

2026 Guernsey Quiz Bowl Contest

The Guernsey Quiz Bowl is a contest where teams of three or four members compete against each other. Competition points are awarded for correctly answering questions about the Guernsey industry and dairy-related areas. The contest will be held in conjunction with the American Guernsey Association's (AGA) annual meeting. Prizes will be awarded.

Eligibility

1. Each state may enter two junior teams and two senior teams. A team will be comprised of three or four members. One or more alternates may be entered as substitutes. If one state cannot field a team of three members, two or more states may combine to form a team. **The four team members that begin the first round of the contest must remain the same throughout the entire competition. Last minute "pick up teams" may be formed once youth arrive at the National Convention. However, if states are planning on at least a partial team, they must be entered prior to the deadline so the appropriate amount of questions can be prepared. All contestants will be required to participate in the youth activities at the National Convention.**
2. Team members must be state Guernsey Association (if applicable) and American Guernsey Youth Association members.
3. All teams must designate a team captain and a coach.
4. Senior team members must be born after December 31, 2004. Junior team members must have been born from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2016. Junior-aged team members may compete on the senior team, but may only compete on one team.
5. An individual may not be on the winning team in the same age group for more than three years.
6. **Entry forms including birth date information for each member must be received by the American Guernsey Association on or before April 30, 2026.**

Quiz Bowl Rules

1. Teams will compete in a series of one-on-one elimination contests until the top team is chosen. Teams will be assigned to the first round of competition before the contest. Teams may be awarded a bye during the elimination as a part of the assignment process.
2. The contest will be double elimination.
3. Competition between teams will be in two phases.
4. **The decision of the judges is final. Any spectator or coach who questions or argues with a judge or moderator or interferes with running of the contest will be asked to leave. A contestant, however, may ask for verification of a questions answer, but only a contestant.**

Phase I

Each team member will be asked three general dairy questions in rotation. Questions are worth 10 points each with no deductions for incorrect answers. Assistance in answering questions from other teammates cannot be offered or received. Questions will not be repeated. Contestants have five seconds to begin their answers. Each team will be asked the same set of questions. Other teams will remain in isolation.

Phase II

The two teams will compete against each other. A total of 16 toss-up questions will be asked and it will be possible for a team to earn up to 5 bonus questions.

A. A contestant wishing to answer any toss-up question must activate the signaling device. The first contestant to signal must answer within five seconds after being acknowledged by the moderator or lose 10 points.

B. If an incorrect answer is given, the team will lose 10 points. The question will then be read again, this time to the opposing team. Any member of the opposing team must signal to answer the question. If the answer is correct, the opposing team will receive 15 points, if incorrect, they will lose 10 points. If the opposing team chooses not to answer, no points will be deducted.

C. If a contestant answers a toss-up question without signaling, the answer will be declared invalid and 10 points will be deducted. The toss-up then will be offered to the opposing team (see rule 2B).

D. If neither team can offer an answer to the question within 10 seconds, the moderator will give the answer, the question will be dropped and neither team will forfeit points.

E. When a signal is pushed before the question is completely read, the moderator shall stop reading the question so that person may answer the question. If correct, the team will receive credit, if the answer is incorrect or incomplete, the team will be penalized 10 points; the judge may not ask the contestant to explain his/her answer. The question shall then be completely re-read and the other team will have an opportunity to answer.

F. The only discussion allowed between team members will be on bonus questions in PHASE II. The answers must come from the team captain. Only the number of answers required by the bonus question will be accepted. Example: If the bonus has a four-part answer, the first four answers given by the team will be accepted. The bonus answers must be started within 15 seconds.

G. Up to 5 bonus questions will be asked per round. Bonus questions may be earned by a team during Phase II of the competition. After three members of a team have correctly answered one toss-up question, that team will be awarded a bonus question. When three team members have correctly answered two toss-up questions, another bonus question is earned and so forth. Points are not deducted for an incorrect answer to a bonus question.

