



2020-2021 *You Be The Chemist* Challenge® Official Rules: Virtual Academic Competition

The 2020-2021 *You Be The Chemist* Challenge® Official Rules pertain to the virtual academic competition. CEF will provide separate rules for the video creation portion of the competition when the prompt is released.

A. Participation Requirements

To participate in the 2020-2021 *You Be The Chemist* Challenge® cycle, participants must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a student in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8, and must not pass beyond grade 8 on or before April 1, 2021. An academic classification for the participant above grade 8 must not have been declared to any entity for any purpose by the participant, their parent/guardian, or a school official acting on the participant's behalf.
2. Not have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2021.
3. Not compete in a Challenge competition in which their parent, legal guardian, or other family member is a Challenge Organizer, Judge, or moderator.
4. Participate through their school, homeschool association, or other CEF-approved student group ("school").
5. Not attend any Challenge virtual academic competitions other than the one in which they are assigned to participate.
6. All students from their school must participate in the same virtual academic competition. Participants will not be allowed to participate on a different day from their teammates or classmates.
7. Not have been declared the winner of a previous National Challenge competition.

Any participant not in compliance with any of the eligibility requirements above shall be disqualified.

Disqualified participants shall be required to forfeit prizes, title, and any benefits awarded to the participant as a result of his/her participation in the Challenge.

B. Study Materials & Content

Study materials and supporting information for participants are available on the CEF website. Participants are encouraged to review these study materials, including the periodic table, to prepare for each level of the Challenge competition. Participants should review the information on the periodic table and be familiar with using the periodic table to determine additional information about an element or a set of elements.

CEF provides all competition questions and corresponding answers for all levels of competition. Challenge competition questions are largely derived from information contained in CEF's study materials but are not limited to this information. Questions are based on an overall understanding of chemistry, general science concepts, and the relationships among various concepts.

Study materials and competition questions and answers are the intellectual property of CEF, and any copyright notice displayed on the materials and content shall not be removed. The study materials and competition questions may not be altered or reordered. Questions and answers are to be used only for competitions and are not to be distributed for any other reason. Improper use of Challenge competition questions or content is grounds for disqualification of a single participant or Challenge event.

C. Virtual Academic Competitions

1. CEF is not responsible for technical issues participants may encounter during the virtual academic competition (e.g.: computer freezes, Wi-Fi drops out, etc.).
2. A moderator will read each question once.
3. Participants will have limited time to provide their answer. Participants will be made aware of the time limit for each question.
4. Participants must finish answering the question in the allotted time.
5. Answers will be posted to the CEF website after all virtual academic competitions are complete.
6. Winning team(s) from each state will be determined and announced after all virtual academic competitions have taken place.

D. Format

Team scores will be averaged after the virtual academic competition has concluded. Team members *must* participate on the same day.

The virtual events will follow the format below:

Round	Number of Questions	Scoring
Round 1	10	Cumulative
Round 2	10	
Round 3	10	
Round 4	10	

A break will follow each round.

E. Participant & Audience Conduct

Participants and audience members must comply with the following rules of conduct. Violation of these requirements may result in a participant's or team's disqualification from the Challenge.

1. Participants

- i. To uphold academic integrity, participants are not permitted to search for answers by accessing outside resources during the competition.
- ii. Participants may not possess cell phones or other electronic devices, other than the device they are using to participate, while the virtual event competition is in progress or during breaks in between rounds.
- iii. Participants may not communicate with anyone or consult outside sources, including teammates, during the virtual academic competition.
- iv. Non-participants are not permitted to engage with participants during the virtual academic competition.
- v. Participants may not have CEF study materials or related reference materials near them while the virtual event competition is in progress or during breaks, except the CEF-provided periodic table.
- vi. Non-participants may not disturb the competition or participants at any time.
- vii. Participants and non-participants may not in any way record, disclose, or publish any competition questions during or after the virtual academic competition.
- viii. Any participant or non-participant deemed to be exhibiting distracting, questionable, or dishonest behavior will be asked to leave the competition. Any behavior that is deemed to be dishonest or perceived as giving an unfair advantage to a participant or team is grounds for disqualification of that participant or team.

F. Disability Guidelines

A participant who is identified as having a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more of the participant's major life activities may request reasonable accommodation to participate in the Challenge. Requests for accommodation at a virtual academic competition must be sent to CEF. To make arrangements for reasonable accommodations, CEF must be notified by December 31, 2020.

For questions, please contact CEF at challenge@chemed.org.