



# NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ETHICS BOWL

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## How are teams scored?

Teams are assessed by a panel of three judges. Teams are evaluated by how perceptively, articulately, and collaboratively they address the ethical cases under consideration.

## Get involved!

Regional Competitions are held across the United States from September to early February. If you are a high school teacher or student interested in participating, please get in touch with the NHSEB staff, who are happy to work with you in establishing a team and, if there is not already one in your area, a Regional Competition. If you are interested in founding and hosting a Regional Competition at your college or university, or in your community, the NHSEB is also ready to help! To see if there is a Regional in your area, please visit: [nhseb.unc.edu/regionals](http://nhseb.unc.edu/regionals)

## Contact Us!

The Parr Center for Ethics, located at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is home and headquarters of the NHSEB. Questions? Email [ethicsbowl@unc.edu](mailto:ethicsbowl@unc.edu)

The National High School Ethics Bowl (NHSEB), now concluding its 5th season, promotes respectful, supportive, and rigorous discussion of ethics among high school students nationwide.

Each Fall, the NHSEB releases a set of cases covering a broad range of issues, which then serve as the focus for the year. Teams meet together regularly with a coach to research the cases, to discuss the issues they raise, and to identify clearly how they think those issues should be addressed. The competitions themselves reward students for the depth of their thought, their ability to think analytically about complex issues, and the respect they show to the diverse perspectives of their peers. As a result, the NHSEB cultivates the virtues central to democratic citizenship, and prepares students to navigate challenging moral issues in a systematic and open-minded way.



*The NHSEB promotes ethical awareness, critical thinking, respectful discourse, civic engagement, and an appreciation for multiple points of view.*

The NHSEB emphasizes the inclusion of all students from a variety of high schools: public, private, parochial, charter, and home schools. In 2015-16, approximately 2,700 students participated in the NHSEB, and this past year, 2016-2017, approximately 3,900 students were involved, a 44% increase.



# NHSEB REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

2016-2017 and looking ahead...

Regional High School Ethics Bowl Competitions, run under the auspices of the NHSEB, are recognized as Large or Small competitions. The winning school of a Large Regional automatically advances to the Nationals. The winning school of a Small Regional competes in a Virtual Playoff against the winner of another Small Regional.

The Virtual Playoffs consist of a single match between two teams, with the winner advancing to the Nationals. After the Virtual Playoffs, the NHSEB releases the National case set. Twenty-four teams then have two months to analyze and prepare for the National competition.

There were **32 Regional Competitions** in **24 states** during the 2016-2017 season.

Arkansas	Maryland	Oregon
Northern California	New England (MA)	Delaware Valley (PA)
Southern California	Michigan	Rhode Island
Colorado	Missouri	Knoxville, Tennessee
District of Columbia	New Jersey	East Tennessee
Palm Beach County (FL)	Long Island (NY)	Houston (TX)
Pinellas County (FL)	New York City	Tyler (TX)
Southwest Florida	Westchester (NY)	Utah
Chicago (IL)	North Carolina	Virginia
Southern Illinois	Ohio	Washington State
Indiana	Oklahoma	

New potential Regionals for 2017-2018 and beyond include Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, and New Orleans.

## Our 2016-2017 Sponsors

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The NHSEB is modeled after the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (IEB). We are indebted to the IEB, the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE), and to the IEB's creator Dr. Robert Ladenson, for their example, inspiration, and assistance.