

# **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONTEST**

## **WELCOME TO NM 4-H BOWL**

The main objective of the Welcome to NM 4-H Bowl is to provide first year 4-H members enrolled in "Welcome to NM 4-H" an opportunity to demonstrate what they learned in their first 4-H project. The contest will also provide spectators and participants an opportunity to learn more about 4-H.

### **I. Eligibility**

- a. Any first year 4-H member enrolled in "Welcome to NM 4-H" and Novice age group members.
- b. Each county can enter two, three to four-member teams plus one alternate team member.

### **II. Equipment**

- a. A team responder available from the State 4-H Office will be used to determine the first person to respond to each question and to measure the allotted time for answering.
- b. Questions used in the contest will be taken from the "Welcome to NM 4-H" project book 100 L-1, Revised 2008. Answers to questions may vary depending on contestants' home county. Tie breaking questions on county government will be used if necessary.

### **III. Officials**

- a. Superintendent
  - The Superintendent will direct the contest, ask all questions, designate contestant to answer question, and accept or reject all answers.
- b. Timekeeper
  - The timekeeper shall monitor total elapsed time of each round and inform superintendent of total elapsed time.
- c. Scorekeeper
  - The scorekeeper shall record the scores for each round in a manner that may be checked, and the scores are to be clearly visible to the moderator and contestants.

### **IV. Teams**

- a. Each team shall consist of four (4) members and an alternate. The alternate shall participate only if the superintendent deems it impossible for one of the team members to continue.
- b. Each team must have at least three (3) contestants.

## V. Contest

- a. The teams are seated with the team captain seated nearest the superintendent. The superintendent opens the question packet at the signal from the timekeeper and begins to read the first question.
- b. If a buzzer is activated before the question is finished, the superintendent stops reading and the contestant shall have five (5) seconds to answer the portion of the question read.
- c. If the answer is wrong, the question will not be repeated.
- d. If the time to begin to answer a question (5 seconds) elapses without a contestant pushing the buzzer, the question is discarded with no points being deducted from either team.
- e. The timekeeper shall determine if a contestant has begun an answer within the allotted time and shall determine when that round of the contest is over.
- f. The scorekeeper shall add five (5) points for each correctly answered question and subtract three (3) points for each incorrectly answered question.
- g. Each round shall be 20 or more questions or 15 minutes.
- h. If more than two teams are entered in the contest, lots will be drawn to determine competition rounds. If only one team is entered in the contest, 50% of the questions must be answered to receive blue award.