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Introduction

The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) is pleased to announce that the 1st Annual Ohio Japan Bowl will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Dublin Integrated Education Center at the Ohio University Dublin Center, Dublin, OH. This handbook's purpose is to help contestants and instructors better understand and prepare for the Japan Bowl. It explains the procedures, eligibility, content and other important information regarding the contest.

Please read this handbook thoroughly and carefully. JASCO reserves the right to make the final decisions on all matters related to the Ohio Japan Bowl.

About the Japan Bowl

The Japan Bowl® is a Japanese language competition created by the Japan-America Society of Washington DC in 1992. The Japan Bowl tests the achievements of Japanese learners throughout the US and other countries. The Japan Bowl in the United States focuses on high school students.

What makes the Japan Bowl unique is that it goes beyond language and asks students about their knowledge of Japanese culture, society, daily life, history, geography, and current events. Participants compete as members of 3-person teams, based on how many years they have studied Japanese.

The Japan Bowl is not an exam; it uses a “quiz bowl” format. Students hear – and don't read — the questions. They are given a timeframe, usually 30 seconds, within which to respond. The questions are asked in both Japanese and English and answered in a variety of ways.

The Japan Bowl was first held as a local competition for high schools in the Washington DC area. Within a few years, high schools from other parts of the nation joined the competition in Washington, and it became the “National Japan Bowl.” In addition to the National Japan Bowl in Washington DC, there are Japan quiz bowl competitions throughout the United States. Beyond the Ohio Japan Bowl, there are also official Japan Bowl competitions in Illinois, Wisconsin, Utah, and California.

The Japan Bowl seeks to motivate students to higher levels of academic achievement. It strives to impart the kind of real-world communications skills and cultural knowledge that will help students in their high school years and beyond. Most Japan Bowl participants say they plan to continue to study Japanese during their college years, and almost all hope to study abroad in Japan.

Japan Bowl participants say they hope to have a “Japan connection” in their adult lives, whether in business, academia, the arts, or public service. No matter which profession they choose, the knowledge and skills they acquired as Japan Bowl competitors will help them become future leaders in the US relationship with Japan.

About the Ohio Japan Bowl

The Ohio Japan Bowl is being organized by the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio in cooperation with the Japan-America Society of Washington DC, and the Ohio Association of Teachers of Japanese.

The Ohio Japan Bowl will be held as part of the JASCO Japanese Language Festival. The JASCO Japanese Language Festival celebrates the study of Japanese in Ohio schools, fostering Japanese language education throughout the state by supporting the continued effort of local public schools and colleges to improve the quality of the Japanese-language learning environment. Through events that highlight not only the study of Japanese language and culture but also the scholastic and work opportunities that can arise from this study, the Festival not only supports the efforts of those currently studying Japanese, but also seeks to inspire and encourage others to broaden their understanding of Japan, its culture, and the strong ties between Japan and United States.

Important Information

DATE & TIME	Saturday, March 2, 2019, 12:00 – 3:30 PM
LOCATION	Dublin Integrated Education Center Ohio University Dublin Center 6805 Bobcat Way, Dublin, OH 43017-1407
DEADLINE	Applications must be received by the JASCO office by <u>Friday, February 15, 2019.</u> <i><u>*Late applications will not be considered.</u></i>
APPLICATION MATERIALS	Please submit a scanned copy of the completed Application packet to jasco@jas-co.org .

About the Application Packet

The application packet must include the following items, available in a separate document:

1. The Application Cover Sheet, which must be signed by the students' Japanese teacher or advisor
2. Student Agreement Forms, one for each student on the team, with each form signed by the student and his/her parent or legal guardian

Substitution of Students after Team Approval

After teams have been notified of their acceptance and registration, substitutions will be permitted only if a student becomes ill or there is some other valid reason. All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements, with the required applications being submitted to JASCO for review.

Participation in the Ohio Japan Bowl

Level

The Ohio Japan Bowl is open to full-time students currently enrolled in a third-year Japanese language class in a high school in Ohio. This is the equivalent of Level III at the National Japan Bowl in Washington, DC.

Please note that Level III is based on the Japanese language course level, and not the student’s school level. For example, a high school junior who began Japanese language study in junior high school might be studying at a level IV equivalent (fourth year high school-level Japanese study or AP Japanese) and therefore would NOT be eligible for the Japan Bowl. However, a sophomore or senior enrolled in third year high-school level Japanese language study are eligible to participate in the Ohio Japan Bowl.

Please see the Eligibility Guidelines section below for additional eligibility information.

Forming a Team

- A. Each school may send up to two teams.
- B. All team members must be studying Japanese at the same high school.
- C. A team must consist of two or three students. One student is not a team. We strongly encourage schools to form a team of three students instead of two

I am 15 years or older.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I am a student at an Ohio high school.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I am currently enrolled in a third-year high school-level Japanese language course.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I grew up in a household where I used Japanese regularly with at least one of its members.	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
I have attended a Japanese language school (補習校/日本語学校) at junior-high (中学) level or higher for more than 1 school year.	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
I can attend the Ohio Japan Bowl on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Dublin Integrated Education Center (6805 Bobcat Way, Dublin, OH 43018).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
You are eligible if ALL of your answers are in the blue field (left side of the answer columns). If you selected any answer(s) in the red field (right side of the answer columns), you are not eligible to participate in the Ohio Japan Bowl.		

Eligibility Guidelines

If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact JASCO at jasco@jas-co.org.

Ohio Japan Bowl Schedule

Registration	12:00-12:30 PM
Introductions and Preliminary Round	12:30-2:00 PM
Break for Grading and Finals Announcement	2:00-2:30 PM
Finals Round	2:30-3:15 PM

About the Preliminary and Finals Rounds

At the Ohio Japan Bowl, there will be 1 Preliminary Round and 1 Finals Round.

Preliminary Round

1. Fifty questions are presented, read by English- and Japanese-speaking moderators.
2. The questions cover both language and non-language topics. They are asked and answered in a variety of ways. The questions also vary in difficulty.
3. Visuals for all questions are projected, using PowerPoint slides, onto a large screen.

Finals Round

1. The top three teams will advance to compete in the Finals Rounds.
2. The Finals Round will be conducted using a “live” quiz show format with a buzzer system.
3. There will be three types of questions:
 - a. Team Questions – The answers to team questions are written, and the questions usually involve team collaboration and problem-solving to respond
 - b. Individual Questions – Two students on each team, chosen by a random drawing, will each be asked one question. If there are only two students on the team, both students must answer a question.
 - c. Toss-Up Questions

Specifics about the Questions and Round format can be found in the Ohio Japan Bowl Competition Guide.

Awards

The first-place team (plus chaperone) will receive an all-expenses paid trip to participate in the National Japan Bowl in Washington, DC, April 11-12, 2019, and compete to win a free trip to Japan. Following the National Japan Bowl, they will be able to attend the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Each member of the second-place team will receive a \$50 gift certificate to White Rabbit Japan, a Tokyo-based exporter of products for Japanese language learners, Japanese snacks, toys, home décor items, and more.

Members of the third-place team will each receive a special trophy.

Contact

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact JASCO at jasco@jas-co.org.