

National Japan Bowl Code of Conduct

To provide a safe, secure environment for all its guests, The Japan-America Society of Washington DC requires that all Japan Bowl participants adhere to the National Japan Bowl Code of Conduct.

Adult chaperones and group leaders are responsible for enforcing this Code. These rules are not subject to interpretation, and each group is expected to follow them without exception or risk dismissal from the National Japan Bowl Competition.

Dress Code

- All participants are expected to dress in Business Attire with formal, close-toed shoes for the first day of the competition and in their official National Japan Bowl t-shirt on the second day of the competition. Team members who are not dressed appropriately may be asked to leave the competition room.
- No jeans, shorts, T-shirts (except for the official 2022 National Japan Bowl T-shirt), tank tops, caps, hats or head coverings (except for religious wear), athletic attire or sneakers, leggings, miniskirts, bare midriffs, or flip-flops are permitted during the competition (preliminary, conversation, and championship rounds).

Japan Bowl Lanyards

- All Japan Bowl participants are expected to wear their official Japan Bowl lanyards throughout the competition and their time at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Lanyards will be required to attend preliminary rounds, culture workshops, and other Japan Bowl networking events. Any participant without a lanyard may be denied entry to a round of the Japan Bowl competition.

Technology Use

- The use of any technology during competition rounds of the Japan Bowl competition is strictly prohibited. This includes but is not strictly limited to calculators, cell phones of any kind, laptops, electronic tablets, and watches of any kind. Students, chaperones, and observers are prohibited from photographing or otherwise documenting rounds of the competition, including the answer review. Any student that needs to use a laptop or other electronic device in order to compete must obtain written consent from the National Japan Bowl prior to the competition.

Cheating and Academic Dishonesty

- In order to ensure a fair competition environment, regardless of competition format (in-person or virtual), all Japan Bowl participants are prohibited from the use of any material that may give them an unfair advantage over any other participants during the competition. Students may not use textbooks, study guides, handwritten notes, online resources, cell phones, tablets, or smart watches during the preliminary, conversation or championship rounds. Students are of course encouraged to study outside of the competition rounds but sharing of answers with those outside of the competition or copying, screenshotting,

photographing, or recording any parts of the preliminary rounds of the competition is strictly prohibited.

Curfew

- In order to maintain a safe environment for our participants, the National Japan Bowl enforces a curfew policy for those students staying overnight. Students may not use common areas between 11 pm and 6 am during the days of the competition. Teachers and chaperones are within their rights to impose earlier curfews for their students, but the National Japan Bowl will never enforce a curfew other than this competition-wide curfew.

Alcohol and Controlled Substances

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is strictly prohibited while participating in the competition. Students found in violation of this policy during the competition may be dismissed from the competition. In addition, public intoxication of minors is illegal in the State of Maryland and is punishable by law.

Assault, Harassment, and Discrimination

- Any participant found to have assaulted or harassed a competitor, chaperone, observer, member of JASWDC staff, conference center guest, or member of the Marriott staff will be dismissed from the competition. Misconduct of any kind will be reported in accordance with Maryland State Laws and University of Maryland policy.

Covid-19 Guidelines

- All participants in the National Japan Bowl competition must submit a valid immunization record for COVID-19 prior to their arrival at the competition. Immunization records must be submitted in English and show completed immunization with a CDC approved vaccine. For more information on the accepted vaccines visit the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>. This includes family and friends, observers, and teachers who wish to attend the competition. Those wishing to apply for an exemption from this policy must email the National Japan Bowl at japanbowl@jaswdc.org.
- **All participants in the Japan Bowl competition will be expected to comply with Prince George's County and University of Maryland's official campus masking policies regardless of vaccination status.** You can find the most up to date information about the University of Maryland's COVID-19 policy for Visitors and Affiliates [here](#). All Japan Bowl participants should adhere to the University's current masking policy upon time of arrival at the competition and are responsible for checking this policy before arriving at the competition. Failure to adhere to health guidelines while at the competition may result in dismissal from the competition.

JASWDC has the sole right to determine, in its own judgment, whether any action requires disqualification. Students may be disqualified for violating any of the policies outlined in the National Japan Bowl Code of Conduct or any policies set forth by the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.