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Are You NCT Ready?

It's Time to Step Up Your Game

With the new HCASC format and players in contention to be named to your NCT team, we have updated the HCASC Game Play Database. The latest version corrects various bugs and provides you with 3 new games to assist you in selecting your NCT team. To qualify for the NCT, you MUST install and use the games in this update.

First, you need to back-up your data:

1. From your existing Game Play Database (the computer with your player list), click the "Export Data" icon on the main screen. This will create an ExportData.mdb file in the C:\HCASC folder.
2. Attach that file to an email addressed to staff@hcasc.com. Use HBCU name + Export File as the subject line (e.g. Oakwood Export File).
3. When we receive and verify your file we will email the sender (or others you specify in that email) the download authorization for the new database complete with re-install instructions.

YOU MUST HAVE A DEDICATED LAPTOP AND A 15" OR LARGER MONITOR TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED. You will need exclusive control of this equipment through your departure for the NCT. Following the instructions supplied in the download file, install the new database to that "dedicated" laptop and re-import your player list and other data. If you need help, please use our Live Help link at hcasc.com or sign up for one of the [Database Upgrade and Install Lab webinars](#).

When you open the new version of the database on the laptop (with a 2nd monitor attached) you will see that there are 3 new games (#13-15). To validate that you have installed the current database and to give both you and us feedback you must run at least 1 game with the planned or possible members of your NCT Team using **only game 15** :

- If you **have already selected your NCT team**, as there are 4 members, we recommend splitting them, 2 on team left and 2 on team right, augmenting each team with 1 player whom you have "in reserve." That will leave you 2 new games to use in training.
- If you **have not yet made your selection for the NCT Team**, you should play games 13-14 with all the "contenders" (that's 12 player slots).
- When you play matches, be certain that the players' names are correctly indicated and that they ALL appear on the Player List you submitted during NCT Part 1 qualification. If you have new players, they must take a Power Search. After entering them in the Game Play Database (with their Power Search #, date, score and other information), [re-submit your Player List](#).
- After running the required game, complete our training questionnaire and upload your scoresheet and stats (by January 23, 2012).

