

Proposed rules change (by Roger Springthorpe)

My proposal for a small change in which the quizzes are conducted is that for rounds 1 and 2 and rounds 5 and 6 the subjects for the questions be presented to the teams before any questions are asked. This would prevent teams from being forced to attempt answering questions on subjects of which they have neither knowledge nor interest to a degree and would give them a higher level of enjoyment while possibly making the quizzes more enjoyable.

In the case of the individual rounds as now the person sitting on the opposite team would take first chance of the bonus should the opportunity present itself. Any other way would be too complicated and time consuming.

As now the team starting the quiz would have first choice of subject and then choices would alternate and in the second half of the quiz the team starting the second half would have first choice.

I see no reason why changing the rules in this way would affect diversity since the players would have to answer the questions they were given, there would be no set subjects. Indeed looking at it this method may increase diversity since a question setter would have to look more closely at the variety of subjects he has set.

One practise that may need to be changed is only writing eight individual questions per round with a beer round being specially written.

I feel too there might be a little added interest since teams would have to consider who answers what themselves and what they might try and leave the opposition. Another thought regarding individual rounds is who sits where. Do you sit your best players first where they would have most choice or last when they will virtually have to answer, as now, what they are given.

Summing up I feel this change would help cut down the old gripes of "I knew everybody's but my own," and "We didn't deserve to lose. We picked bad numbers."