

Minnesota
Service Cooperatives'
KNOWLEDGE BOWL™
Competition
State Meet



MINNESOTA SERVICE COOPERATIVES
KNOWLEDGE BOWL | SENIOR HIGH

Cragun's Conference Center
April 10 & 11, 2025

Sponsored by the Minnesota Service Cooperatives

“The key to a vital life is an eagerness to learn.”

Agenda

Thursday, April 10, 2025

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Registration and check-in by coach	<i>Poolside</i>
4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Begin Seating for Banquet Welcome and Introductions Banquet	<i>Lakeside Dining Room</i>
6:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Question Review for Readers and Judges	<i>Shore Room</i>
7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Meeting for Pocket Box Operators	<i>Maple</i>
7:15 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.	Instructions for Knowledge Bowl Teams and Team Coaches	<i>Pine Ballroom 1-4</i>
7:25 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Written Round for Teams	<i>Pine Ballroom 1-4</i>
7:25 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Coaches Social	<i>Cedar Ballroom 3</i>
8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Recreation Time at Tamarack Event Center and Pool	
9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Tacos	<i>Poolside</i>
11:30 p.m.	Curfew -- students in room for the night	

Friday, April 11, 2025

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	<i>Poolside</i>
	<i>*It would be helpful to pack your bags before the first oral round. **Remember to check out by 11:00 a.m. Luggage can be placed Poolside Upper Deck</i>	
8:30 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.	Oral Round 1	<i>See page 3 for room details</i>
9:20 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	Oral Round 2	
10:15 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Oral Round 3	

Friday, April 11, 2025

10:50 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	Brunch and poolside check-out	<i>Poolside</i>
11:00 a.m.	Check-out	<i>Poolside</i>
11:50 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	Oral Round 4	
12:35 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Oral Round 5	
1:15 p.m.	Tie Breaker (if necessary)	
1:25 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Awards Presentation	<i>Poolside</i>

Check scores online after each round at:

A Division	AA Division	AAA Division
www.tiny.cc/Ascores	www.tiny.cc/AAscores	www.tiny.cc/AAAscores
		
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Regional Knowledge Bowl Coordinators

Region 1 & 2, Northwest - *Sadie Miller/Mercedes Coan*

Region 3, Northeast - *Kijo Stallings*

Region 4, Lakes Country - *Monica Thompson*

Region 5, North Central - *Crysta Christensen*

Region 6 & 8, Southwest/West Central - *Gail Polejewski*

Region 7, Central - *Kelsey Harps*

Region 9, South Central - *Mary Hillman*

Region 10, Southeast - *Katie Hartman*

Region 11, Metro - *Madi Ericksen/Katie Wenzel*

State Knowledge Bowl Coordinator - *Monica Thompson*

State Knowledge Bowl Assistant - *Jolene King*

Readers, judges, and pocket box operators are assigned to the following rooms for Oral Round #1. Readers and judges will rotate rooms after subsequent oral rounds in the direction of the arrows. Pocket box operators will remain in their assigned rooms with their own equipment throughout the five rounds. **Please leave the scoring sheets in the room you are vacating!**

“A” Tier

Room Name	Ranking	Room	Reader	Judge	PB Operator	Pocket Box
Oak	1,2,3	1	Denise Lachinski	Betty Widmer Blace	Lola Lueth/ Addie Ringhofer	New Ulm
Maple	4,5,6	2	Mara Gust	Chris Hunter	Kira Stienhauer	Roseau
Canoe & Paddle	7,8,9	3	Dave Dettmann	Karen Hartke	Jed Tabaka	Marshall
South Dining	10,11,12	4	Michael Herbst	Josh Connor	Montgomery Whitaker	South St. Paul
Room 340	13,14,15	5	Allison Hackenmiller	Jenn Sletten	Sophia Clements	Chaska

