

## KRES Scholars Cup

Contest Rules – last modified 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014

### O. Disclaimers

While these rules make mention of MSHSAA, amongst other agencies, this contest operates independently of said organizations. Inclusion of data and regulations of said agencies does not come with or imply their endorsement of this award.

While these rules refer to this as a “contest”, this contest does not count toward one of a player’s events he/she may compete in each season, per MSHSAA By-Laws 4.4.1 and 4.4.2.a and Scholar Bowl Rule A.

### I. Purpose

The NEMO Scholars Cup is hereby established by KRES, a Dignity Media LLC radio station, to award the top scholar bowl teams in Northeast Missouri, based on their team performance across the season.

### II. Eligibility

All MSHSAA-member high schools (public and non-public) in the following counties which have a scholar bowl team are eligible for this contest: Adair, Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Clark, Cooper, Howard, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan. Eligibility is limited to one varsity or “A team” from each school. Schools which are part of a MSHSAA-registered cooperative agreement are limited to one varsity or “A team” per cooperative. Teams must indicate their interest in being included no later than close of business on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in order to be eligible. Contest sponsors reserve the right to limit eligibility as they see necessary.

### III. Divisions

Two top prizes shall be awarded, a “small school” award among schools in MSHSAA Classes One & Two, and a “large school” award for schools in MSHSAA Classes Three & Four. Contest sponsors may award prizes for second and third place in each division.

### IV. Duration

The contest shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

## V. Qualifying Matches

Matches at varsity tournaments or duals, within the contest duration, between two varsity or "A" teams, or the highest ranked team representing an individual school or MSHSAA-registered collective, which constitute one of a player's events he/she may compete in each season, per MSHSAA By-Laws 4.4.1 and 4.4.2.a and Scholar Bowl Rule A, shall count for this contest. Specifically, matches which use a buzzer/lockout system or similar setup, ask questions based on a variety of academic subjects, and conform to either the national or state formats shall count.

- *National format* refers to a match containing two halves (of usually 10) tossups immediately followed by a three-part bonus that may or may not rebound. Tossups are ten points each, with the option to award additional points (usually five) for correct answers prior to a certain, marked point in the tossup ("Power") and/or penalize incorrect answers five points if the moderator has not finished the tossup ("Neg"). Each bonus set totals 30 points.
- *State format* refers to the format utilized by MSHSAA at the district and state tournaments. The first and third quarters consist of 15 tossups, while the second and fourth quarters consist of 10 tossups followed by two-part or four-part bonus sets. Tossups are ten points each, while each bonus set totals 20 points.

Variations of either format shall be considered on a case-by-case basis, provided each match at a tournament includes at least one period with a minimum of ten tossups, each with an accompanying bonus set containing a minimum of two parts per set.

No matches shall count from tournaments designated for junior varsity or novice teams, or any tournament which limits rosters based on grade level. Varsity tournaments which restrict registration based on an individual player or school's prior participation at a state or national championship tournament are not excluded by this rule.

## VI. How Awarded

Teams shall receive ranking points based upon each qualifying match they play. For each win they record, they shall receive one point. Additionally, in each qualifying match teams shall receive partial ranking points awarded as follows:

- In the *national format*, the score of the match at the end of regulation, excluding points deducted for incorrect responses and points awarded for correct answers on rebounding bonus parts, if either were assessed. If a tournament offers more than five points for each power, only five points shall count.

- In the *state format*, the score of the match at the end of regulation, excluding points awarded for correct answers on rebounding bonus parts.
- All other formats should be reviewed with sponsors upon submission of scores, as to determine what sections of each game shall be considered and how awarded. Generally, periods where no tossups are read, such as lightning rounds and worksheet rounds, will not be included. Additionally, no more than ten points shall count per each correct tossup (notwithstanding powers, as specified above) and no more than 30 points shall count toward each bonus set. Rebounding bonus parts shall not count.
- No ranking points shall be awarded for any points earned in overtime periods.

Partial ranking points shall be awarded by taking qualifying points and dividing it by 1000.

### VII. How Reported

Coaches shall submit, within 72 hours of the completion of an event, the roster, win-loss record and scores of each game, including how many tossups, bonus parts, and rebounding bonus parts were scored. These may be submitted in the following fashion:

- Filling out a standard form which asks period-by-period breakdown of tossups, first-chance and rebounding bonus, and any “powers” or “negs” awarded on tossups.
- Stats may also be stated in an e-mail, fax or postal mail. Coaches should also be able to produce scoresheets from individual games if requested by sponsors.
- A link to the tournament’s stat files may be e-mailed. (Preferred)

Individual player stats are not required.

### VIII. Contest Progress

Running totals shall be made available electronically, via Web document and e-mail by request.

### IX. Discrepancies

Matches against the following teams shall not count:

- Teams from the same school
- Teams from Missouri who are not registered with MSHSAA
- Teams from a state, where the state activities association or similar organization governs scholar bowl, who are not registered with said organization. (For example, a team from an Illinois school must be registered with the IHSA.)
- Teams which consist of players from multiple schools who are not competing as part of a MSHSAA-registered cooperative arrangement. (Specifically, a team with multiple players formed for the purpose of avoiding bye-games in a tournament shall not count.)

If a tournament includes bye rounds, qualifying matches from a team's bye round may only count if the match counts toward the overall tournament result. (An automatic win from having a scheduled bye is not a qualifying match, nor is a scrimmage arranged between two teams who share a bye round.)

Should a team report scores from a tournament where each bonus set exceeds 30 points total, or bonus parts exceed ten points each, sponsors shall determine on a case-by-case basis whether the results shall be counted. If accepted, sponsors shall inform all participating teams how ranking points are awarded.

While the season officially starts October 10<sup>th</sup> and goes until April 18<sup>th</sup>, matches that occur before January 1<sup>st</sup> and after March 31<sup>st</sup> shall not be considered. Additionally, information submitted after April 3<sup>rd</sup> shall not be tabulated, except if explicitly requested by contest sponsors on or after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Such information shall be considered if submitted within 72 hours of when the request was made.

Contest sponsors reserve the right to request additional data, augment rules, cancel contest, disqualify teams, etc. etc.

#### X. Sponsorship

The KRES Scholars Cup is sponsored by Dignity Media LLC radio stations, web site and its participating sponsors (collectively referred to as "Sponsor") whose decisions regarding the selection of winners and all other aspects of the contest shall be final and binding in all respects. Players and coaches on teams which are awarded prizes in this contest shall be exempt from the 30-day waiting period for other contests sponsored by Dignity Media LLC, provided they meet all other eligibility guidelines. All other provisions of sections 5-9 of the general contest rules shall apply. A copy of the general contest rules can be found at [CentralMOInfo.com](http://CentralMOInfo.com) or by contacting Dignity Media LLC. Sponsor will not be responsible for typographical, printing or other inadvertent errors in these official rules or in other materials relating to the contest. If you have any questions regarding contests, please contact Dignity Media LLC at (660) 263-1500.