

PRESIDENTS Official Tournament Rules 2018 - 19

[AGLOA PRESIDENTS playing forms are available on the agloa.org website.]

- PZ1** All AGLOA competitors are expected to preserve the integrity of the competition by conducting themselves in a fair and ethical manner. In cases of unfair play, unsportsmanlike conduct, or clear violations of tournament rules, the Penalties Policy in the AGLOA National Tournament Administration Manual should be consulted.
- PZ2** A Presidents Chart listing the number, picture, and name of each president plus date and place of birth, date and place of death, dates in office, and political party is the only reference permitted to be used by each player.
- PZ3** Players play in groups of three or four for purposes of scorekeeping. Running scores of all players in a group are kept on a scoresheet at the table. Each player has an individual answer/wager sheet and may use the approved chart with basic information about each president (birth/death dates, states of birth and death, years as president, party).
- PZ4** A round consists of twelve questions. Each question is read aloud by a central reader. Before reading a question, the reader will tell all Junior/Senior players a range of eleven Presidents (e.g., 7 to 17) within which the correct president will be. In Elementary and Middle Divisions, the range will always be the complete set of at most 12 presidents for that round: 1-12, 13-24, 25-34, or 35-45.
- PZ5** ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE DIVISIONS: The range of presidents covered each year will alternate between 1-24 and 25-45. **For the 2018-19 school year, Elementary/Middle players are asked questions about Presidents 25-45 only.**
- PZ6** Each question consists of three clues, with each clue being increasingly more revealing. Each clue consists of one or more sentences written in the first person, as if the president were stating the information. Suggested guidelines for these statements are:
- 6-point clue This statement should be relatively obscure, yet specific enough to limit the answer to just one possible president. It should require intensive knowledge of American History and/or personal facts about the president.
- 4-point clue This statement should give more information, perhaps including more history and/or personal facts. The Presidents Chart often might be used to help narrow the range but not uniquely identify the President.
For 2018-19, in all divisions, the 4-point or 2-point clues may contain something about **Cabinet Members**. In Junior and Senior Divisions, the 4- or 2-point statement may also contain something about **Vice Presidents** and/or one of the special U.S. Leaders listed below:
Group 4 (Pres. 25-44): Cesar Chavez, John Foster Dulles, Martin Luther King Jr., Henry Kissinger, Douglas MacArthur, George Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Sandra Day O'Connor
- 2-point clue This statement should make the choice obvious. It should include something unique from the Presidents Chart or something in the president's era that is obvious or a very well-known fact about the president.
- PZ7** Questions are not asked about any president first elected or taking office during the current school year.

Rotation of themes and U.S. Leaders in future years

Themes

2018-19 Cabinet Members (all divisions), Vice-Presidents (Jr/Sr only)

2019-20 Scandals (all divisions), Domestic Affairs (Jr/Sr only)

2021-22 Slogans (all divisions), Occupations and Posts (Jr/Sr only)

- 2022-23 Presidential Quotes (all divisions), Foreign Affairs (Jr/Sr only)
- 2023-24 Presidential Firsts (all divisions), Election Opponents (Jr/Sr only)
- 2024-25 First Ladies (all divisions), Vice Presidents (Jr/Sr only)

U.S. Leaders – Junior/Senior only

2018-19 Group 4 (Pres. 25-44): Cesar Chavez, John Foster Dulles, Martin Luther King Jr., Henry Kissinger, Douglas MacArthur, George Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Sandra Day O'Connor

- 2019-20 Group 3 (Pres. 1-24): Henry Clay, Benjamin Franklin, William Lloyd Garrison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, John Marshall, Daniel Webster
- 2020-21 Group 2 (Pres. 25-44): Susan B. Anthony, William Jennings Bryan, Clarence Darrow, Eugene Debs, W.E.B. Du Bois, Huey Long, Gloria Steinem
- 2021-22 Group 1 (Pres. 1-24): Clara Barton, Jefferson Davis, Frederick Douglass, Robert E. Lee, Lucretia Mott, Sitting Bull, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Tecumseh, Sojourner Truth