“AA” Tier

Room Name	Ranking	Room	Reader	Judge	PB Operator	Pocket Box
Willow	1,2,3	1	Mary Hall	Angela McCormack	Soren Powers/ CJ Riehle-Merrill	Northfield
Spruce	4,5,6	2	Mary Doyscher	Carrie Beisel	Silas Klug	Owatonna
Birch	7,8,9	3	Jeff Iverson	Darin Walling	Ian Cooley	Cook County
Aspen	10,11,12	4	Isaak Anderson	Joanne Starke	Isabelle Miller	New Ulm
Main Dining	13,14,15	5	Anthony Sonnek	Casey Foertsch	Eli Thelen	Albany

“AAA” Tier

Room Name	Ranking	Room	Reader	Judge	PB Operator	Pocket Box
Pine Ballroom 2	1,2,3	1	Jim Doran	LeAnn Sattler	Eden Mendez	Esko
Pine Ballroom	4,5,6	2	Jennifer Janssen	Brian Olsen	Ramona Lurken-	Melrose
Pine Ballroom 4	7,8,9	3	Kristi Steen	Megan Syrstad	Jonny Harms	Park Christian
Cedar Ballroom 1	10,11,12	4	Meghan Peterson	Courtney Roatch	Lily Shafton	Sartell
Cedar Ballroom 2	13,14,15	5	Laura Gudmundson	Katherine Thoennes	Louis Simonette	St. Clair
Cedar Ballroom 4	16,17,18	6	Zach Boser	Joel McDonough	Cole Eckstein	Sleepy Eye

Minnesota Service Cooperatives' KNOWLEDGE BOWL

2025 Senior High State Competition

Heritage Spirit Awards

The reader, judge, and pocket box operator will meet briefly after each round to choose one team best representing a positive spirit according to the criteria found below. The reader, judge, and pocket box operator will reach a consensus and write reasons why the particular team was chosen during that round. These reasons must be specific.

It is the judge's responsibility to make sure that the selection process occurs after each round and the form is completed in each competition room. Immediately following the fifth oral round, the judge should deliver the voting form to the Directors Room (Room 221) Knowledge Bowl headquarters.

Criteria: The definition of team spirit:

“The qualities and conduct becoming to a champion competitor.”

Attitude toward all members of the team.

Attitude toward other teams.

Attitude toward readers/judges/pocket box operators.

Attitude toward the team advisors.

Attitude in winning/losing; accepting victory or defeat graciously.

In general, overall conduct.

THE TEAMS COMPETING IN THE 2025 STATE EVENT ARE:

“A” Schools

Aitkin
Ashby
Caledonia
Chatfield
Cook County
Crookston
Ely
Esko
Fosston
Houston
Nevis
Roseau
Sleepy Eye
St. Clair
Wheaton

“AA” Schools

Albany
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Glencoe-Silver-Lake
Glencoe-Silver-Lake
Litchfield
Marshall (Duluth)
Marshall (Duluth)
Melrose
Minnesota Valley Lutheran
Minnesota Valley Lutheran
Montevideo
Park Christian
Pequot Lakes
Pierz
Plainview-Elgin-Millville

“AAA” Schools

Bemidji
Benilde-St. Margaret's
Blaine
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose
Chaska
Duluth East
Edina
Fergus Falls
Marshall
Marshall
Marshall
Moorhead
New Ulm
Northfield
Northfield
Owatonna
Sartell-St. Stephen
South St. Paul

Knowledge Bowl Champions

In 1979, Lakes Country Service Cooperative purchased the rights to “Rural Knowledge Bowl”. The first year involved nine teams from that region.

Over the years, more Minnesota Service Cooperatives across the state joined, and the name was legally changed to Knowledge Bowl®. Once a statewide meet began, there were still several changes. A three tier system was implemented in 2023.

