



**U.S. NAVY &  
U.S. MARINES  
JROTC**



## **2011-2012 Navy and Marines JROTC Academic Bowl**

**Participate in this FREE Academic Competition and your team may win a chance to compete in the Academic Championship in Washington, DC! (Navy only)**

There are many benefits of participating in this free Academic Bowl including:

- Improve SAT/ACT scores
- Increase interest in college admissions
- Demonstrate academic strength of JROTC program
- Boost team and unit spirit

### **Dates of Competition**

**Oct. 3-17, 2011**

**Practice Round**

**Oct. 24, 2011**

**Registration begins**

**Nov. 1-15, 2011**

**Level I – The Challenge**

**Feb. 1-15, 2012**

**Level II – Zero Hour Threat**

**June 22-26, 2012**

**Navy JROTC Academic Championship  
and The JROTC Tri-Service Academic  
Bowl Championship (NJROTC units only)**

#### **NOTES:**

- All units may participate in the Practice Round and Level I.
- Teams with scores in the top 50% in Level I will participate in Level II.
- If your school is prone to winter storms and school closings, please do NOT wait until the last day to participate. Deadline extensions will be granted on a very limited basis.
- Details on Level III – The Navy JROTC Academic Championship are pending.



## Competition Website

**COF Contests** – To participate in the Practice Round and Levels I and II, go to [www.cofcontests.com](http://www.cofcontests.com).

## How to Assemble an Academic Team

- Academic Team = 4 primary members and 2 alternates
- No more than 2 juniors may participate on the primary team and 1 junior may be an alternate.
- NO seniors may participate.

Each JROTC unit will be allowed one team consisting of **four cadets** – they may be freshmen, sophomores or juniors – however, no more than 2 juniors may be on the primary team. Seniors may not be included on the team. Two alternates (no more than one junior alternate) may be named in case a team member must drop out before the end of the competition. The alternates may participate in the online testing; however, if selected to participate in the JROTC Academic Championship in Washington, DC (Navy JROTC teams), **only four team members will attend** (limited to two juniors total in final championship team traveling to Washington).

Instructors may assess each potential team member by grades, performance on the Practice Round, ability to work with a team and/or enthusiasm for the competition. The instructor has the final decision on the members of the team and may use the OPTIONAL Practice Round (Oct. 3 – 17, 2011) developed by the Foundation as a method of choosing team members. The Practice Round will consist of 25 questions similar to those questions in Level I and II, but is taken individually and not as a team. All cadets in the unit may take the Practice Round at an internet-accessible computer either in the classroom, at home, in the library or other location. The cadets should logon to [www.cofcontests.com](http://www.cofcontests.com), select Navy and Marines, answer the questions and print out their scores to turn into the instructor. It is up to each instructor to review the scores and determine members of the team.

## How to Prepare the Team

One of the main goals of the JROTC Academic Challenge is to prepare students for state exit/graduation exams as well as college entrance exams, such as the SAT and ACT. However, many JROTC instructors are understandably interested in measuring how well their cadets are learning the JROTC curriculum. Therefore, we will have a mix of JROTC curriculum as well as English, Math and Science in each level of the competition. We will also include a few questions about current events – focusing on national and international news, particularly international relations, politics, business and science. All



of the current events questions will be taken from major media available on television, the internet and in daily newspapers.

Level I – The Challenge will include 25% JROTC questions, 65% SAT/ACT-type questions and 10% current events questions.

Level II – Zero Hour Threat will include 15% JROTC questions, 75% SAT/ACT-type questions and 10% current events questions.

Level III – Zero Hour Threat will include 15% JROTC questions, 75% SAT/ACT-type questions and 10% current events questions.

We encourage all cadets, whether they are on the academic team or not, to prepare for the ACT, SAT and ASVAB tests by reviewing English, Science and Math coursework. There are several resources available, free-of-charge, to all students.

