

# International Academic Competitions

## **IAC Championships Individual Event Playoffs Scoring System**

The following scoring system is used in the playoff matches of individual buzzer-based competitions run by International Academic Competitions at championship level events. This does not include regional or state tournaments in the USA or national tournaments outside the USA or Canada, but rather at the US and Canadian National Championships and at the European, Asian, Caribbean, African, and Australian and New Zealand Championships outside the USA, as well as at the International History Olympiad and International Geography Bee World Championships.

Questions in these events are superpowermarked, just as in History Bowl 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter tossups. However, the IAC Championships Individual Event Playoffs Scoring System also includes penalties for incorrect answers; thus, every time a player buzzes in, their score will change.

- A correct answer in superpower range, before the (+) mark, is worth 6 points.
- A correct answer in power range, between the (+) and (\*) marks, is worth 5 points.
- A correct answer after power but before the question is completely read is worth 4 points.
- A correct answer after the question is completely read is worth 3 points.
- Any incorrect answer given while the question is being read incurs a -2 point penalty.
- Any incorrect answer given after the question is completely read incurs a -1 point penalty.

As in the preliminary rounds, three incorrect answers ends the question; there is no further penalty for being the third incorrect answer. The number of questions in a packet and the points goal for a player may differ from event to event; please check your event's listed rules. All other rules – timing, protestability, etc. – remain the same as in the preliminary phase