

JBQ Levels in Illinois

A level – advanced

- ✚ *Purpose:* to develop lifelong disciplines and skills while competing at the highest level
- ✚ *Age:* any quizzers enrolled in 1st thru 6th grades in September of the quiz year
- ✚ *Experience:* open to quizzers of any experience level
- ✚ *Note:* A level should be the goal of every quizzers. The other levels of quizzing are preparation for the A level.

B level – intermediate

- ✚ *Purpose:* to perfect material not mastered on C level
to learn new material not covered on C level
to bridge the gap between A level and C level
- ✚ *Age:* quizzers enrolled in 1st thru 6th grades in September of the quiz year
- ✚ *Experience:* quizzers with only one full year or less of JBQ experience
- ✚ *Note:* some older children might be ready for the B level in their first year of JBQ; or they might be ready to move directly from the C level to the A level.

C level – beginner

- ✚ *Purpose:* to introduce children to JBQ
- ✚ *Age:* quizzers enrolled in 1st thru 6th grades in September of the quiz year
any quizzers younger than the 1st grade must receive approval to quiz
- ✚ *Experience:* quizzers with no experience in JBQ
- ✚ *Note:* C level is the foundation for all children in JBQ; therefore the focus should be on the process of learning and having fun rather than on the results of the quizzing.

The lower levels (B & C) should never be used to “shield” quizzers from the rigors of advancing to the next level. Each child should be encouraged to do their best, should strive to compete at each level, and should be praised for the job they do.

The “Novice Rule” is available for children in Illinois. This allows quizzers who have earned fewer than 200 points in a league year to remain on that level the following year. This rule is not intended to be used with every child who does not attain 200 points. Do what is best for each of the children when deciding where they will quiz. This does not necessarily mean placing them where they will score the most points, but rather where that child will be edified the most.