

Runner-Up Criteria & Application Form

Runner-up positions may be available in the National Tournament. Runner-up positions are only available to participants that pay participation fees, and will be filled **after** all the individual league champions have been randomly positioned in the National Tournament brackets. Runner-up positions are not available every year.

If runner-up positions are available in the National Tournament, they will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- 1) League size. If less than three runner-up positions are available, the largest leagues in the National Academic League® will fill them. If three or more positions are available, the largest leagues in the National Academic League® will fill one-third of the available runner-up positions. The number of teams participating in a local league derives this number.
- 2) Order of Submission. The Runner-Up Application will be considered according to the date they were submitted. The first date will begin at the beginning of the season.
- 3) Lottery. The teams that did not qualify with the above criteria will fill any remaining positions. A lottery will include all of the leagues that have submitted a Runner-Up Application but do not qualify by their league size or their order of submission.

Requirements

To qualify for a Runner-Up Position, the League Commissioner must agree to the following:

1. My League will be available to play on March the first week of March;
2. My League has 6 free days to play in the first 2 weeks of the tournament;
3. My League is willing to play back to back games (the next game may be on the next day);
4. The Runner-Up request is submitted on this approved form with a current Blackout Calendar.

Runner-Up Application

If your league wants to have a Runner-Up in the National Tournament, please detach and return this application to the National Office by January 15

1. League Name:
2. Number of schools participating in the NAL® during the current season:
3. The last year your league had a runner-up in the National Tournament:
4. Request submitted by: _____
5. I agree to the above-required qualifications, numbered 1-4.

Signature _____ Date: _____