

# The 6th Annual Pacific Northwest JAPAN BOWL

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES GUIDE

Japanese Language & Culture Competition for High School Students



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Japan Bowl started in 1992 by the Japan America Society of Washington, D.C. to make the study of Japan and the Japanese language both challenging and enjoyable. DC launched the National Japan Bowl, an annual competition that recognizes and encourages the nearly 50,000 high school students across the US who have chosen to study Japanese as their foreign language.

The purpose of the Japan Bowl is to recognize the students who have chosen Japanese as their foreign language and hope those will continue to study Japanese during their university years and to have a "Japan connection" in their adult lives, whether in business, academia, the arts, or public service, so they can become future leaders of the U.S. relationship with Japan.

**The 6th Annual Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Clark College, Vancouver, WA.**

Registration will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The competition will end by 5:30 pm. Cultural activities and team building activities are planned between the preliminary round and the championship round.

This guide describes the administrative procedures for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl, including eligibility requirements, application and registration procedures, and rules of conduct. It also includes a tentative schedule, which is subject to change.

Please read the entire guide carefully. In the months before the competition, there might be changes to the information contained in this guide. Participants will be informed promptly of any changes that are made.

Copies of this guide and all required Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl's entry forms are available for download from the Japan-America Society of Oregon's website, at <https://jaso.org/japan-bowl/>. Inquiries should be submitted in writing to Kaoru Miyanaga at [kmiyanaga@jaso.org](mailto:kmiyanaga@jaso.org).

The 6th Annual Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl is organized by The Japan-America Society of Oregon (JASO) and the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl Committee (PNWJBC). JASO and PNWJBC reserve the right to make the final decision on all matters related to the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl.

## PLANNING FOR JAPAN BOWL

The following information will help you plan and budget for the 6th Annual Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl.

**Arrival Time:** Registration will begin at 8:00am on Saturday, March 11, 2023 and will close at 9:00am. The competition and awards ceremony will end by 5:30pm.

**Fees:**

- There is a \$10 registration fee **per student**, which is non-refundable to help pay the cost of lunch, cultural activities, T-shirts and other expenses during the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl.

Note: To encourage students to participate in our Japan Bowl, we have limited the cost that is associated with the event. This may increase in 2023.

- PNJBC waives the fee **for one chaperone per school**. Any additional chaperone/teacher/family member/friend who wishes to join students at lunch, or participate in cultural activities, will be required to pay the registration fee of \$15.00. If lunch and participation in cultural activity are not desired, this registration fee will be waived. However, registration is still required.

A limited number of t-shirts may be available at the event for sale.

**Meal:** A lunch is included in the student registration fee. One lunch is included for one chaperone per school. Additional lunches can be requested with a fee of \$15 per person.

**Lodging:** Out-of-town participants may arrange their own lodging in Vancouver, WA. The special discounted rates will be available for Japan Bowl participants. For your stay, please contact: [SONESTA ES SUITES](#) VANCOUVER, WA 98662 When you make your reservation, please ask for Japan Bowl Rate: \$110 for the studio suite and \$120 for one-bedroom suite. All suites have a pull-out sofa sleeper. They have studios, one bedroom and two-bedroom suites. Which have 1, 2, and 3 beds. (please note this rate is available ONLY until January 31, 2023 or the hotel is sold out) – More information will be available soon

Schools may be eligible to receive financial support for the partial of lodging and transportation but it has not been finalized. For more information on financial support, please contact Kaoru Miyanaga at JASO, [kmiyanaga@jaso.org](mailto:kmiyanaga@jaso.org)

### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

TODAY

Registration is open

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| <input type="checkbox"/> January 13, 2023  | Deadline for Receipt of All Team Application Packages and payment at JASO Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> January 20, 2023  | Team Approval and Registration Confirmation                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February 10, 2023 | Deadline for Submitting Friends & Family Registration Forms                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February 10, 2023 | Deadline for Student Substitutions<br>Deadline for Chaperone Substitutions       |

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## **1.0 Participation in the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl - Who is Eligible?**

### **1.1 Levels**

The Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl is open to full-time students who are currently enrolled in Level II, Levels III and IV Japanese language classes at a high school in Oregon, Washington, Idaho or Montana, whether in regular or block schedule classes.

