



SUMMARY OF UPDATED NOSB COMPETITION RULES

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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THE ENTIRE REVISED RULES DOCUMENT (available at <http://nosb.org/compete/competition-rules/>)

Minor language revisions or additions have been made to a few of the competition rules to assist with clarity. Therefore, it is in a team's best interest to read the entire rules document. Any language changes or updates have been highlighted in the full rules document in yellow. The revisions are summarized below:

- Rule 15 – Rule 15 has been revised to clarify that regional competitions and the National Finals Competitions may use one of two competition round formats: teams may complete the TCQ portion of the round after the first 6-minute buzzer segment (traditional/historical format) OR they may complete the TCQ portion at the very beginning of each round before the first 6-minute buzzer segment.
- Rule 35 – Rule 35 includes one small revision to include smart watches among the list of electronic devices not allowed to be used in competition rooms.
- Rule 36 – Rule 36's wording has been revised slightly so that it matches the language used in rule 35 regarding items not allowed to be used "once a match is in session, including the 2-minute break."
- Rules 56 to 59 – The rules for when time runs out have been condensed and minorly revised for clarification of what happens when a toss-up question has, or has not, been completely read before time runs out. **IMPORTANT:** Please note that as rule 56 was condensed, the numbering of the rules that follow has changed.
- Rule 76 (was rule 78) – Rule 76 now specifically states that ALL team correspondence **MUST** be done by a team's coach. NO inquiries received directly from students on a team will be addressed by Regional Bowl Coordinators or National office staff.