

The New National LifeSmarts Competition

A new competition format will be used at the upcoming National LifeSmarts Championship to be held in Miami Beach, FL, April 24-27, 2010. Here are the highlights:

Goals:

- Students compete more – all teams will compete 8 times
- NCL conducts an engaging competition that is academically rigorous
- Individual students are recognized for high achievement

The New Format:

- *Timed Online Competition*
 - Before arriving at nationals, teams will compete online in a timed competition
- *Team Written Competition*
 - Team members work together to answer 120 questions in one hour
- *Individual Topic Round Competition*
 - Team members work independently, with each team member taking a different LifeSmarts topic assessment
 - Students answer 120 questions in one hour
 - Recognition will be given to the top-scoring student in each topic area
- *Team Activity: Demonstrating Consumer Smarts*
 - Team members work together on an assigned task to demonstrate consumer knowledge
- *Live buzzer competitions*
 - All teams compete twice Sunday and twice Monday
 - Head-to-head matches consist of team-plus and challenge questions

Other Enhancements:

- Point totals are cumulative
 - Top 8 teams advance to the quarterfinals
 - Teams will be seeded
- Teams may challenge answers
 - Challenges are ruled on after a match ends
 - Results will be posted, and points awarded if necessary
- Multiple-choice questions are reserved for written assessments and will not be used in live competition
- \$500 scholarships awarded to the student scoring the highest in each topic area
- \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to members of the winning team
- Coaches will be nominated by their students for the LifeSmarts Coach of the Year award



2009 National Champions from Oconto, Wisconsin