

2015 Tsunami Bowl: Summary of New Rules & Guidelines

- The Tsunami Bowl research paper should be more like a literature review than a description of an experimental science fair type project.
- Papers are to follow the American Psychological Association (APA) citation and format style, with the following exceptions:
 - Figures and tables may be included within the document, near the relevant text instead of being placed after the reference section.
 - Two title pages are required. See complete guidelines for specific instruction regarding title pages.
 - Headers are not required but, if used, should include only the title of the paper (no authors' names).
- Scoring rubrics for the research paper and oral presentation have been revised. The paper and oral presentation are now both worth a maximum of 100 points.
- Research papers have been reduced to a 15 page limit. Paper judges will disregard any pages beyond the 15-page paper limit.
- Plagiarism of any material from any source will result in a score of zero for the paper.
- Scores from the papers will be used to seed the divisions for the Round Robin quiz competition.
- At the end of the Round Robin tournament each team's quiz score is totaled and multiplied by a weighting factor in order to make the quiz score worth 60% of their seeding score. This is combined with their Research Project score which makes up 40% of the seeding score. The seeding scores are used to seed the Tsunami Bowl final championship and consolation brackets.
- A team that does not complete the research project is not eligible to advance to the championship bracket, regardless of their seeding score.
- A team's place after the final quiz matches are played will determine their final place in the overall standings of the Tsunami Bowl.