

Arts & Enrichment

To: Capital Region Area Middle School Principals

From: Annie Gersztoff, Program Manager
Scott Kroner, Academic Challenge Bowl Director

Re: Registration for the 2021-22 Academic Challenge Bowl program.

Date: September 13, 2021

Preparations are underway for the 2021-2022 season of Academic Challenge Bowl, or ACB. The program gives students with academic strengths in grades 6 through 8 the opportunity to compete in a quiz bowl-style academic team competition. ACB is considered an introductory level of the popular MasterMinds program, and is a strong, affordable complement to any established MasterMinds program.

This year we are returning to in-person play. Recognizing that COVID remains a concern, MasterMinds is taking steps to make its program as safe as possible. Therefore, until health officials deem it unnecessary, all participants, including players and coaches, will be required to wear a mask during matches. In addition, age-eligible students must be vaccinated to participate. If circumstances make in-person play impossible, we will pivot to remote play.

Program fees are: \$500 per team. Schools are responsible for their own transportation.

To participate in Academic Challenge Bowl this year, please complete and return your registration form to shelley.viola@neric.org no later than **Friday, October 29, 2021**.

Once registered, coaches can submit their Prescheduling Form: <https://bit.ly/2V58gW8>

The annual scheduling meeting for coaches, which sets the dates for competitions, will be held shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions about ACB, please contact Scott Kroner by phone at 585-473-0864 or by email at nyacb1@gmail.com. Visit www.nymasterminds.com/acb for more information.