These levels correspond to the equivalent level of high school Japanese language study:

Level II Students enrolled in second year high school-level Japanese language study

Level III Students enrolled in third year high school-level Japanese language study

Level IV Students enrolled in fourth year high school-level Japanese language study or in AP Japanese

Please note that these levels are based on the course level, and not the number of years that a student has studied Japanese in high school. For example, a high school sophomore who began Japanese language study in elementary or junior high school might be studying with high school seniors in Level IV and therefore would be eligible for the Level IV team. However, that student could not participate as a member of a Level III team, because that is below his/her current level of study.

### **1.2 Team Formation**

a. Each school may send up to two teams at each level. (Level II, Level III and Level IV), this may change for the year 2024.

b. All team members must be formally studying Japanese at the same high school.

c. A team must consist of two or three students. One student is not a team. The Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl Committee strongly encourages schools to form a team of three students instead of two. *A Japanese kotowaza says, "Sannin yoreba, Monju no chie / Three people together have the wisdom of Monju."*

### **1.3 Student Eligibility Rules**

The following rules about Japanese language education and experience govern eligibility:

a. Students who are native speakers of Japanese or who use Japanese at home are not eligible to compete.

b. Students who have spent more than a total of three months in Japan on a study or home-stay program or who have had other significant exposure to the Japanese language outside the high school curriculum are not eligible to compete.

c. Participation is permitted at one level higher than the student's current high school level of Japanese studies, but is not permitted at any level lower than his/her current level.

d. If a student participates in the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl at one level higher than the one at which he/she is currently enrolled, that student will not be eligible to compete in a future Japan Bowl at the same or a lower level.

e. Students taking the AP Japanese Language and Culture course are eligible to compete in the 2023 competition at Level IV.

"PNW Japan Bowl will use the questionnaire to assess applicant's eligibility based on the applicant's immersion level. The criteria have been independently developed by PNW Japan Bowl. The National Japan Bowl (DC), however, has its own eligibility criteria and assessment process. The eligibility decision for the participants in the National Japan Bowl, therefore, may not coincide with that of NW Japan Bowl."

"Please note that edibility to the NW Japan Bowl, do not guarantee eligibility to the National Japan Bowl".

#### **1.4 Chaperones**

- There must be at least one adult chaperone per school who is 21 years of age or older. Usually the students' Japanese language teacher serves as the chaperone, but there is no requirement that the chaperone should be the teacher.
- Each team may have its own chaperone, or one adult may be the chaperone for both Level II, III and IV teams.
- Chaperones are responsible for the well-being of her/his students throughout the time that they are in Portland. They must be present with the students at Portland State University throughout the time of the competition.
- Chaperones should read and sign the terms of the Chaperone Agreement. (See Section 2.2 below.)
- At the time of registration, all chaperones will be asked to present a valid government-issued photo ID, such as driver's license or passport and will be asked to again sign the Chaperone Agreement in the presence of a Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl official.
- If a chaperone is not present at registration or any of the rules about chaperones are not followed, the team will not be able to participate in the competition.

## 2.0 Applying for the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl

### 2.1 Assembling Your Application Package

- As noted in Section 1.2, the PNWJBC will accept up to two team applications per level, per school.
- Please use a separate envelope for each team that is competing. Place all documents, payments, etc, within.
- All forms must be original. No copies, E-mail or faxes will be accepted. Please do not staple any forms. Please type in the forms provided, handwritten applications will not be accepted (except for signatures).
- All materials submitted to the PNWJBC become the property of JASO and will not be returned. PNJBC strongly urges applicants to make copies of all materials submitted.

