



Blue Crab Bowl Competitor Behavioral Expectations

Blue Crab Bowl promotes and expects sportsmanship and model behavior from all attendees -- competitors and spectators alike.

Competing Teams

Team member eligibility and guidelines for participation are outlined in the Blue Crab Bowl Coaching & Participation Policy. Coaches and competitors are expected to adhere to all NOSB® Rules, including: coach eligibility, team eligibility and composition (Rules #1-9, #78-81); team member and audience conduct (Rules #35 & 36, #63 & #64, #71-77). Also see review the NOSB Eligibility Rules for teams, competitors and coaches: www.oceanleadership.org/link/nosb/rules/eligibility.

BCB expects students and coaches to model sportsmanship by practicing self-discipline and by demonstrating respect and courtesy toward competitors and Bowl Officials. Bowl competition is an ideal venue for the development of maturity and professionalism.

Special note: While questions are being read and teams are responding, players, alternates and coaches are cautioned to avoid ANY gestures or use of electronic devices that may be interpreted (or even misinterpreted) as sending messages or signaling. This includes head nodding or fiddling with earrings, neckties, hair or eyeglasses. In the case of questionable gestures or use of electronic devices, the clock will be stopped, a warning will be issued and/or the individual will be asked to leave the room. The Rules Judges' decisions are final on these matters. If cheating occurs, the entire team will be eliminated from further competition.

Remember: During competition, coaches, team members and audience members are NOT allowed to use calculators, notes or references (with the exception of the event program), cell phones, blackberries or text-messaging devices, cameras or other recording devices. Officials will issue warnings, confiscate any such materials/devices, as necessary, or ask individuals to leave the room.

Additionally, there are expectations for team member behavior during other Bowl activities, including but not limited to, field trips and hotel stays. Your teams are representing the Blue Crab Bowl and its sponsors, Old Dominion University and Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

BCB expects that at the hotel, during field trips and other BCB-associated activities, students will show model behavior. We expect that coaches and additional chaperones will provide guidance, reminding the students of appropriate and responsible behavior. We have some specific rules:

- All students must stay with their team throughout their participation in Blue Crab Bowl.
- Students should be in their assigned rooms between 10-11:00 pm and all quiet by 11:00 pm.
- Our program is zero-tolerance re: smoking, alcohol and drugs.

See NOSB Rule #75: If a player or team receives two (2) official warnings during any point at the competition event (including free time during the Finals Competition weekend), that player or team is disqualified from competing and is only permitted to respectfully observe the competition from the audience.

All teams are expected to remain at their regional competition through the end of the awards ceremony. BCB Coordinators enforce NOSB rule #7. Coaches with special circumstances (e.g. impending storm conditions) should discuss their situation with the Coordinators.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact the BCB Co-Coordinator via the website at: www.vims.edu/bcb.