

## ***North Texas District JBQ is following the new National Guidelines. (October, 2008)***

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Summary of changes:

- Coach's Appeals have been eliminated.
- Changes to coach's request for Judges' Ruling (See section XIII):
  - A judges' ruling is used to request assistance from the judges to clarify an independent ruling by the quizmaster. It cannot be used after a judges' vote.
  - Each team is allowed 2 requests for a Judges' Ruling.
  - The head coach will have 30 seconds to state his request and reason.
  - After the request, the judges (without conferring) will use coins to indicate their votes to uphold or reverse the decision of the quizmaster.
  - If the vote is not unanimous, the judges will confer briefly among themselves and cast another vote. This second vote need not be unanimous.
- A point of order is to be used to correct a procedural error or call attention to a possible rule violation.
  - During the "point of order," the coach should briefly state the basis (rule violation) of the request. (See section XII.A)
  - Use of a point of order to request a reconsideration of a quizmaster's ruling of correct or incorrect is a team foul. (See sections VII.6 and XII.A.6)
- Each team is permitted three 30-second time-outs to use at any time during the entire match except when the Quizmaster has called "Question." Once the Quizmaster has started reading a question, no time-out is allowed until the completion of judging that question. (See Section VI.A)
- The quizmaster is encouraged to make an independent decision on each response. (See Section XVI.A.16)