H. All questions correctly answered both toss-up and bonus, will be worth 15 points in PHASE II. Credit will be given to the portion of the bonus question answered correctly.

I. In the event there is a tie following Phase II, five additional toss-up questions will be asked.

POINTS FOR BONUS QUESTIONS

1. The value of each bonus answer will be 15 points. Answers may consist of several parts.

- A. 2 parts..1 correct- 5 points
2 correct- 15 points
- B. 3 parts..1 correct- 5 points
2 correct- 10 points
All correct- 15 points
- C. 4 parts..1 correct- 3 points
2 correct- 6 points
3 correct- 9 points
All correct- 15 points
- D. 5 parts..1 correct- 3 points
2 correct- 6 points
3 correct- 9 points
4 correct- 12 points
All correct- 15 points

2. Consultation among members is permitted on bonus questions.

- a. Bonus questions must be answered in a reasonable time.
- b. Contestants must start to answer within 15 seconds.
- c. No points are deducted for an incorrect answer.

3. Questions will cover feeds and feeding, milk quality, herd health, udder health, breeding, genetics, milk and cattle marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and the Guernsey breed.
4. Most questions will be derived from 2025 and 2026 issues of the *Guernsey Breeders' Journal*, *Hoard's Dairyman* and the book, The Guernsey Breed: An Illustrated Chronicle by C.B. Harding. Questions may also come from The Holstein Foundation Workbooks, which can be found on the Holstein Foundation website at holsteinfoundation.org. If you do not have access to the internet, contact the AGA and they will get you copies of these workbooks. Additional references may include extension circulars, 4-H project materials, Guernsey flyers and various dairy publications. Sire summary information and high CPI cows will come from April 2026 USDA summaries.
5. The winning team will be determined by the highest total score from PHASE I and II. In the event of a tie, the two teams will be asked an additional five PHASE II toss-up questions.

OFFICIALS

1. **Moderator**-The moderator assumes complete direction of all contests, asks all questions, designates contestants to answer questions, accepts or rejects answers unless overruled by both judges. The moderator designates the winner of each contest and shall at all times be in charge, having the final voice in all decisions, except for answers to questions which are ruled on unanimously by judges.
2. **Judges**-Two judges are to be used who are knowledgeable in the subject matter. The judges may rule individually or jointly on the acceptability of any answer. Either both judges or one judge and the moderator, must agree on the acceptance or rejection of a question and/or answer if either is challenged by a contestant.
3. **Timekeeper**-One individual will be used to record time and to indicate to the moderator the expiration of the time allowed in which to answer questions.
4. **Scorekeepers**-Two individuals shall keep scores on each contest. One scorekeeper will write in such a manner that all points awarded or taken away in penalties may be checked. The other scorekeeper remains visible to the moderator, the contestants and insofar as possible, the viewing audience. One of these scorekeepers is also in charge of keeping track of when bonus questions should be awarded.
5. **Anonymous judge**-One person in the crowd will be observing the quiz bowl contest and will award a "MVP" for the day. This award can go to any member of any team and will be judged on observation alone.

Junior Guernsey Quiz Bowl Entry Form

State Representing:

Coach:

Team Captain:

Address:

Telephone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Team Members

Name

Name

Date of Birth

Date of Birth

Name

Name

Date of Birth

Date of Birth

Alternates

Name

Name

Date of Birth

Date of Birth

I certify that all above information is accurate and that each team member and alternate is a state and national junior Guernsey member.

Signature of coach

***Please return this form to the American Guernsey Association, 1224 Alton
Darby Creek Rd., Suite G, Columbus, OH 43228 by April 30, 2026***

Senior Guernsey Quiz Bowl Entry Form

State Representing:

Coach:

Team Captain:

Address:

Telephone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Team Members

Name

Name

Date of Birth

Date of Birth

Name

Name

Date of Birth

Date of Birth

Alternates

Name

Name

Date of Birth

Date of Birth

I certify that all above information is accurate and that each team member and alternate is a state and national junior Guernsey member.

Signature of coach

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