

## **2018 NHBB / USGO / IGB / USHB Varsity and JV National Championships**

**General Email # 2 – Sent on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 2:00am EDT**

**Dear National Championships Participants,**

Greetings from NHBB/USGO/IGB/USHB! We're getting close to Nationals weekend - here's your next update (much shorter than the last email).

This email will then be followed by General Email # 3 on Wednesday evening, which will have the "Where you need to go and when you need to be there" details, along with links to the draws for all events. That will be everything from us until the end of Nationals, unless you have further questions (which beginning Tuesday, you should email to [help@historybowl.com](mailto:help@historybowl.com)).

Some people have begun asking when they should report / arrive. You cannot go wrong if you are in the lobby of the Crystal Gateway Marriott by the following times for the following events (the times listed below are all 25-30 minutes before the start). Please also see the main Nationals website which has a comprehensive schedule for all events (including the geography events) and is found here. We will make announcements throughout the lobby at these times telling everyone to go to their game rooms, and have further details on hand in terms of where everyone has to go which will be available at the help desk at the top of the main escalator in the lobby.

**A. US History Bee** - 7:30am on Friday (official start is 8:00am)

**B. US Geography Olympiad** - 12:15pm on Friday (official start is 12:40pm)

**C. International Geography Bee** - 4:45pm on Friday (official start is 5:10pm)

**D. Opening Ceremonies** - 6:50pm on Friday (official start is 7:20pm)

**E. National Sports and Entertainment History Bee** - 8:15pm on Friday (official start is 8:45pm, or just be in the Arlington Ballroom for the Opening Ceremonies directly preceding this, that's fine too)

**F. National History Bowl** - 7:15 am **if you are playing off site (see General Email #3 on Wednesday to check if you are; this impacts 12 JV teams only in the morning)**, otherwise, 8:15am on Saturday.

**For the Bowl, only, though, you MUST sign in between 3pm and 10:30pm on Friday. Teams that are driving to Nationals on Saturday morning who are from the DC Metro area (this includes any Delaware and Pennsylvania teams who are driving down on Saturday). But these teams must confirm with us on Friday as well that they are coming by sending a quick email to [help@historybowl.com](mailto:help@historybowl.com)**

**G. National History Bee / Consolation Bee** - 7:30 am on Sunday (official start is 8:05am)

**Also, If you did not get the first email (in most cases, this is because you registered after it went out, or someone told me to add you to the email list after the first email was sent) the full text of that email (with a few modifications where**

**needed) has been posted to our website here. Please read it through in full!**

Okay, with that out of the way, on to the updates and specific announcements:

### **1. Seeds (aka Madden Ranks) Are Now Posted**

Every team in both the Varsity and JV is seeded (from 1-144 for Varsity; 1-108 for JV). The top 1/3 of teams in each division are publicly seeded on the Teams Coming to Nationals Page. Because of the way the draw works (i.e. for Varsity, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 96<sup>th</sup>, 97<sup>th</sup> and 144<sup>th</sup> are all in one pool; as are the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup>, 73<sup>rd</sup>, 120<sup>th</sup>, and 121<sup>st</sup> ranked teams, etc. – the same principle holds for JV), you can determine at least one of your opponents in your morning matches if you are seeded.

However, NHBB reserves the right to adjust seedings as needed if further information comes to light in the next few days. The full morning pools will be released on Wednesday evening. **If you believe that your team's seed truly doesn't correspond to how you believe it will perform, please email me, and I will take this into account.** Things like “we've really been studying a lot and improving a great deal recently” aren't going to result in seed changes. Things like “our top player is coming to Nationals (and wasn't at the last regionals)” or conversely *isn't* coming to Nationals will get a serious look, though, as will any objective case that can be made if I've seriously misjudged things. I spent about 15-20 hours seeding teams over the past few days; a lot of thought goes into it, because so much of the tournament hinges on the initial seeds. However, I am not immune to oversights with the vast amount of data to sift through, and am happy to take a closer look if it is warranted.

