Buzzer Questions Template

Buzzer Question Writing Reminders:

1. All multiple choice questions are tossups

2. All short answer questions are bonuses

3. Capitalize the words *NOT* and *EXCEPT* when used

4. Don't use quotes

5. No blanks (e.g. The cat in the _____)

6. No true or false questions

7. Always ask as a question (e.g. Correct- What is the capital of the U.S.? Incorrect- The capital of the U.S. is:)

8. Use [brackets] for pronunciation guidance

9. References are required. Please provide a citation or a URL for the topics/data/concept used in preparation of the question. The NOSB National Office is requiring references for ALL buzzer and TCQ questions. Questions which are missing references will NOT be accepted. This will help ensure the questions are correct and of high quality and can be revised appropriately for use. Questions based on Wikipedia information will NOT be accepted. This citation/URL information is also crucial for the individuals reviewing the questions in the Technical Advisory Panels and at the regional and national levels prior to competitions.

10. All final buzzer questions must be submitted via the NOSB question database, use the templates on the following pages only to help you draft your questions

Template for Multiple Choice

Question Type: Tossup
Question Format: Multiple Choice
Category: (Enter either Biology, Chemistry, Physical, Geology, Marine Policy, Technology, or Social Sciences)

Question:

Answer W:

Answer X:

Answer Y:

Answer Z:

Correct Answer: (Include letter and actual answer)

Reference:

Template for Short Answer

Question Type: Bonus
Question Format: Short Answer
Category: (Enter either Biology, Chemistry, Physical, Geology, Marine Policy, Technology, or Social Sciences)

Question:

Correct Answer*:* (Please make as simple as possible for moderator and science judge)

Reference: