



MLAG CURRENT EVENTS Tournament Rules 2019-20

- CE1** The following version of CURRENT EVENTS is played at all levels.
- CE2** Players play in groups of three or four for purposes of scorekeeping. Scores of all players in a group are kept on a Score Sheet at the table. Each player has an individual answer/wager sheet.
- CE3** A total of 25-30 questions are played as follows:
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| Round 1 — | Lightning Round | 15-18 questions |
| Round 2 — | Wager Round | 10-12 questions |
- Questions are multiple-choice with four alternatives marked A,B,C or D. Only one of the four alternatives is correct as determined by reliable resources. Participants must use a non-erasable ink pen in recording all answers.
-  **CE4** **Current Events Questions** refer to the most recent year, January 1 through December 31 – 2019.
- CE5** Reference books are **NOT permitted at the table**. Questions are taken from current atlases, almanacs, *reliable* Internet-based sources, published reviews of the year and other major publications as well as the Information Please website. Question topics include: Business / Technology Advances, Criminals, Courts and Punishment, Entertainment, Disasters, Obituaries, International Politics, National Politics, Science, Space and Medicine, Sports, and Potpourri.
- CE6** During the Lightning Round, students will be asked questions with assigned values of 2,4, or 6 points. It will be in a multiple-choice format.
- CE7** During the Wager Round, a central reader announces a category. Each player begins the round with 0 points. Before each question is read aloud, each player writes a wager of 2, 4, or 6 on his/her wager/answer sheet based on the category the central reader announces. All wagers at a table are revealed simultaneously, then recorded on a common score sheet before the question is read.
- CE8** For both rounds of CURRENT EVENTS, the central reader reads aloud the question and the four alternative answers. The reader may read the question and alternatives twice and only twice. The question and choices are projected to the players via a central screen.
-  **CE9** While the question and alternative answers are being read aloud, players must put their pens down on the table. From the end of the second reading, each player has about 30 seconds to circle her/his answer on the wager/answer sheet. Students may pick up their non-erasable pen to make an answer only AFTER the second reading. Each player may circle one and only one answer per question. Marking out or changing an answer makes the answer automatically wrong.
- CE10** If a player is unsure of an answer or wishes not to answer on a question, he/she may **abstain** from answering during the Wager Round. To abstain, a player must NOT circle an answer choice (A-B-C-D), but circle ABS on the wager/answer sheet during the time allotted for answering. Each player may abstain no more than twice per round. If a player abstains on a question a third or more times, the player loses his/her wager for that question and receives the highest negative score (-3)
- CE11** Scoring for the Lightning Round:
Wagering is not permitted and there are NO abstentions during this round. The value of each questions (2,4 or 6 points) is announced by the central reader prior to the reading of the

questions. If the player's choice is correct, the assigned point value is awarded. If the player's choice is incorrect, then no points are awarded. Players cannot lose points for incorrect answers in the Lightning Round

CE12 Scoring for the Wager Round:

- a) If a player's answer agrees with the reader's, that player wins his/her wager (6,4, or 2)
- b) If a player's answer disagrees with the reader's, the player loses HALF of the wager. (-3,-2 or -1)
- c) If a player abstains, the player neither gains nor loses points, provided the player has not exceeded the abstention limit of two (see CE10).
- d) If a player is not at the table to answer a question, the player scores -4 for that question.

CE13 Play proceeds until all questions have been dealt with in a round. The ultimate winner in a Division is determined by the total number of points in both CURRENT EVENTS rounds.