### 2.2 What Goes In Each Team's Application Package?

A complete team application package must contain all of these items, assembled in the following order:

1. ***Student Agreement Forms***, one for each student on the team, with each form signed by the student and his/her parent or legal guardian.

2. ***Student Eligibility Questionnaires***, one for each student on the team. Each form must be signed by the student, his/her parent or legal guardian, and his/her Japanese teacher or advisor. Be sure to answer all questions; failure to do so will delay PNJBC approval. (See footnote below.)

+ Misrepresentations and/or other irregularities on an application form which become apparent at the time of registration or during the competition may result in the disqualification of the student and possibly his/her team members. Depending on the severity of the infringement, the PNWJBC may also prohibit the student(s) and possibly the entire team or school from participating in the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl at any Level in the following year(s). We therefore ask students, parents/guardians, and teachers to take an active role in the application process to ensure that there are no errors or misunderstandings. When in doubt, please contact the PNJBC by email at [kmiyanaga@jaso.org](mailto:kmiyanaga@jaso.org).

4. ***Chaperone Consent Forms***, in which the parent or guardian of each student gives permission for the Chaperone to accompany his/her child.

5. **Chaperone Agreement Form**, signed by the team's chaperone.

6. **Payment Cover Sheet, together with check(s) payable to "Japan-America Society of Oregon" for the application and registration fees.** There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee per student, and the \$15 fee per additional chaperone (please note that one chaperone per school does not need to pay a registration fee but still need to register). Please write your school name and level on the memo line of each check.

Note: To encourage students to participate, we try to accommodate and limit the cost that is associated with the event.

### **2.3 Submitting Your Application Package**

○ **Please double-check to make sure that all applications have been filled out completely and are signed.**

○ All application packages must be **received** (not postmarked) at PNJBC's office by 5 pm (PST) on Friday, January 13, 2023. Late applications will not be considered.

○ PNJBC recommends that you send entries by certified US mail, Fed Ex, UPS, etc. in order to track the package and have proof of delivery.

○ In order to save money on shipping by USPS, FedEx, UPS, etc. you may place separate team application envelopes inside one larger envelope. Be sure to indicate the school's name and address on the outside shipping envelope.

○ The JASO building is closed over the weekend, so the shipping label should indicate that delivery must take place during business hours, Monday-Friday.

○ Send the completed application packet to:

ATTN: Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl  
Japan-America Society of Oregon  
221 NW Second Ave, Suite 202  
Portland, OR 97209  
Telephone 503-552-8811

### **2.4 Team Approval and Registration Confirmation**

○ After receipt, PNJBC will screen all applications to determine each applicant's eligibility and ensure that all team packages are complete.

○ PNWJBC will send an email to the teacher or advisor whose team's application(s) are in question. All responses to PNWJBC questions must be made through email before Friday, January 13, 2023.



- PNWJBC will accept all qualified teams, provided space is still available in the competition rooms. Teams will be accepted in the order that they submitted their fully-completed application, until the competition room seating limits are reached.
- After screening, PNWJBC will notify teachers or advisors by email of their team's registration approval and confirmation.
- If you have not received the approval and confirmation email by January 20, 2023 please contact PNWJBC.
- DO NOT make any travel arrangements that cannot be refunded until you receive the confirmation notice from PNJBC.

## **2.5 Substitution of Students after Team Approval**

- After teams have been notified of their acceptance and registration, substitutions will be permitted only if a student becomes ill or there is some other valid reason.
- All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements. Therefore, the required application forms for the proposed substitute must be submitted to the PNJBC for review.
- The PNJBC decision whether to accept a substitute is final. If a substitution is not permitted, the team may compete with two students – but not with just one.
- Even if a student withdraws and is not replaced, PNJBC will not refund the registration fee. (in the situation where there is only one student left on the team).
- The PNJBC will not consider applications for student substitutions after Friday, February 10, 2023, except in extreme circumstances.

