Super Quiz

The Super Quiz is a collaborative team event that takes place before an audience. It is often held in a gymnasium or auditorium. Teams and their coaches are seated in a reserved section; the general public is seated separately.

No materials other than a calculator are to be brought into the testing arena. All supplies will be provided.

Proctors monitor the students during this event. The Super Quiz takes place in 3 rounds with 13 questions per round. All questions are multiple-choice. All Varsity students answer questions in the first round, Scholastic students in the second round and Honor students in the third round.

Preliminary and/or opening remarks are made by the Super Quiz coordinator who then introduces the Master of Ceremonies (MC). Proctors take their assigned places. The MC explains the procedures and rules. He then calls up a category of decathletes; e.g. Varsity students. After students are seated, proctors have verified contestants’ teams, and the instructions have been given, the MC begins the competition. A question is shown on the projection screen as the MC reads it. Students have 7 seconds to collaborate and mark their answer to the question on the answer form after the answer choices have been read. An audible signal will indicate when time has elapsed. Students will be reminded that they must immediately put their pencils down upon hearing the signal. The MC then gives the correct answer and it is shown on the projection screen. If technology is available, team standings are shown at the end of each round. Proctors monitor students as they record their answers on the answer forms.

At the end of each round, students MUST RETURN TO THEIR ASSIGNED SEATS. A new group of students will be instructed to take their places on stage. The new group of students will answer 13 questions as described above, and then they will return to their ASSIGNED SEATS.

The MC will state at the end of the competition that the scores on the scoreboard are unofficial pending verification of scores recorded on the answer forms. Oral relay scores are combined with written Super Quiz test scores for calculating total scores in Super Quiz.

If an answer, right or wrong, is called out by a member of the audience and this is heard by the MC or proctors, the question is eliminated and an alternate question will be substituted. However, once the limited number of alternate questions has been exhausted, the voided question will be eliminated and the total value of the Super Quiz will be reduced by 1 point for each voided question.

If a student records an answer on the wrong place on the answer sheet, the answer is incorrect. STUDENTS WILL BE REMINDED OF THIS THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION.
SUPER QUIZ - Scoring

Super Quiz is typically held in a large arena and is the last event of the state competition. The doors will be opened per the time on the Competition Schedule.

When decathletes enter the auditorium for Super Quiz, sections will be marked to identify their seating location. The seating protocol may change from year to year but will be announced prior to the event. Ushers will be at the door to help with seating.

Super Quiz™ will include questions from the subjects of art, economics, literature, music, science, social science, and mathematics. In the Super Quiz™ all three students from each GPA category will be asked to come to their team table. All Varsity students will be tested with the first thirteen questions, followed by the Scholastic students answering the next thirteen questions, then the final thirteen questions of the competition for the Honor students. Questions are worth one point each for a total of 39 points per team. The Super Quiz™ is a standalone event, and scores will NOT be added to individual or team scores.

An answer sheet will be at each team table. The proctor will ensure the correct team members are seated at the table. The students must decide who will record their answers on the form.

An electronic keypad system may be used in addition to the answer form (if available). The school district name will be on name “tents” to identify where team members sit. After the MC has read the question, students will have 7 seconds to key in the answer in the electronic keypad and bubble in their response on the answer form. The computer timer will close the electronic keypads after 7 seconds. Pencils will be provided.

Each question will be displayed on a screen as the MC reads it. If the technology is available, scores for each team will be displayed on this screen at the conclusion of each round of questions. The score displayed at the end of the Super Quiz will be UNOFFICIAL. The completed answer forms are used for determining the official scores.