

# No Scholar Bowl Coach Left Behind!

or

## NsbCLB

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**YOU are important!!**

- Can you spell No Child Left Behind?
- Does your district insist upon using *differentiation* in the classroom?
- Does teaching stop with the last bell of the day?
- Does Scholastic Bowl teach/reach/reinforce differentiated instruction?
- Think about it!

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**YOU are a Hero!**

- You work with an often ignored sector of students—the SMART ones!
- For some schools, Scholastic Bowl is the closest thing to a Gifted Program
- You and your teams bring recognition to your schools
- And you work for peanuts!

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**How Does Your Scholastic Bowl Team Compare to Athletic Teams?**

- Football
- Baseball
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Track
- Cross country
- Lacrosse
- OK...it sounds like bowling
- Not usually running or tackling involved
- No balls allowed...no talking allowed
- Longer season than any of these sports
- No cheerleaders

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**BE A CHEERLEADER**

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**OK...So What's Really Important to Schools?**

- Athletics?
- Academics?

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\*BOTH\*  
YOU  
ARE ESSENTIAL  
TO THE BALANCE!

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RECOGNITION  
It's Up to YOU

- Lobby, lobby, lobby
- Your administrators and school board, your colleagues, your community, and your students
- Advocate, Advertise, Attitude

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Administrators and School Board?

- They are your friends
- Share your successes
- Share your needs
- See if one of their children is interested in being on the team!!!
- Invite them to every match-formally if necessary
- Involve them in moderating or scoring
- **Take their picture with your team...and send it to the newspaper**

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## COLLEAGUES AND COACHES

### Essential to Your Success

- Involve teachers and Coaches
  - In the recommendation/application process
  - Trust their advice
  - As moderators and/or scorers
  - In an Annual Faculty Scholar Bowl Challenge Match
- Share with other coaches
  - Time wise—most sports and activities are able to share practice time
  - Don't force kids to have to choose when teams can work together
- Support School Teams
  - Take your team, in uniform, to an athletic match and cheer that team
  - Invite teams to a fun challenge match
- Invite coaches to your practices and meets in their off-season
- Involve coaches in 'Celebrity' Matches
- Take their picture with your team—give them one—send it to the paper

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## Community Involvement

- Become friends with the Chamber of Commerce
- Don't be afraid to ask for support, donations, and participation from local businesses
- Parents are great partners
- Don't forget those parent and Celebrity matches!

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## Kids—

### *They're Not Just Athletes Anymore*

- Enlist returning players to advertise the fun in scholastic bowl
- Play up their competitiveness
- When building up for try-outs make daily announcements...have a question of the day...give a prize for the quickest response
- During an assembly, have a mini-match
  - Use returning players
  - Use star athletes
  - Use coaches, administrators, and popular teachers

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*Make Nice*

- Develop a 'sister team' to build camaraderie among teams
- Report matches in daily announcements and local newspapers
- Host a tournament
- Be a team player in your building and district

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**NSBCLB PLAN**

- By 2010, 90% of student athletes will be vying for a seat on the SB Team
- By the year 2011, 95% of all administrators and school board members will meet and exceed the scholastic bowl 100% support rate
- By the year 2012, all scholastic bowl coaches will be paid at the head football coach rate
- By the year 2013, 100% of all students, teachers, administrators, and school board members will play a vital role in the success of scholastic bowl and **NO SCHOLASTIC BOWL COACH will be LEFT BEHIND!**

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