

PEER-LED TEAM LEARNING LEADER TRAINING

Game Day Competition

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Introduction

Game Day uses a Game Show format to foster competitive spirit. Game Day provides an event in an academic setting akin to a sports game competition for students involved in intramural or varsity sports. Playing in sports engenders drive and enjoyment, team spirit, and a sense of community; it gets students to work very hard for the goal of 'being the best that you can be' without demeaning the opponents. This is exactly the spirit we hope for in academics.

Game day would be a culminating event, possibly on a Saturday and close to final exam week or on a day towards the end of the semester. Throughout the semester student teams in Workshop will play a variety of games to earn the honor of being the Workshop representative (or representatives) at Game Day. Playing different games in Workshop during the semester will allow students to learn the rules of the games and become comfortable playing the games. On Game Day, representative Teams from all workshops will compete against each other. Perhaps a clever person can figure out how to provide motivation for other members of each workshop to participate in a supporting role to make this into more of a 'spectator' event.

How to Play

- Two teams will begin the competition playing against one another.
- Team members will not know which game they will be playing or what problem they will be solving, only that the problems will be specific to the content in the course they are taking.
- The team that solves the problem first wins that round of the game, scores points and moves on to the next round.
- The team that loses the game will be replaced by another team from the audience.
- Then a new problem and possibly a new game will be selected for the next round.
- New teams will continue to compete until some predetermined time has elapsed.
- To prevent one team continuing to play the entire time, there may be Game Periods at which point both teams would be replaced so that more teams compete.

Game day will allow students to review material from the whole semester which can help prepare them for their final exam.

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