

AHEPA Yankee District #7
HELLENIC HISTORY TOURNAMENT
2010 Competition Rules for Students

1. Introduction

The Hellenic History Tournament (HHT) is sponsored by the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association's (AHEPA) Yankee District #7, which encompasses Connecticut and Rhode Island. Its objective is to help achieve the first two of the five missions of AHEPA, namely, to promote Hellenism through education. It achieves this objective by identifying and rewarding those high school students who know the most about the 3500 year old history of the Hellenes.

The selection process takes the form of a simplified quiz show. Students compete in three-member teams, two teams at a time, in a sequence of matches known as a single-elimination, knockout, cup or sudden death tournament. For a given match, the team that accumulates the most points (by answering the most questions correctly) is declared the winner and moves on to compete with another winning team, while the losing team is eliminated. The teams are eventually whittled down to two, and the tournament culminates in a final match that determines the overall winners. Prospective participants are urged to watch a 7 minute video of the 2009 Tournament at the following link: <http://vimeo.com/8210497>

The tournament will take place if at least 30 students (i.e. ten teams) participate. Failure to attract at least 30 participants will result in the cancellation of the tournament.

2. Prizes

The first prize is a \$3,000 award to be divided equally among the three members of the team that wins the final match (\$1,000 per student). The second prize is a \$1,500 award shared by the three members of the team that loses the final match (\$500 per student). These prizes are meant to further the students' educational aspirations. There are no other prizes.

3. Student Eligibility

Any resident of Connecticut or Rhode Island attending secondary school grades 8-12 at the time of registration (see Student Registration below) is eligible to participate*. AHEPA family membership, Hellenic heritage or Greek Orthodox religious affiliation are NOT required. However, the written approval of a parent or guardian on the registration form (see Appendix #1) is required for eligibility.

- * Students from neighboring states who are associated with AHEPA Family chapters or Greek Orthodox Church communities based in Connecticut, Rhode Island, or Pittsfield, MA are also eligible.
- * Students who are in 12th grade in the spring of 2010 are eligible to participate, even though they will be college freshmen on the date of the competition (Fall 2010). The only limitation is whether they would be willing to make the trip from their college location to the tournament venue.
- * Students who are in 8th grade in the spring of 2010 are eligible to participate since they will be high school freshmen on the date of the competition.

4. Student Registration

Prospective participants who meet the eligibility requirements must register with the HHT Committee by mailing a completed registration form (see Appendix #1) along with a check for \$25 payable to AHEPA District 7, to Nicholas Nikas, HHT Committee Chair, 58 Benjamin St, Old Greenwich, CT 06870. This registration fee will contribute towards the cost of a copy of "Hellenika", a book by Peter Limber about the history of the Hellenes, which will be given to

each participant to help provide a basic knowledge of the subject and a bibliography for further reading.

- * If the student does NOT need a copy of the Hellenika book, the registration fee is \$10.
- * There is no commitment to limit the questions and answers only to items discussed in the Hellenika book. There is, however, an intention to base most of the questions on that book.

Before sending in the registration form, a student must:

1. Form and/or join a local three-member team and designate it on the registration form. Students who are not members of a three-member team should not register.
2. Secure the sponsorship of the nearest AHEPA chapter. Sponsorship is a chapter monetary contribution that must accompany every participating student and is the primary source of prize funds. The registration form contains a list of the District #7 chapters and provides the coordinates of the chapter HHT contacts. The sponsoring chapter and chapter contact must be indicated on the form.

Prospective participants whose registration form envelope is postmarked later than the registration deadline will not be accepted (see Dates below).

5. Competition Format

Students will compete in three-member teams. The competition structure will be a single-elimination tournament. This structure requires that the initial number of competing teams is equal to a power of 2 (i.e. 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, etc). The first round match ups (Team A vs. Team B) will be determined by lot. If the initial number of teams is not a power of 2, then, if at the beginning of a round the number of remaining teams is odd, the team with the highest cumulative score will be given a “bye” and will not have to compete in that round.

A match will consist of 24 questions. The teams will alternate going through a question cycle. Each question cycle will consist of the following stages (assume it is the turn of Team A):

1. Team A chooses a question category of those remaining (see Questions & Answers below).
2. The moderator asks a question from that category.
3. Team A attempts to answer the question. If Team A answers the question correctly, it gets a point, and the question cycle ends, with the initiative now going to Team B. If Team A does not answer the question or answers it incorrectly, it does not get a point, and Team B gets an opportunity to answer it and get a point. Whether Team B answers Team A's question or not, the question cycle ends, with the initiative now going to Team B.

This question cycle is repeated until a total of 24 questions have been asked. For a given match, the team that accumulates the most points (by answering the most questions correctly) is declared the winner. If, at the end of the 24 questions, the two teams are tied with the same number of points, additional questions will be asked until a clear winner emerges. The winning team moves on to compete with another winning team in the next round, while the losing team is eliminated. The teams are eventually whittled down to two, and the tournament culminates in a final match that determines the overall winning team.

6. Competition Questions & Answers

The questions and answers will be provided or certified by qualified specialists and will cover the full span of the history of the Hellenes, i.e. Greek speakers, beginning with the Mycenaeans and ending with the contemporary Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, and the Greek Diaspora. Greek mythology will NOT be covered, except as it might pertain to historical facts. All questions will be in the form of multiple-choice (4 choices).

