Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania

SCORE! NCLEX® Challenge Bowl 2026

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Schools attending the SNAP 74th Annual Convention may participate in the competition. Only one team per school is allowed. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, November 2nd! You will receive confirmation from the SNAP office when your registration is received. If you DO NOT receive confirmation, please contact the SNAP office at (717)230-7500 or email marcus@snap-online.org. Please bring a copy of your confirmation email to the Challenge Bowl Sign Up Table. Your team will not be entered without this document.**

2. Each team must consist of five participants but may include one alternate participant. **ALL TEAMS MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION AND SIGN IN AT THE CHALLENGE BOWL TABLE BY 6:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH. If a minimum of 4 team members are not available to begin the competition when called your team will forfeit the right to compete. All participants must be members of SNAP/NSNA and show proof of active membership at registration. All memberships must be current through the dates of the convention (November 20, 2026)**

3. Each participant will have their own button to depress to answer the questions.

4. The moderator will read the entire question and the answers. Participants may hit the buzzer during the **READING OF THE ANSWERS** by the moderator. The first participant to hit their buzzer will have the opportunity to answer the question within 5 seconds of hitting the buzzer. If the buzzer is depressed before **THE ENTIRE QUESTION** is read, that team loses the opportunity to answer that question. The opposing team may answer the question after the moderator reads the question in its entirety. The opposing team may buzz in at any time during the second reading of the answers. That team must answer the question within 5 seconds after the question is re-read.

5. The total number of rounds will depend on the number of teams entered to participate. The team that answers the most questions correctly in that particular round will be deemed the winner.

6. The teams competing in each round will be chosen by lottery. In the event there is an uneven number of teams competing, the last team selected by lottery will compete against the highest-scoring losing team for that particular round after all other rounds are played. If multiple teams have the same highest score, these teams will be entered into a lottery to select the team.

7. With the exception of the final round that will determine the winner of the competition, each round will consist of nine (9) questions. The final round will consist of fifteen (15) questions.

8. Any inappropriate behavior, language or unsportsmanlike conduct by any participant will result in disqualification of the entire team from the competition. All attendees are asked to remain professional and not shout answers during the competition. **NO CAMERAS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE PICTURES DURING THE CHALLENGE BOWL!** If an attendee violates this rule, the person will be asked to leave the event.

9. **All decisions relating to the competition will be made by the independent volunteer moderators, scorers/timekeepers, and their decision is final.** A third- party timekeeper will make the decision on answers given after the 5 second time limit.

10. All participating teams are expected to attend and participate in all convention activities, such as the House of Delegates, workshops, and Keynote Address.

11. **A rotating trophy (*to be returned the following year*)** will be presented to the winning team, which will be given at the Awards' Celebration Reception, and the team will receive six complimentary tickets to the Awards' Celebration Reception.