List of State Champions:

1982		Fergus Falls	2008	A	St. John’s Prep
1983		Fergus Falls	2008	AA	Eden Prairie
1984		Fergus Falls	2009	A	Loyola Catholic
1985		Fergus Falls	2009	AA	Chaska
1986		Little Falls	2010	A	Sebeka
1987		Duluth Cathedral	2010	AA	St. Anthony Village
1988		Moorhead	2011	A	Sebeka
1989		Northfield	2011	AA	St. Anthony Village
1990		Greenbush	2012	A	St. John’s Prep
1991		Bemidji	2012	AA	Chaska
1992		Chaska	2013	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
1993		Chaska	2013	AA	Spring Lake Park
1994		Moorhead	2014	A	St. John’s Prep
1995		Chaska	2014	AA	Buffalo
1996	A	Grygla	2015	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
1996	AA	Hibbing	2015	AA	Alexandria
1997	A	Morris	2016	A	St. John’s Prep
1997	AA	Chaska	2016	AA	Academy of Holy Angels
1998	A	Murray Co. Central	2017	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
1998	AA	Cretin-Derham Hall	2017	AA	Saint Thomas Academy
1999	A	Moose Lake	2018	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
1999	AA	Cretin-Derham Hall	2018	AA	Sartell St. Stephen
2000	A	Moose Lake	2019	A	MN Valley Lutheran
2000	AA	St. Cloud Tech	2019	AA	Prior Lake
2001	A	NRHEG	2020	A	
2001	AA	Hibbing	2020	AA	
2002	A	Cook	2021	A	St. John’s Prep
2002	AA	Saint Thomas Academy	2021	AA	Northfield
2003	A	Springfield	2022	A	Park Christian
2003	AA	Chaska	2022	AA	Buffalo
2004	A	Park Christian, Moorhead	2023	A	Parkers Prairie
2004	AA	St. Anthony Village	2023	AA	Melrose
2005	A	East Grand Forks	2023	AAA	Owatonna
2005	AA	Saint Thomas Academy	2024	A	MN New Country School
2006	A	St. John’s Prep	2024	AA	New Ulm
2006	AA	St. Anthony Village	2024	AAA	Edina
2007	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake			
2007	AA	St. Anthony Village			

Participants

REGION 1 & 2

Bemidji

Jason Koester, Coach
Alex Declusin
Dashed Hiller
Reed Johnson
Finn Jorgensen
Grant Mcdermott

Crookston

Katelyn Stegman, Coach
Ben Capistran
Maddie Harbott
Leah Johanneck
Xavier Mason
Tessa Weber

Fosston

Ron Berntson, Coach
Holly O'Shea, Coach
Avery Hruby
Lewis Johnson
Micah Malmanger
Levi Page
Caleb Richardson

Roseau

Carla Olsen, Coach
Wyatt Cummings
John Delaney
Megan Delaney
Ja'von Huston-Joyner
Tijah Menlove
Kira Stienhauer, PBO

OFFICIALS

Carrie Beisel
Mara Gust
LeAnn Sattler
Kristi Steen

REGION 3

Cook County

David Liechty, Coach
Ian Cooley
Redding Drews
August Kintop
Kadence Swader
Rafe Williams
Ian Cooley, PBO

Duluth East

Greg Jones, Coach
Colleen Knettel, Coach
August Capps
Kenna Huot
Ben Pilate
August Qson
Ben Thorson

Ely

Karl Kubiak, Coach
Madeline Olson, Coach
Kaiyo Grant
Aria Gregerson
Makenzi Huntington
Eddie Swapinski

Esko

Charlie Farrow, Coach
Kaiden High
Alex King
Eden Mendez
Liam Reeves
Nolan Thwaites
Eden Mendez, PBO

Marshall (Duluth) (Black)

Jessica Saxton, Coach
Oliver Edgette
Ailie King
Audrey Moeller
Saanvi Naveen

Marshall (Duluth) (Gold)

Jessica Saxton, Coach
Isaac Ballmer
Katherine Barlass
Luke Weis

OFFICIALS

Mary Hall
Angela McCormack
Joel McDonough
Betty Widmer Blace

REGION 4

Ashby

Tom Gronwold, Coach
Lukas Anderson
Reed Jensen
Jaylee Lohse
Emily Nelson
Kenneth Spielman

Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton

Morgan Patrow, Coach
Stacey Tobias, Coach
Isaiah Damico
Abby Joneshannon
Rylan Knutson
Isaac Olson
Caleb Otte

Fergus Falls

Amy Drake, Coach
Gus Krohn
Trygvie Ronnevik
Aaron Shern
Eric Swanson
Josiah Uggerud

Moorhead

Jeremy Blake, Coach
Chad Olson, Coach
Chris Carvell
Larkyn Kellen
Isaac LaVoi
Jinu Lee
Felix Wolfe

Park Christian

Matt Larson, Coach
Adam Biebighauser
John Biebighauser
Cora Buchholz
Micah Johnson
Hazel Striker
Jonny Harms, PBO

Wheaton

Jordon Roos, Coach
Braulio Chapa
Ernest Jibben
Kyle Kremer
Adam Smith

OFFICIALS

Casey Foertsch
Michael Herbst
Chris Hunter
Jenn Sletten

Participants

REGION 5

Aitkin

Jason May, Coach
Sean Smith, Coach
Tanner Koonce
Tolo May
Carsyn Miller
Aaron Morris
William Vogtlin

Nevis

Katie Buckholtz, Coach
Donna Hoffman, Coach
Annabelle Bolster
Dawson Comfer
Ella Marotte
Grace McNamee
Ellie Miller

Pequot Lakes

Jeff Beuer, Coach
Bre Thalín, Coach
John Christensen
Mason Jackson
Amias Kjonaas
Lake Rowland
Tyler Wallin

Pierz

Derrick Paulson, Coach
Guy Clemons-Virnig
Cooner Cummings
Hunter Jacobson
Julian Westmoreland

OFFICIALS

Isaak Anderson
Meghan Peterson
Megan Syrstad
Katherine Thoennes

REGION 6

Glencoe-Silver Lake (Purple)

Eric Anderson, Coach
Thomas Woosley, Coach
Sawyer Guerrero
Evan Marti
Luke Schmieg
Matthew Schmieg
Hayden Witthus

Glencoe-Silver Lake (Black)

Eric Anderson, Coach
Thomas Woosley, Coach
Lily Brelje
William Huepenbecker
Samantha Mattson
Micaiah Noling

Montevideo

Shawn Aker, Coach
Ashley Klaassen
Bergen Ludwig
Anya Olson
Elisabeth Philaya
Allie Soden

REGION 7

Albany

Al Amdahl, Coach
Jason Thelen, Coach
Allie Gourde
James Hanauska
Ryan Massmann
Eli Suchy
Brigit Wuolle
Eli Thelen, PBO

Buffalo-Hanover Montrose

Brandon Aldrich, Coach
Ryan McCallum, Coach
Kumail Akram
Dexter Huss
Daniel Jungwirth
Lucas Lawrence

Litchfield

Katie McGraw, Coach
Julie Rick, Coach
Xander Chvatal
Benjamin Johnson
Michael Kolp
Joshua Ostvig
William Pennertz

Melrose

Dave Hoyt, Coach
Bill Leraas, Coach
Malachi Piche
Lydia Prout
Derick Rademacher
Andrue Stalboerger
Eric Sundermann
Ramona Lurken-Turdik, PBO

Sartell-St. Stephen

Sage Heitz, Coach
Alex King, Coach
Yazaan Anjum
Andrew Hackenmueller
Michael Hommerding
Patrick Kapoor
Austin Miller
Lily Shafton, PBO

OFFICIALS

Zach Boser
Jim Doran
Courtney Roatch

REGION 8

Marshall (Black)

Vickie Radloff, Coach
Bessie Skalicky, Coach
Ethan Bly
Alex Buss
Ben Pafko
A.J. Runchey Smalley
Augie Sturrock

Marshall (Orange)

Vickie Radloff, Coach
Bessie Skalicky, Coach
Eli Boelter
Ryan Botsford
Carter Gehrke
Jack Gunn
Bri Runchey Smalley
Jed Tabaka, PBO

Marshall (White)

