**Rules for Virginia Tech Ethics Bowl: A Case Competition**

Procedural rules:

1. A list of 10 cases will be posted in advance, each about 1-2 pages in length to allow students to prepare. At the competition, a case will be chosen and the team will be asked questions from that particular case. The teams will not know in advance which of the cases they will be asked about or what the questions will be.
2. Teams should be comprised of 2 or 3 students each.
3. Book/notes won’t be allowed during the competition, but scrap paper and pencils are permitted for writing down thoughts.
4. Once a moderator has indicated a case and the team that will go first, team 1 will have 2 minutes to confer, and then 10 minutes to respond. Any team members can contribute to the response, but only one team member may speak at a time.
5. Afterwards, Team 2 will have one minute to confer and 5 minutes to respond to Team 1’s answer.
6. Team 1 gets 1 minute to confer, and 5 minutes to respond to Team 2’s commentary.
7. Then, the judge will ask questions to Team 1 for 10 minutes before scoring both teams, but the scores are not announced at this time.
8. Team 1 and Team 2 reverse roles for a second round with a different case.
9. The team with the greatest number of judges declaring them the winner is the winner of the match. Any team that wins on two judges’ score sheets wins the match. If a team wins on one judge’s score sheet and ties on the other two they win the match. If neither team wins on more of the score sheets, the team with more total points is declared the winner. (If the teams also tie on points, the match is a tie.)

Scoring Rules

1. Judges will evaluate the responses of the teams solely based on:
   1. Clarity and eligibility
   2. Identification and discussion of central ethical dimensions
   3. Deliberative thoughtfulness and consideration of different viewpoints
2. The judges will score each team as follows:
   1. 0-30 for a team’s answer to the Moderator’s question (30 best); in evaluating a team’s answer the judges will give the team a score of 0-10 relative to each of the three evaluation criteria indicated above and total the sum
   2. 0-10 for the opposing team’s commentary (10 best)
   3. 0-10 for the response to the opposing team’s commentary (10 best).
   4. 0-10 for the response to the judges questions, by the team that answered the Moderator’s question (10 best).