**22nd Annual Lakota Nation Invitational Language Bowl**

Official Rules of Team and Coach Conduct

1. Teams must have at least three members to compete, and may have a maximum of five registered members, with one alternate allowed. A student may not be on two teams. Also, alternates need to be aware that if their team wins first place, they may not get a jacket.
2. All Lakota Language Teams must consist of enrolled students K-12. Team participation must be approved by the student’s respective school they are enrolled in.
3. Only teams who complete registration, media release form and pay the competition fee before the December 3rd deadline will be able to compete. Please check with your school’s business office to ensure that they understand the need to meet this payment deadline! We don’t want to have any teams come all the way to Rapid City to compete, only to find that they were never put onto the bracket due to incomplete registration.
4. Teams must be checked in not later than 1 hour before the official competition start time. Registrations starts at 8:00 am. The competition will start with the Elementary School on Wednesday, December 14th, starting at 10:00 am. The Middle School will compete on Thursday, December 15th, at 10:00 am. The High School will start with the 9-12 grades at 10:00 am on Friday December 16th, 2022.
5. Teams are highly encouraged to wear clothing that is reflective of the school they are representing.
6. Teams who will be late to the start of the competition due to the bad weather or other logistical issues need to contact as soon as possible via text: Maretta 605-4072719
7. Good sportsmanship must be displayed by all contestants, coaches, and spectators.
8. Teams should be gracious during competition, whether participating or watching, and at the end of every two-team round, the team members must shake hands with each other.
9. Negative behavior by any individual student, coach, or parent, during the competition will disqualify them from competing from that moment on. No poor sportsmanship, either from students or adults.
10. If a team disagrees with a call, the coach may immediately raise their hand to file a protest. Please wait to be recognized and acknowledged to bring the issue to Corey Yellow Boy or Maretta Champagne. ALL OFFICIAL MODERATOR and JUDGE’S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
11. Harassment of any kind towards the LNI Coordinators, extended staff or to student participants is **Not** permitted. Failure to comply will be removed from the event. In the event of harassment, please contact: Corey Yellow Boy or Maretta Champagne immediately.
12. Alternate Rule: If an alternate is needed, the student must be checked in and registered on the morning of the respected competition. No substitution is allowed once the competition starts. Failure to comply, will result in disqualification from that respected competition.
13. Students are not allowed to hand hover over the buzzer during Speed Vocabulary or Thematic Unit competitions
14. Students should be prepared for their respective competitions prior to LNI. The use of scripts during the Traditional Demonstration or Music & Song competitions is highly discouraged. No coaches or sponsors are allowed to accompany, stand, or participate with their students while they’re competing.

**I understand and will comply with all LNI Lakota Language Bowl Rules and Regulations. This must be signed by the Team Coach or Sponsor for team to participate. Form must be given to Language Bowl Registrar at the event during team check-in.**

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