Vickie Radloff, Coach
Bessie Skalicky, Coach
Anna DeGroot
Riley Demuth
Taylor Freeburg
Mark Rabaey

OFFICIALS

Josh Connor
Mary Doyscher
Karen Hartke
Jeff Iverson

Participants

REGION 9

Minnesota Valley Lutheran (White)

Bradley Nehls, Coach
Joshua Carlovsky
Jamis Martens
Ezra Spike
Drew Witte

Minnesota Valley Lutheran (Blue)

Bradley Nehls, Coach
Felicity Johnson
Levi LaPlant
Henry Manthe
Claudia Weisensel

New Ulm

Rob Bute, Coach
Steve Foley, Coach
Henry Albrecht
Sophie Berger
Ben Groebner
Ryan Martinka
Cullen Slette
Lola Lueth, PBO
Isabelle Miller, PBO
Addie Ringhofer, PBO

Owatonna

Dan Saehler, Coach
Dean Smith, Coach
Abdullahi Dahir
Ayoub Farah
Asher Penn
Tyler Sheehan
Tanner Smith
Silas Klug, PBO

Sleepy Eye

Mindy Berkner, Coach
Alyssa Stevensen, Coach
Troy Vangsness, Coach
Paige Haala
Mateo Hornsby
Anna Johnson
Damian Sanche
Landon Wendinger
PBO: Cole Eckstein

St. Clair

Nicole Ruhland, Coach
Eli Bailey
Andrew Hurley
Gavin Sorbo
Conner Van Erdewyk
Louis Simonette, PBO

OFFICIALS

Jennifer Janssen
Anthony Sonnek
Joanne Starke

REGION 10

Caledonia

Dan Winkler, Coach
Noah Berger
Evelyn Doyle
Addie Fruechte
Sophie Lampert
Nadia Melde

Chatfield

Jessica Hanson, Coach
Parker Bush
Gavin Carr
Calvin DeBuhr
Hudson Lueck
Owen VanBuskirk

Houston

Ryan Gatzlaff, Coach
William Carlson
Casey Herek
John Lee
Donovan Lier
Owen Sobotta

Plainview-Elgin-Millville

Michael Heppner, Coach
Ricky Thedens, Coach
Jessica Aarsvold
Erik Dahl
Oscar Hess
Bianca Pinelli
Nolan Pfeilsticker

Northfield (Maroon)

Katie Casson, Coach
Ellen Mucha, Coach
Michelle Sonnega, Coach
Eden Coudron
Corrie Demas
Jenny Dietiker
William Flannery
Theodore Murphy
Soren Powers, PBO

Northfield (Gold)

Katie Casson, Coach
Ellen Mucha, Coach
Michelle Sonnega, Coach
Andy Elliott
Audrey Hinman
Annika Reister
Danica Sorem
Stiva Thorstensson
CJ Riehle-Merrill, PBO

OFFICIALS

Dave Dettmann
Laura Gudmundson
Darin Walling

REGION 11

Benilde-St. Margaret's

Matt McMerty-Brummer, Coach
Dan Murray, Coach
Austin Cronk
Leo Kangas
Jonathan McMerty-Brummer
Luke Sauer
Jonah Vroman

Blaine

Adam Banse, Coach
Hannah Chastain, Coach
Erick Day
Jacob Elson
Kieran Hobot
Chase Olson
Garrett Pierpont

Chaska

Chris Lenius, Coach
Gretchen Opprieht, Coach
Allison Diminnie
Austin Henderson
Luke Johnson
Evan Raukar
Victoria Wirtz
Sophia Clements, PBO

Edina

Funmi Banjoko Coach
Evan Ward, Coach
Jo Adams
Jack O'Brien
Beckett Pursey
Aidan Sneller
Megan Zavادل

South St. Paul

Conrad Anderson, Coach
Reiss Cahn
Leighton Gossman
Jamison Hammond
Logan LaMotte
Cooper Meyer
Montgomery Whitaker, PBO

OFFICIALS

Allison Hackenmiller
Denise Lachinski
Brian Olsen