Check your
Qualification
Status



Part II Qualification Requirements – Deadline 1/27/12

NEW! Game 15 Scoresheet
and Stats

Community Service Project
Online Report Submission

Liability & Copyright
Acknowledgement Form

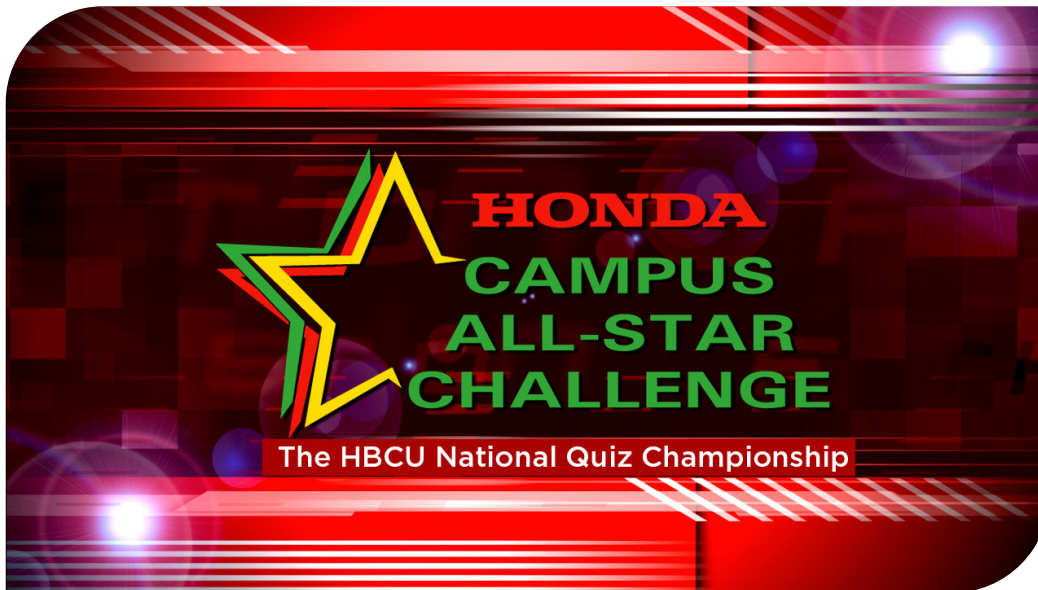
Institutional Eligibility Form

Team Registration Form

Participant Registration Form &
photo submission

For additional information,
Please visit

<http://www.hcasc.com/nct/qualification2.asp>



Webinars and Webcasts Help to Navigate Change

During the month of January, webinars will be offered to help you with the NCT process and training of your teams. Each of the webinars is offered at multiple times on different dates so that you can attend the webinars at a time that is convenient. Following are the descriptions and schedules for the webinars.

Database Upgrade and Install Lab

Session provides guided installation of the database upgrade (including) sending your current data to HCASC Headquarters. The laptop you will be using for the Spring semester is required. IT personnel attendance encouraged if you need install permission. ***To insure individualized instruction, there is a maximum enrollment of six people per session.***

Dates & Times (all times are Eastern):

Jan 11 – 11 AM; Jan 12 – 6 PM; Jan. 17 – 11 AM & 6 PM;
Jan 18 – 11 AM & 6 PM; Jan. 19 – 6 PM

NCT Part II Qualification Requirements

Be in the know on everything that is required and how to submit your team registration, participant registrations, and community service project. Submission of a scoresheet for a match with your NCT team against others is a new requirement!

Dates & Times (all times are Eastern):

Jan. 10 – 12 Noon and Jan. 11 – 6 PM

Training and Playing to Win

Learn key tips helpful to prepare to compete. The game format and rules, questions and how to play the various types will be explained. Tips for training the team on the format and increasing their knowledge base will be featured.

Dates and Times (all times are Eastern):

Jan. 23 – 3 PM & 6 PM; Jan. 24 – 12 Noon; Jan. 25 – 6 PM;
Jan. 26 – 6 PM (More sessions scheduled for February)

More sessions for each of these webinars may be added to meet the demand. To sign up for a session and find a complete and updated schedule, go to <http://www.hcasc.com/webinarsched.asp>

Many of the webinars offered this year are also available as webcasts, so that you can watch one to refresh your memory or give yourself a self-guided session. New webcasts will be added as they become available throughout the year. A complete listing, including the videos and downloadable copies of the power point presentations used in the webinars, is located at: <http://www.hcasc.com/webcasts/trainingwebcasts.asp>

If you need assistance call the HCASC office or email us at staff@hcasc.com.

Sign up today to help step up YOUR game!

Presidents Day Weekend Gain Gameplay Experience at a Pre-NCT Tournament

All 2012 Pre-NCTs will be held Presidents Weekend (February 18 – 19) and will provide vital gameplay experience to all teams preparing for the National Championship Tournament. The games played will be new material that is a step up from the campus program difficulty. Additionally, all games will be played with the same new lockout systems that will be used at the NCT in Los Angeles.

All Pre-NCTs will be one-day tournaments. The schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Alabama State Univ.
Fayetteville State Univ.
Morgan State Univ.
Morris College
Prairie View A&M Univ.
Tennessee State Univ.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Oakwood Univ.

There are a few important deadlines relating to these Pre-NCTs. The Early Registration deadline is **Sunday, January 15**. Registration has been centralized this year and is being facilitated on the HCASC website. You can

click the link below to go directly to the registration part of the website (<http://www.hcasc.com/prenctregis.asp>.) The tournament fee must be paid directly to the tournament host by that same date. Payment and contact information is available on the registration web page.