A person providing questions and answers for this competition will be asked to certify that he/she does not have any family ties and has not divulged any questions and answers to any of the competitors.

Since the questions and answers will be provided by different people, it is very difficult to limit them to the contents of a single book, such as the "Hellenika" volume sent to each participating student. That book is meant to serve as a brief starting point for a life-long study of Hellenic history; students are urged to use its extensive bibliography for further reading.

To ensure that each match covers the complete 3500 year span of the history of the Hellenes, the questions will be separated into three groups of 8 questions according to their period:

1. Ancient: Mycenaean through Hellenistic (1500 BC to 30 BC)
2. Middle: Roman and Byzantine (29 BC to 1453 AD)
3. Modern: Ottoman and Modern (1454 AD to the present)

For questions and answers in groups 1 and 2 (through 1453 AD), the names of persons and places should be those that are standard in an English-speaking history course. Non-standard transliterations from the Greek should not be used. Examples: Athens is OK, Athinai is not; Socrates is OK, Sokratis is not; Pericles is OK, Periklis is not, Constantine is OK, Konstantinos is not; Theodosius is OK, Theodosios is not, etc. For questions in group 3 (1454 AD to the present), Modern Greek transliterations into English are preferred. Examples: Theodoros Kolokotronis is preferred to Theodore Colocotrones; Konstantinos Karamanlis is preferred to Constantine Caramanles, etc.

To increase the educational value of the questions and to help the contestants navigate through time, each question will be associated with a specific year (either exact or approximate) which will be displayed as part of the question text. This implies that the answers cannot be specific years.

7. Competition Date and Venue

The complete tournament will take place on a Saturday in the fall of 2010, at the facilities of St Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Rd, Orange, CT 06477. We are very grateful to the St Barbara community for making their superb facilities available to us free of charge.

8. Dates

Student Registration Form and Fee (\$25/\$10) to HHT Chair – Deadline	May 31, 2010
HHT Competition at St Barbara Greek Orthodox Church	November 20, 2010

Appendix #1: AHEPA Yankee District #7 2010 Hellenic History Tournament Student Registration Form

1. Personal Data

Student Name / Grade in May 2010 (8-12) _____ / _____
 Student Phone / E-mail _____ / _____
 Student Address / City / Zip _____ / _____ / _____
 Father's Name / E-mail _____ / _____
 Mother's Name / E-mail _____ / _____

2. Educational Data

School Name _____
 School Address _____
 School Phone / E-mail _____ / _____

3. Sponsorship Data

Sponsoring AHEPA Chapter City _____
 Chapter Contact / Agreement Received (yes / no) _____ / _____

*In 2010, sponsoring AHEPA chapter agreement is NECESSARY
 Do not submit unless you have agreement from the appropriate chapter contact (see below)!*

4. Team Data (must form local team of three students before submitting)

Team Name _____
 Other Two Team Members _____ / _____

5. Signatures

Registration fee enclosed: \$25 (need "Hellenika" book); \$10 (do not need book)

I certify that the above information is correct.

Student Signature / Date _____ / _____

Approving Parent Signature / Date _____ / _____

Mail completed form with \$25 or \$10 registration fee check payable to AHEPA District 7 by May 31, 2010, at the latest, to Nicholas Nikas, Chairman HHT Committee, 58 Benjamin St, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.

Attention Students: Please make sure you are sponsored by the AHEPA chapter closest to your home before sending in your registration form.

Chapter City	Name	Email	Phone	Address1	Address2
Bridgeport, CT	John Bochanis	atty_bochanis@sbcglobal.net	(203) 372-5134	74 Ridgevale Pl	Bridgeport, CT 06610
Danbury, CT	Plato Demos	pdemos4@comcast.net	(203) 744-0002	164 Lake Pl South	Danbury, CT 06810
Danielson, CT	NickD Gounaris	ndgounaris@yahoo.com	(860) 214-8208	1212 Middle Turnpike	Manchester, CT 06040
Hartford, CT	Emmanuel Moshovos	momosh@comcast.net	(860) 983-5656	65 Primrose Dr	East Hartford 06118-1312
New Britain, CT	Jack Isaac	jckisaac012@gmail.com	(860) 224-2183	15 Sylvan Rd	New Britain, CT 06053
New Haven, CT	George Scarveles	first.bus.invest@snet.net	(203) 281-5755	253 Beacon Rd	Bethany, Ct 06524
New London, CT	Demetrius Tasoulas	deteagle400@yahoo.com	(860) 608-7908	24 Lloyd Rd.	Waterford, CT 06385
Newport, RI	Basile Panoutsopoulos	basile.panoutsopoulos@verizon.net	(401) 848-6487	12 Connecticut Ave	Middletown, RI 02842
Norwalk, CT	Theologos Demetriades	no email	(203) 904-7182	122 Old Belden Hill Rd	Norwalk, CT 06850
Norwich, CT	George Grossomanides	georgeg715@hotmail.com	(401) 596-8415	19 Apache Dr E E	Westerly, RI 02891
Providence, RI	Lakis Andriotis	corfugolf@yahoo.com	(401) 451-1046	70 Summit Dr	Cranston, RI 02920
Stamford, CT	Nicholas Nikas	niketes@yahoo.com	(203) 554-5570	58 Benjamin St	Old Greenwich, CT 06870
Waterbury, CT	Paul Velezsis	pvel9@sbcglobal.net	(203) 753-5710	408 Lakeside Blvd, West	Waterbury, CT 06708