

NYSSPA MEDICAL JEOPARDY RULES

October 2019

1. Each New York State Physician Assistant Program who wishes to participate in the Medical Jeopardy competition at the NYSSPA Fall CME Conference should notify their program faculty no later than September 15th, 2019, so that adequate preparation can be made in advance for each team. All teams are to be composed of three students with at least one non-senior. *Students participating must be student members of NYSSPA.*
2. Each New York State Physician Assistant Program who wishes to participate in the Medical Jeopardy competition at the NYSSPA Fall CME Conference must submit a roster of current students (names, email, year of graduation, membership status) demonstrating a minimum of 50% school wide membership.
3. You must be registered for the conference to participate in or attend the game.
4. Please disseminate the rules to all students and faculty prior to the Conference and be sure that those who will be participating on your program's team are familiar with the rules. If there are any questions prior to the Conference, please contact the NYSSPA Headquarters. All participating teams should have their participants present at the beginning of Medical Jeopardy (2:00pm). At that time, the rules for Medical Jeopardy will be reviewed by the Emcee.
5. At the onset of each round, each team member will introduce himself or herself. Each round between two teams will last between ten to fifteen minutes. The round will run until all the questions on the Jeopardy Board have been utilized, or it becomes a mathematical impossibility for the losing team to win, whichever comes first.
6. Each team member will have a button to "buzz in". The signal will both buzz audibly and light up. The system will only allow the first button pressed. Just like on Jeopardy, the other team will not be able to buzz in! Teams who call out or answer questions without being recognized **WILL NOT** receive points.
7. Those in the audience will be cautioned that they should not call out or indicate the answer to any question in any manner. Should any answer be heard by the Emcee, Judges, Scorekeeper or teams, the question will be immediately thrown out and no points will be given for that question to either team.
8. Participants **MUST** always phrase their answer **IN THE FORM OF A QUESTION**. Should a team not answer in the form of a question, a warning will be given. If it occurs again, no credit will be given for the answer, points will be lost, and the opposing team will be given the opportunity to answer the question.
9. To earn points, the team that has buzzed in first and was recognized by the Emcee must answer the question correctly. If the team fails to answer the question correctly, the point value of the question will be deducted from their score, and the opposing team will be given the opportunity to answer the question. The opposing team will also have the right to have the entire question read before

answering. In the event there is any concern as to the appropriateness of a team's answer, the Judges have the final authority to determine if the given answer is correct and if points should be awarded or deducted for that answer, or if the question should be thrown out completely. If the judges throw out a question, no points will be awarded or deducted for that question.

10. After a team has buzzed in and has been recognized, that team will be given **five** seconds to begin answering the question. Should they not begin to offer a response within **five** seconds, the point value of the question will be deducted from their score. After **five** seconds has elapsed and no response has been attempted, the Emcee will offer the question to the opposing team.

11. If a team has buzzed in **BEFORE** the complete question is read, the Emcee will stop reading the question. If the team that buzzed in answers incorrectly, the point value for that question will be deducted from their score, and the opposing team may request to have the question read in its entirety before they answer.

12. The NYSSPA Medical Jeopardy will be played as a "Round Robin". If there are an odd number of teams in the first round, a bye will be given to the Albany team as last year's winner for the first round. Any additional byes will be given on an as-needed basis, based on the prior year's performance. The final two teams will play one round of Double Medical Jeopardy; the point values will be doubled. At the end of that round, they will play **FINAL JEOPARDY**. At that time, each team will be given an opportunity to wager all, part, or none of their points they have accumulated in the final round. The written wager of each team will be collected by the Emcee before the Final Jeopardy question is read. Each team will be read the same question and be given the same amount of time to answer the Final Jeopardy question. Their answer must be made in written form (in the form of a question). If a team answers the question correctly, the amount that they wagered will be added to their score and make up that team's **FINAL SCORE**. If a team answers the question incorrectly, or their answer is **NOT** in the form of a question, the amount that they wagered will be deducted from their score. The Judges will declare the team with the **HIGHEST FINAL JEOPARDY SCORE** the winner of NYSSPA Medical Jeopardy. In the event there is a tie score at the end of **FINAL JEOPARDY**, another question will be offered, following the same written and wagering rules as with the first question. If, however, after a total of three rounds of **FINAL JEOPARDY** have been played, and there is a continuing tie score, **both teams** will be declared equal co-champions of NYSSPA Medical Jeopardy for that year.

I have read and fully understand the above-mentioned rules and relayed them to my team.

PA Program Name: _____

Team Captain Name (Faculty): _____

Please sign and return this form when you register your program for Medical Jeopardy.