### **2. Filling out survey - [Please do so here](#) asap if you haven't yet!**

We particularly need to know...

A. If your team in the Bowl is a **small school** by our definition (Our small school definition is defined as a non-magnet, non-selective public school with 1000 or fewer students in 9-12 or 800 in 10-12. For middle schools, fewer than 800 in any 3 grades is sufficient

B. If you have anyone competing in the **Bee play in game** (for anyone who hasn't qualified in the Bee, would like to play on Sunday, and hasn't yet played all 3 regional question sets), they should be registered through the survey. The play in game costs \$5 to be paid in cash at the hotel at the start of the game. It begins at 11:00pm on Friday evening (please meet at the help desk at the top of the main escalator) and will take 15-20 minutes.

### **3. Confirming Event Participation**

As far as I know, everything in the attached file that shows all registrations on the main page and specific competing students on the other tabs is up to date with all the changes people have sent me adjusted as needed. However, **please double check once more if everything is correct, especially regarding the number of teams and their divisions! [The Teams Coming to Nationals Page](#) has also been updated to reflect all changes - check there for your Bowl teams too.** We can adjust for individual events still if needed, but the Bowl is effectively locked in, and extremely difficult to adjust.

Please then email Jason Russell at [jason@historybowl.com](mailto:jason@historybowl.com) asap with any remaining changes and grades for those students missing them asap so I can adjust accordingly!

#### 4. [help@historybowl.com](mailto:help@historybowl.com) / Contacting Us

With the sole exceptions of adjustments to the number of participants in an event, the number of buzzers you're bringing, age division switches, letting me know the grades of your students, or responding to specific personal emails Jason or I have sent you, **from noon Tuesday EDT onwards, all Nationals related questions should be directed to [help@historybowl.com](mailto:help@historybowl.com)** We will be checking this email very frequently, and will respond very quickly to all inquiries directed here.

For phone inquiries, we will send you a number in the Wednesday email, though note that a) we always respond much quicker to emails and b) I do not currently have access to my usual number of [201 661 3524](tel:2016613524), so please do not call that, text that, or leave messages there - they will not be responded to.

#### 5. Sports and Entertainment Bee

There are still a few spots in the Sports and Entertainment Bee. Please sign up online using [the main registration form](#) through Thursday. Any remaining spots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on Friday at the help desk until 6pm on Friday. Contact Sports and Entertainment Bee Tournament Director, Mr. Robin Richards at [richardsr@clarke.k12.ga.us](mailto:richardsr@clarke.k12.ga.us) if you have questions on this competition.

#### 6. Staff

If you are staffing, please contact Jason Russell at [jason@historybowl.com](mailto:jason@historybowl.com) with Staff related questions. Official room assignments for each competition will be given at Staff Check In (separate from team check in).

#### 7. Press Release

A press release for forwarding to local media, school newspapers, family members, etc. is attached to this email. Press inquiries should likewise be directed to [help@historybowl.com](mailto:help@historybowl.com)

#### 8. Buzzer Sales

We have 5 new buzzer systems that we have ordered from Anderson, that we are selling for the discounted price of \$200. Otherwise, with shipping, an Anderson system costs \$230-\$250 or so, so this is a great way to get a new system if you want one. Buzzers can be paid for by cash or check at the help desk; email [help@historybowl.com](mailto:help@historybowl.com) if you're interested in reserving one - first come, first served. They can be picked up any time after 8pm Saturday. Limit 1 per school until Friday evening, if they haven't all been asked for by then.

#### 9. Refunds

Again, to reiterate, at this point, no refunds are possible for teams who drop out of the Bowl. Refunds are only possible for individual event cancellations through 7pm on Monday evening (April 23).

Safe travels, and I'll be in touch in a few days with General Email #3.

Best regards,  
David Madden