- PZ8** The reader will read each clue and, after a short pause, read it again. Players will then have 30 seconds to mark an answer. A ten-second warning should be given just before telling players to reveal answers.
- PZ9** As players try to determine the identity of a president, they should consider the ENTIRE set of clues rather than one isolated incident or fact.
- PZ10** Using a non-erasable pen only, each player may circle one and only one answer per question. The answer may be marked only AFTER the second reading of any one of the three clues. WHEN a player answers determines how many points that player receives if correct. Players may not change an answer once it has been circled. An erasure or scratch out makes the answer automatically wrong.
- PZ11** To answer, a player circles the number of the president on the answer side of the answer/wager sheet and either 6, 4, or 2 (depending on when the answer was written) on the wager side. The answer/wager sheet is then placed answer side DOWN on the appropriate 6, 4, or 2 space of a marked 8.5 x 11 mat. Other players confirm that a player's 6, 4, or 2 matches the location on the mat and corresponds to the clue that has just been read. Once a player places the answer/wager sheet on the mat, that player may NOT touch it or write on it again during that question.
- PZ12** Thirty seconds after the 2-point clue has been read twice, the reader tells players to reveal their answers, then gives the president's name and number. Answers are checked and verified by the players at each table.
- PZ13** Those players who have a correct answer win the number of points determined by WHEN they answered (6, 4, or 2). Those players who have an incorrect answer score 0 (zero) for that question. If a player has failed to circle the 6, 4, or 2, a correct answer scores two (2) points only.
- PZ14** The ultimate winner in each division is the player who has the most points after all questions have been played. Similarly, the winning team in each division is the one with the highest combined scores of its members.
- PZ15** In all divisions, any player who marks 6 as his wager when answering after the 4- or 2-point clue or marks 6 or 4 as the wager when answering after the 2-point clue receives a one-point penalty for that question. The -1 must be approved and initialed by a monitor. In either case, the player, if correct, receives the number of points (minus one) based on when he actually answered, not on his false wager.

*Rules PZ16 – PZ20
have been updated
as of October 2018.*

PZ16 The Tournament Director will appoint a chief monitor for each room to help resolve any issues involving rules, including penalties and behavior. Any **behavior or infraction** penalties must be agreed upon two monitors — one being the chief monitor — to ensure consistency.

PZ17 Certain forms of behavior interfere with play and annoy or intimidate opponents. If a player is guilty of such conduct, a monitor can take action — **from a verbal warning to immediate disqualification for that round or all subsequent rounds** — to discontinue the offensive behavior. Thereafter during that round or subsequent rounds, if the player again behaves in an offensive manner, the player may be penalized one point for each violation after the warning.

This rule includes (but is not limited to):

- the use of any electronic device (smartphone, tablet, watch etc.)
- constant talking, tapping on the table, humming or singing, loud or rude language
- intentionally knocking items off the table

PZ18 The first time a player marks an answer on the wrong line in a round, there is no penalty, although a monitor must initial the correction with a red pen. Any other answers marked on the wrong line by that player the remainder of the round incur a one-point penalty that must be initialed by a monitor with a red pen.

PZ19 Certain infractions that give a player an unfair advantage or completely disrupt the reader may draw an immediate disqualification without a warning, if the chief monitor and another monitor agree.

Examples include:

- announcing an answer to other players before the correct answer is revealed
- consulting notes that were written before the match began
- making signals or other gestures to another player during the reading of a clue
- intimidating an opponent verbally or with threatening gestures or body language
- refusing to continue play when told to do so by a monitor, and so on.

PZ20 A monitor may be called over at any time if a player is missing materials, feels another player is competing unfairly, or has an emergency that should not wait. During the reading of a question/example, no player may call over a monitor in an attempt to fix a mistake on an answer sheet or score sheet. Any issues dealing with writing on the wrong line, changing or marking out an answer, or marking a player's score incorrectly must be dealt with after the answer is revealed but before the next clue/question/example is read.