day may be disqualified.

### 5. CHALLENGES.

- ◆ Each team is allowed only one challenge during a round.
- ◆ If a team has answered a question and has been told the answer is wrong and team really feels the answer is correct only the Team Captain may “challenge” the question by informing the Moderator. **Team Captains must report their challenges immediately, or they forfeit the right to challenge. They may not bring up any issue after a round has been completed, nor send a coach or parent to challenge.**
- ◆ Teams do not need to give a reason. The Moderator will mark on the scorecard that the team has used its challenge and it cannot challenge another question during that round.
- ◆ A team may use a challenge only when it is that team’s turn. It may not challenge the other team’s answer, even if it feels an incorrect answer was accepted.
- ◆ If a question is repeated in the same round, the moderator must discard the question.
- ◆ Disputes will be resolved by the Director of the Geography Bee and will be final and binding.

## POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- ◆ **COACHES/TEAMS.** Only the coach is allowed to contact ISSF prior to the event regarding the Bee. Students are not to email/call ISSF for information or for permission to form their own group. The coach will handle all set up communication, including information on the date, group, lunch rules, etc. Each team must have a coach.
- ◆ **GUESTS/OBSERVERS.** In order to eliminate noise and distractions, guests/observers; (including parents, coaches, teachers, etc.) will NOT be allowed inside the ballroom venue at any time unless they are pre-registered as Moderators or Timekeepers. Guests that attend will be allowed to wait in the adjoining ballroom only. Guests will be welcome inside the ballroom at the conclusion of the Bee when the top three school Teams are announced. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- ◆ **ALTERNATES.** NO student alternates will be allowed at the event. Coaches need to determine before the event which FIVE of their students will form each TEAM that will be representing their school at the Bee and only these students will be allowed to enter and to compete.
- ◆ **PERSONAL BELONGINGS and ELECTRONIC DEVICES.** No cell phones, iPods, iPads, laptops or any other electronic equipment may be brought or used by students during the hours of the Geography Bee, during a break or during a “bye” round. Coaches are responsible to hold and mute all cell phones for participants until the completion of the Bee; students may use their phones during lunch, but must give them back to the Coach when lunch is concluded. Students may not use their phones or electronic devices while on a Bye round. Use of cell phones or any

other electronic device by a Team member, at a non-designated time, may result in the disqualification of the entire Team.

- **BREAKS.** Breaks may take place in between rounds.
- ◆ **LUNCH.** Lunch may be brought from home by participants, or pre-purchased at time of Registration for \$12.00 per person. The Women's Club has no drinking fountain (but plenty of water faucets), so Coaches will need to bring or tell their students to bring a bottle of water to the event. ISSF will have a few bottles of water on site that may be purchased at \$1.00 a bottle.
- ◆ **RULES OF CONDUCT**
  - **TEAM MEMBERS.** All participants must portray a spirit of sportsmanship at all times. They are to abstain from disparaging or unsportsmanlike remarks and also to abstain from inappropriate facial expressions and/or gestures to opposing teams while they are deliberating their answers. All participants must remain silent while the opposing Team is deliberating. A "Warning" will be given the 1<sup>st</sup> time a Team Member is caught talking while another Team is deliberating. The second time, the Team will be placed on "Probation." The third time, the entire Team will be disqualified and will be asked to leave the premises. A Team may be immediately disqualified if they failed to abide by rules of good Sportsmanship.
  - **MODERATORS and TIME KEEPERS** must remain stoic and cannot praise a student or comment on the degree of difficulty of a question. They are also to keep the teams from using non-verbal facial expressions and gestures to distract the deliberating team. After listening to a response, the Moderator must only state CORRECT or INCORRECT. The correct answer must never be provided.
  - ISSF reserves the right to ask any Participant to leave the room if they are deemed to be acting inappropriately and/or if they are not abiding by the published rules of the Bee. The directors of the Bee, in their sole discretion, will determine if one or more students are acting inappropriately.
  - Failure to abide by rules of good Sportsmanship may result in the disqualification of the team.
- ◆ **APPROPRIATE CONDUCT.** All student participants, parents, and Coaches are to portray a spirit of sportsmanship and are to abstain from disparaging or unsportsmanlike remarks to any participant, coach, scorekeeper, timekeeper, ISSF volunteer, etc. ISSF reserves the right to ask any observer or participant of the Bee to leave the room if they are deemed to be acting inappropriately. Failure to abide by rules of good Sportsmanship, may result in the disqualification of the team.
- ◆ **ROOM CAPACITY.** Only the first 26 Teams that register will be allowed to participate in this event.

**IF YOUR SCHOOL WISHES TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND E-MAIL IT TO:**

Teri Logan, J.D., ISSF Executive Director,  
at [issfdirector@gmail.com](mailto:issfdirector@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

**All checks are to be made payable to ISSF and mailed to:**

**ISSF**  
**Teri Logan, Exec. Director**  
**200 NW 109 Avenue**  
**Miami, FL 33172**

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, our school will be participating in the ISSF HIGH SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE

Name of Team Coach/School Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Each Team must provide **TWO** ADULT VOLUNTEERS to assist with the administration of the Bee.

- ONE ADULT will be a TIMEKEEPER who will be asked to run a stopwatch.
- ONE ADULT will be a MODERATOR who will be asked to carefully read questions to each Team. These volunteers will assist in the Bee with Teams other than the one with which they are associated. If there is an excess of volunteers, these will be rotated as needed.

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Time Keeper: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Team Members

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

LUNCH:

All schools have the option of having students bring their own lunch. Schools not wishing to have students bring their lunch should include \$13 for each student and each adult who wishes to have a boxed lunch. Please mark on the registration form if lunches are being ordered or brought.

\_\_\_\_\_ All students and adults from our school will be bringing their own lunch and beverage.

\_\_\_\_\_ The following students and adults from our school are ordering lunch and we are enclosing a check for \$13 per person:

