

# Written Test



***Note: The Boss of all things Quiz is the most recent USPC Quiz Rulebook and the USPC Quiz Newsletter. Rules occasionally change, so please, use the USPC Rulebook as the final say.***

The Written Test Phase is a written test with up to 25 questions suited to the competitor's rating level. (Regardless of age, a C1 takes a C1 test, whether 18, 15, or 8, age does not matter)

1. Show up
2. Take the test
3. Check your answers
4. Wait for end
5. Take the tie-breaker question
6. Wait for end
7. Listen for scores being posted
8. 30 minutes to review score
9. Sign test
10. Done

- ✓ This is an INDIVIDUAL phase. The score you receive is your individual score. The TEAM score is the top 3 scores added together. (on a 4 person team, the lowest score is dropped)
- ✓ All competitors will take the written test at the same time. But you will NOT be sitting with your teammates.
- ✓ Arrive at the test location 10 – 5 minutes early. Bring a pencil and eraser.

- ✓ Find your table and your test. (the table number will probably be listed in your rally packet, if not ask the official as you enter the room)
- ✓ You may sit down in front of your test paper but DO NOT turn over your test!! And do not sit down in front of someone else's test.
- ✓ If you can't find your table or test, raise your hand and ask an official for help.
- ✓ At the starting time, the Quiz official will welcome you and ask if there are any questions.
- ✓ If you have indicated that you need a reader or scribe, you will be excused with your reader and taken to a different location.
- ✓ Turn over your test sheet when told to do so by the official. If you turn it over before, you may be eliminated from the phase.
- ✓ Absolutely no talking during this phase.
- ✓ When you are finished review your answers.
- ✓ When all checked, turn it face down and wait. Or hold up your test and an official will collect it. YOU MAY NOT LEAVE UNTIL DISMISSED! Sit quietly. Do not talk to the other competitors, even if they too are done their test.
- ✓ When the official says "Stop", everyone must put down their pencils and turn their answer sheets face down.
- ✓ The tests will be collected
- ✓ There may be a tie breaker question. If so, this will be explained during the briefing.
- ✓ After all sheets have been collected you will be dismissed from the room. You may be dismissed by table, or division. Pay attention.
- ✓ Written test will be scored after you have left the room.
- ✓ After scores are posted you will have 30 minutes to review the score, answer key, and your answers.
  - Your scored tests will usually be in the same room and the scores.
  - Plan to review the scores together, as a team
  - If everything looks okay with your test, sign it.

- Any test unsigned after the 30 minute review period will forfeit their right to inquire or protest the score.
- ✓ Inquiries and Protests:
  - If there is any question about the score – only your team CAPTAIN may make this verbal inquiry. You may go with your captain, but the captain does all the talking. You are not allowed to argue with the officials!
  - During the 30 minutes review period:
    - Step 1 – Team CAPTAIN makes a verbal inquiry to the Written Test coordinator.
    - The Written Test coordinator will try to make a decision as quickly as possible, but the whole team will be sequestered during this time.
    - The team captain may choose to accept the coordinator’s decision and the tests will be signed and the team may leave.
    - Or, if the team does not agree with the coordinator, the team CAPTAIN may write up a ‘written protest’ using the captain’s forms in the Quiz rulebook.
    - The captain may request time to research the reference material while filling out the forms.
    - This written protest must be completed within 30 minutes of the coordinators original answer. All arguments and defenses must be written on the protest form; no other verbal information will be accepted.
    - The team will remain sequestered during this time.
    - Once the Written Protest is submitted the team will be released from sequester.
    - The Quiz Technical Delegate will review the protest form and announce their decision as soon as possible.
    - This decision can be accepted or the team CAPTAN may appeal to the Quiz Ground Jury. No new forms need be written, the written protest form will be presented to the Ground Jury for review.
    - The decision of the ground jury is final
    - If the ground jury finds that the protest is groundless or frivolous, the jury may assign penalty points to the team.

