

Bylaws of the Rickards High School Brain Bowl Team

Article One: Organizational Status

- A. The name of the organization shall be the Rickards High School Brain Bowl Team, hereinafter referred to as the “Brain Bowl Team.”
- B. Organization Address: 3013 Jim Lee Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Article Two: Purpose

The purpose of the RHS Brain Bowl Team is to foster achievement in all areas of academics through quiz tournaments and other academic trivia-style competitions.

Article Three: Officers

The RHS Brain Bowl Team will not have regular officers serving to run or hold order in club activities. However, “team captains” shall be designated in play at competitions. These “captains” shall be chosen based upon player preferences, practice attendance, and team seniority.

Article Four: Qualifications

Brain Bowl Team membership is open to any interested student at Rickards High School. Attendance at team practices is a major component of player status and, along with academic and team seniority, will be used to determine the order and amount of time a member receives in competitive play.

Article Five: Sponsor

The team sponsor, who shall be a member of the faculty or staff of Rickards High School, shall retain the right to

1. Total discretion on all activities, meetings, and conferences (both in state and out of state).
2. Responsibility to maintain good work ethic from the officers in order to better the club and keep it active.
3. Ability to void any plans, activities, events, and ideas if thought to be in violation of either RHS, Leon County, State of Florida, or the US Government.

Article Six: Dues

At present, there are no dues associated with membership on the Brain Bowl team. However, students may be required to bring money with them in order to pay for personal expenses and some meals when the team travels for competitions.

Article Seven: Changes to By-Laws

Changes to the team by-laws may be made through a proposal to the team sponsor by any member. After sponsor and school administration approval, the organization members shall vote on the proposed change in by-laws before it is adopted.

Article Eight: Disputes and Grievances

In result of any disputes and grievances, please adhere to the following to resolve:

A. The respect and civility (see Addendum 1) adopted at the district level and mandated for all Leon County Schools shall serve as the guiding document for the conduct and communication by and between members of the RHS Brain Bowl Team, nonmembers who participate in fundraising activities and any other individuals or groups interacting with members related to RHS Brain Bowl Team.

B. Disputes between individuals or groups affiliated with the RHS Brain Bowl Team that these individuals or groups cannot bring to amicable resolution through civil discourse shall present their dispute directly to the Brain Bowl sponsor, and if necessary the RHS Principal to determine an appropriate resolution to the debate.

C. Grievances by individuals or groups affiliated with the Rickards High School Brain Bowl Team shall present their grievances directly to the team sponsor, who will consult with the RHS Principal and to determine an appropriate response to the grievance; should the grievance pertain to the sponsor, the individual or group may present their grievance directly to the RHS principal.

Article Nine: Budget Information

Program Name: RHS Brain Bowl Team

Sponsor/Faculty Contact: Mrs. E. M. Cooper, Dr. Joe Williams

Mandatory Dues/Fees: \$0

Optional Fees: T-Shirt- approximately \$15-20, Regional Competitions (5)- \$50, Overnight Competitions (4) - \$100, State Competitions or Conventions (3)- \$300, National Competition (1) – Up to \$1,000, All prices are approximate and will vary based on team participation, fundraising, and actual expenses at the time of travel.

Grade Levels: All