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Cranial Cup Rules

The Questions and Answers have been purchased from the World Trivia Night, 3337 Wild Cherry Drive, Osgoode, ON. All questions have been thoroughly researched by Paul Paquet, of www.triviahalloffame.com and by an international panel of trivia experts.

- 1 The most important rule is to have fun.
- 2 The event consists of eight rounds of ten questions each.
- 3 Simply “X” out the number you believe to be correct on your answer sheet. You may also write the name of the answer in if you choose. If there is a discrepancy between name and number, the number will be taken as your answer. If more than one number is marked the name will be considered for your intention. The judges decision is final.
- 4 One of the eight rounds will be deemed to be the “Ultimate Round”. For an additional fee of \$50 your team will participate in a side bet on that round only. The Team that wins that round will win half of the “Ultimate Round” fees collected. All teams play that round, but only those that paid the extra fee will be eligible to win the extra prize money.
- 5 Teams can have a maximum of 8 players. Smaller teams are allowed but the registration fee remains the same per team. No spectators around your table. No substitutions.
- 6 The Team that answers the most questions correctly will be the over all winner. **If two or more teams are tied, then we will regress to the 7th round and to the team that was winning at that point. If still tied we will regress until the tie is broken.** It pays to get ahead and stay ahead.
- 7 In order to stay on time, a clock will be used for each round. Runners will pick up your answer sheet at the end of the time limit. If you finish early hold your answer sheet up to be taken by runners to the scoring tables.
- 8 It is your responsibility to see that your sheet has been collected on time.
- 9 No cell phones. No newspapers, magazines, books or printed matter of any kind. No palmtops, laptops, PDAs or electronic devices of any kind. If we catch you using anything like that, you’ll get zero points for that round. If you must make or receive a cell phone call, leave the floor area and approach the judge’s table. This rule will be vigorously enforced.
- 10 All questions are multiple choice unless specified otherwise where each answer requires either a number or a date or a specific name of somebody or something. We will not accept general descriptions. Adding explanations of your answer will only confuse the marker.
- 11 Use the most commonly used form of an answer. If we ask for the female lead in “When Harry Met Sally,” we will accept “Meg Ryan” or even “Ryan,” but not necessarily “Margaret Hyra” (her birth name).
- 12 A word of advice ... be economical with your answers and don’t show off. There’s no extra credit here. This being said, you must answer in enough detail so that similar answers are excluded. If we ask, “Which king of England had six wives?” we will not accept simply “Henry,” but would need “Henry VIII,” as there were many English kings named Henry. If, however, we ask, “Who was Canada’s last Conservative prime minister,” we would accept “Campbell” in addition to “Kim Campbell,” as no other Campbell is a reasonable possible answer.
- 13 There are no trick questions. That means we won’t accept any trick answers. The questions are written to point to one and only one answer, so pick the best possible answer to each question. Every question has an answer and there are no null answers. We will not entertain appeals based on split hairs or grammatical pedantry. Answers are based on the current mainstream understanding of the facts involved in the question.
- 14 We strongly recommend that you write neatly and in block letters. If the marker can’t read your answer, the marker won’t guess: it will be marked wrong. Spelling doesn’t necessarily count, but the closer you are to the correct spelling, the more likely we are to mark you correct.
- 15 Make sure you have one and only one clearly indicated answer, or you will be marked wrong. If you think there is a problem with the question that suggests two answers, choose one. Then appeal if you believe you have been marked wrong. See below.
- 16 Write your answers in Canadian English, unless instructed otherwise.
- 17 In all cases, the answers we have listed will be deemed correct, even if they are proved otherwise. At the judge’s sole discretion, other answers may be accepted.
- 18 If you feel your score is incorrect, or that an answer is incorrect, bring this to the judge’s attention, by way of an appeal, as soon as possible. Appeals cost \$10 if we decide against you, and that money goes to the cause. The judge’s decisions are absolutely final.
- 19 At the judge’s discretion, there may be a recount of a team’s total score. We are unlikely to do recounts if the results would not affect the distribution of prizes. Other than this, scores will not be changed once we announce the evening’s winners. Regardless of recounts or appeals, prized awarded for category rounds will not be redistributed once they are awarded.
- 20 Extemporaneous comments from the stage should **not** be considered “part” of the question. In the event that the question read aloud does not match the question on screen, the question on screen should be considered definitive, although the quizmaster may read the explanatory instructions not included on screen. In the event of technical difficulty, however, we may replace questions dealing with audio, video or images, in which case the read-aloud question is definitive.
- 21 In all cases, the judge’s decisions are absolutely final and binding on all parties. Acceptance of the judge’s authority is a condition for participating in Jr Laker’s Ultimate Trivia Tournament.
- 22 Back to rule #1, “The most important rule is to have fun”.