By **Friday, January 20**, you must complete Part 2 of the Pre-NCT registration process, which includes submitting all of your final player information.

Due to space constraints, each institution will initially be limited to one team in the Pre-NCT. The final registration deadline is **Wednesday, February 1**. If there is space available after this deadline, schools will be permitted to enter a "B" team into an individual site.

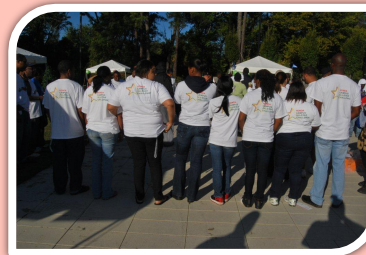
Questions concerning the registration process should be sent to staff@hcasc.com or by calling the HCASC office at 800-388-2272 from 9 AM – 5 PM PACIFIC time.

Questions concerning the tournament schedule, housing, meals or other logistics should be addressed to the specific tournament host. Each tournament host's information is available on the tournament registration web page.

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Community Service Project – Due 1/27/12

Community Service is an important part of the qualification process for the HCASC NCT. This season the focus is on mentoring and training high school, middle school and elementary school students, plus those in worthwhile education-related programs such as Head Start. Each HBCU is required to perform just fifty hours of service in the field of education. Enlist your entire campus – students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators – to help fulfill your requirement. * Join with a school or other 501(c)(3) non-profit education-related partner organization to work on an existing project or create a project of your own. * Recruit 10, 20, 50 or 100 players, students, game officials, staff and alumni to participate. * Perform fifty or more hours of service (including planning, recruiting, actual service and reporting) representing HCASC with branded attire, merchandise, posters, etc. * Document your project with photos. * Submit report and upload pictures and other documentation all online at

<http://www.hcasc.com/login.asp?AreaToGoToAfterLogin=CommunityService>



23 years of Honda Campus All-Star Challenge have made a difference
More than 75,000 HBCU students at over 80 institutions have participated in HCASC

2012 HCASC Internships create new Learning Opportunities



Three new internships have been established in the HCASC Office to give additional students opportunities within the HCASC program. The interns will work in one of three areas.

An event management intern will work with the HCASC staff and volunteers to plan and run the HCASC NCT. This internship includes experience in the areas of travel, accommodations, food and beverage, tournament management, activity planning and execution and post-event evaluation and reporting.

The video production intern will work in all aspects of video and live event production including story board creation, scripting, camera blocking, audio and video recording, editing and final publication.

Editorial includes writing, researching, reading and reviewing questions for the HCASC NCT. The editorial intern will also be involved in the creation of pronunciation keys and fact checking.

These new internships will expand the involvement of HCASC into the academic experiences of more HBCU students.

Students must be enrolled for the Spring Semester (or Winter Quarter) at an institution enrolled in the 2012 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge & be in good standing with the College/University.

For additional information or to apply, please visit:

<http://www.hcasc.com/internships.asp>

Share your experience

Help tell the HCASC Story

For 23 years, HCASC has been a part of improving the student life experience on HBCU campuses across the country. Now we are asking you to get in the game by sharing your institution's usage of the HCASC grants or by sharing how participation in HCASC has helped your students, academically, personally and professionally.

The objectives of the grants from Honda are:

- To upgrade and retrofit the physical campus including its classroom buildings, dormitories, recreation and educational facilities and structures.
- To upgrade and retrofit institutional resources

including libraries, archives and special collections.

- To provide for institutional research to expand students' knowledge and to improve the quality of their lives.

Examples of grant use include the establishment of an Institutional Capital Campaign, a Presidential Scholarship Fund, the purchase of equipment for student computer center, the purchase of books or subscriptions for the library and subscriptions for students.

Do you have a story that shows how HCASC has made a difference on your campus? If so, please send it to lillian@hcasc.com. Help us tell the HCASC story.



The HBCU National Quiz Championship

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