



Philippine Association of Chemistry Students, Inc.

PACSiklaban 2008

RULES and MECHANICS

I. Manner of Holding the Contest

- (1) Only one (1) team representative shall be allowed per registered chemical or biochemical society. Each team shall be composed of five (5) members and two (2) alternates. Any of the two alternates shall be allowed to substitute any of the five members only before the start of each round of every stage of the contest proper.
- (2) Member Societies with outstanding balances shall not be allowed to join the contest.
- (3) All contestants must be undergraduate students in **Chemistry or Chemistry-related courses**.
- (4) Questions in the contest will cover topics in **Analytical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, and Biochemistry**, and may be of the following types: multiple choice, identification, and problem solving.
- (5) Questions shall be solicited from PACS, Inc. member schools. The Board of Judges shall evaluate and select the questions that shall be used in the contest.
- (6) The following rules shall be followed concerning protests:
 - (a) Only the team captain may raise protests or complaints.
 - (b) All protests shall be forwarded to the Board of Judges for the decision.
 - (c) The Board of Judges will entertain only those protests or complaints regarding the preceding question and before the next question is asked.
 - (d) The Board of Judges will be given a maximum of ten (10) minutes to resolve protest, after which, the contest will resume. Should the judges fail to resolve it in the allotted time, the question will be held in abeyance until it has been resolved.
 - (e) The decision of the Board of Judges is final.

II. The Contest Proper

- (1) The contest shall consist of two (2) stages, namely: the **Elimination** stage and the **Final** stage. Each stage shall consist of **Easy, Average, and Difficult rounds**.
- (2) Every contestant shall be checked for a valid school identification card before the start of the contest.
- (3) All teams will be provided with official answer sheets where they write their final answers legibly and properly. Final answers are to be encircled. Answers not circled shall be considered as "NO ANSWER".
- (4) All answers shall be reported in their proper significant figures and units.
- (5) The time limit to answer each question shall be announced before the question is read.
- (6) Questions shall be read twice.
- (7) Scratch papers shall be provided. No reference books or notes shall be allowed during the contest.
- (8) Calculators shall be allowed and shall be subjected to inspection prior to their use. Pocket computers or programmable calculators shall be prohibited during the contest.
- (9) Coaching from the audience of the participating schools during the contest proper shall be forbidden.



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(10) Any violation incurred by a team in relation to rule numbers. 7, 8, and 9, shall be a ground for disqualification of the team from the contest.

A. Elimination Stage

(1) The Elimination stage shall consist of ten (10) Easy questions, ten (10) Average questions, and ten (10) Difficult questions.

(2) Points shall be awarded as follows:

Easy Round

Correct Answer:	3 point
Wrong Answer:	-1 points
No Answer:	0 points

Average Round

Correct Answer:	5 points
Wrong Answer:	-2 points
No Answer:	0 points

Difficult Round

Correct Answer:	7 points
Wrong Answer:	-3 points
No Answer:	0 points

(3) The top six (6) teams in the Elimination stage shall qualify for the Final stage.

(4) Any tie(s) in the Elimination Stage will be resolved using one or more clincher questions until the tie is broken.

B. Final Stage

(1) The team score in the Elimination stage shall not be carried into the Final Stage.

(2) The Final stage shall consist of **Easy, Average, and Difficult rounds.**

(3) In each round, Teams shall be given a maximum number of chances to have "NO ANSWER," after which a "NO ANSWER" shall be considered "WRONG ANSWER".

(4) The Easy round shall consist of ten (10) questions, and points shall be awarded as follows:

Correct answer:	3 points
Wrong answer:	-1 point
No answer:	0 points
Maximum of two (2) chances for a "NO ANSWER"	

(5) The Average round shall consist of fifteen (15) questions, and points shall be awarded as follows:

Correct answer:	5 points
Wrong answer:	-2 points
No answer:	0 points
Maximum of three (3) chances for a "NO ANSWER"	

(6) The Difficult round shall consist of fifteen (15) questions, and points shall be awarded as follows:

Correct answer:	7 points
Wrong answer:	-3 points
No answer:	0 points
Maximum of four (4) chances for a "NO ANSWER"	

(7) After the Final stage, ties shall be resolved among teams of equal standing in the following manner:



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- (a) Three (3) clincher questions shall be asked and points shall be awarded as follows:
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| Correct answer: | 7 points |
| Wrong answer: | 0 points |
| No answer: | 0 points |
- (b) If after the three questions, there is still a tie, then additional clincher questions will be asked one by one until one team gets a score higher than the other(s). The same procedure shall be applied, if necessary until the first, second, and third places are won with no tie involved.
- (8) The team with the highest total score after the Final stage of the contest proper shall be declared the CHAMPION. The SECOND and THIRD places shall be declared the FIRST RUNNER-UP and SECOND RUNNER-UP, respectively.
- (9) Winners will be given cash prizes, trophies, and medals.

III. Other Matters

All other matters not taken up in the above-mentioned rules and regulations shall be referred to the Steering Committee of PACSiklaban 2008. Its decision on matters regarding the addition or deletion of rules shall be final.