Websites to review include:

[www.cofcontests.com](http://www.cofcontests.com) – practice questions developed by the Foundation

[www.cofcontests.com](http://www.cofcontests.com) – online SAT and ACT guides

[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) – a free test prep website

[www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com) – a free test prep website

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) – a free website with math, history and science lessons

[www.foxnews.com/index.html](http://www.foxnews.com/index.html) - FOX News

[www.cnn.com/studentnews/](http://www.cnn.com/studentnews/) - CNN Student News

[www.npr.org/](http://www.npr.org/) - National Public Radio

[www.reuters.com/](http://www.reuters.com/) - Reuters

[www.usatoday.com/](http://www.usatoday.com/) - USA Today Newspaper

## How to Register the Team

Registration begins on **Monday, October 24, 2011** at [www.cofcontests.com](http://www.cofcontests.com). It will take approximately 15 minutes to answer a few required questions to register your team. The team must be registered prior to beginning Level I, so we suggest that each instructor register his or her team before the team is ready to participate in the first round. Registration will be open until the last day of Level I competition (Nov. 15), so an instructor could still register a team up until the last day of Level I competition. However, we strongly encourage all teams to register and participate before the last day of competition.

All teams will be competing against similar teams. We will categorize by demographics including socio-economic and geographic factors and place each team in a division. Navy and Marine teams will compete against each other (within their assigned divisions).

Please be prepared to answer the following questions when registering:



High School Name, Address, Phone Number  
Instructor Name, Email Address, Phone Number  
Cadet Names, Grade, Gender, GPA  
High School Demographics – Number of students, Number in Free Lunch Program,  
Athletic Category (ex. 3A, 8A), type of school (suburban, rural, private, public, etc.)

## How to Participate in Levels I and II (online)

1. The instructor or team captain should logon to [www.cofcontests.com](http://www.cofcontests.com)
2. Select the Service Branch (Navy and Marines)
3. Select Academic Bowl
4. If the team has not registered, click on Team Registration (see instructions above)
5. Select **Level I – The Challenge** (Nov. 1-15)
6. Enter your team password – your high school name should appear
7. Follow directions on that page and begin the competition
8. Level I will consist of approximately 75 questions and take approximately 1 hour to complete.

If your team advances to **Level II – Zero Hour Threat** (Feb. 1-15), you will follow the same procedure (using the same password). If you misplace your password, email Emily Donahue ([edonahue@collegeoptions.net](mailto:edonahue@collegeoptions.net)).

## The Navy JROTC Academic Championship and JROTC Tri-Service Academic Bowl (Navy JROTC units only)

Details Pending. Information will be posted on this website as soon as possible.



## Official Rules of the Competition

1. The designated contact should be a JROTC instructor with access to email. Most correspondence with teams is through email; therefore, it is essential that instructors check their email and respond as soon as possible. Foundation staff is also available by phone for questions or concerns. (1-888-576-8287 or [edonahue@collegeoptions.net](mailto:edonahue@collegeoptions.net))
2. Each JROTC unit will be allowed one team consisting of four cadets. There shall be no more than two juniors on the primary team – others may be freshmen or sophomores. Two alternates (no more than one junior alternate) may be named and may participate in the online portion of the competition. No seniors may participate in the Academic Bowl.
3. Level I - The Challenge and Level II - Zero Hour Threat are internet-based competitions. The team must have high speed (DSL, cable, t1, etc.) internet access (not via a dial-up connection).
4. The Challenge and Zero Hour Threat each require approximately one hour to complete. Once a team has logged in, there is no ability to stop and start over. The competition must be completed in one sitting.
5. No one is allowed in the room during the competition except for the 4 members of the team, 2 alternates and one instructor who will act as proctor for the test. Instructors may not assist the team with questions during the test.
6. No outside sources (dictionary, thesaurus, text book, newspaper, etc.) are allowed. Calculators, pens/pencils and scratch paper are permitted.
7. No communication about the competition with other JROTC teams or schools is allowed. Teams are not permitted to discuss the questions or design of the competition with anyone outside of the team members and instructors.
8. All scores will be sent to the Foundation's server automatically. If a team believes there has been an error in scoring, the team must contact the Foundation via phone or email within 12 hours of the completion of their participation (upon finishing the game). A written explanation of the problem will be required and should be sent via email ([edonahue@collegeoptions.net](mailto:edonahue@collegeoptions.net)).
9. If there is an electrical outage or other technical difficulty during the competition, the team must contact the Foundation via phone or email within 12 hours of the difficulty. A written explanation of the problem will be required and should be sent via email ([edonahue@collegeoptions.net](mailto:edonahue@collegeoptions.net)).
10. The JROTC Academic Challenge is relying on the adherence by all teams to the JROTC Code of Honor/Core Values. The Foundation expects that all team members and instructors will abide by all rules.
11. Finally, we believe the **No. 1 rule in this competition is.... Have Fun!** We hope you enjoy this challenge.