## **2.6 Substitution of Chaperone(s) after Team Approval**

- If the team's designated chaperone changes, a new Chaperone Agreement, signed by the new chaperone, and new Chaperone Consent Forms, signed by the parent/guardian of each student, must be submitted.
- The deadline for chaperone substitutions is Friday, February 10, 2023.

## **2.7 Information for Friends and Family Members**

- Family members and friends are invited to join the students at the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl. Family members and friends who wish to observe the Japan Bowl must submit a Friends and Family registration form, which is due Friday, February 10, 2023. All observers must be pre-registered. Unregistered guests and observers will not be allowed to enter the facility.

- Family members and friends also are welcome to join the students at lunch at PSU, participate in cultural activities, provided they submit a \$15 fee per person together with the "Friends and Family" registration form.
- Both the form and payment must be received by Friday, February 10, 2023. Please send us a check payable to "Japan-America Society of Oregon".
- Registration forms for Family members and friends will be sent via email once the team is approved and accepted to compete in the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl.

## **3.0 Registration**

### **3.1 Registration Procedures**

- Registration will be conducted from 8:00 to 9:00am on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Additional information and a guide on registration will be sent via email to the chaperone before the competition.
- Registration will be conducted by school, not by team. Therefore, all team members and chaperones from the same school must be present at the time of registration.
- The chaperone(s) must present a government-issued photo ID (such as a driver's license or passport) and re-sign the chaperone agreement form at the time of registration, in the presence of a PNWJBC official.
- Family members and Friends who have registered should also come to the registration desk between these hours to receive their meal tickets.

## 4.0 Rules of Conduct

### 4.1 Dress Code

All participants are expected to dress in an appropriate manner.

- Participants may wear their official Japan Bowl T-shirts during the competition.
- For boys, slacks and collared shirts are recommended. Shirts must be tucked in.
- For girls, dresses, skirts, blouses, and slacks are recommended.
- **Please note: No jeans, shorts, T-shirts (except for the official Japan Bowl T-shirt), tank tops, caps, hats or head coverings (except for religious wear), athletic attire or sneakers, miniskirts, bare midriffs, or flip-flops are permitted during the competition.**

### 4.2 Grounds for Disqualification

- Challenging or showing lack of respect to Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl officials, staff, or volunteers by either a student, teacher, or chaperone
- Inappropriate attire (see Section 4.1)
- Use of offensive language
- PNWJBC has the sole right to determine, in its own judgment, whether any action requires disqualification.
- Should one member of a two student team be disqualified, the team will be disqualified. (Outlined in Section 1.2, a team must consist of at least two students.)
- Misrepresentations and/or other irregularities on an application form which become apparent at the time of registration or during the competition also may result in the disqualification of the student and possibly his/her team members.
- Depending on the severity of the infringement, the PNJBC may also prohibit the student(s) and possibly the entire team or school from participating in the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl at any Level in the following year(s). We therefore ask students, parents/guardians, and teachers to encourage appropriate behavior, in order to ensure that there are no misunderstandings.

## 5.0 6th Annual Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl

### Draft Schedule for 2023

This is a draft schedule and is subject to change. It is provided early to assist you in planning your visit to the 2023 Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl. We will notify participants of any changes.

8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:20 am	Opening Ceremony
9:20 – 9:35 am	Break
9:35 – 10:20 am	First Round
10:20 – 10:35 am	Break
10:35 – 11:20 am	Second Round
11:20 – 12:10 pm	Lunch
12:10 – 1:15 pm	Japanese Cultural Entertainments/Activities (TBA)
1:15 – 1:25 pm	Championship Round — Rules
1:25 – 2:10 pm	Championship Round — Level II
2:20 – 3:15 pm	Championship Round — Level III
3:25 – 4:10 pm	Championship Round — Level IV
4:10 – 4:30 pm	Break
4:30 – 5:15 pm	Awards and Closing Ceremony

