

Knowledge Bowl : Nuts and Bolts  
SBC Coaching Clinic  
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Intro

#### Foundations of a Knowledge Bowl program

1. Goals and expectations
  - a. yours, your students, your school
2. Recruiting
  - a. MS/JH program
  - b. test scores and colleagues
  - c. in-school tournaments
  - d. raise the profile – PR in school and out; display boards; trophy case
  - e. “tryouts” – good or bad? to cut or not to cut?
3. Team chemistry
  - a. commitment levels – who comes to practice?
  - b. complimentary pieces to the puzzle – subject strengths
  - c. speed and poise
  - d. play nice together/respectful
  - e. leadership
4. Practice
  - a. set a predictable, regular schedule
  - b. use the appropriate equipment, rules, questions
  - c. study aids
  - d. coach them on nuances “nuances”
5. Competition – nothing beats experience
  - a. metro – SBC program; metro invitationals; host your own
  - b. roadtrips – outstate tournies – team building
6. Communication
  - a. email
  - b. letters home
  - c. parent party and parent help
  - d. web page
7. Rewards
  - a. recognition – in school, in community
  - b. team experience/bonding
  - c. carrots – special outings
  - d. lettering status