# NATIONAL JAPAN BOWL CODE OF CONDUCT

To provide a safe, secure environment and a fair competition for all its guests, the Japan-America Society of Washington DC (JASWDC) requires all National Japan Bowl (NJB) participants to adhere to the National Japan Bowl Code of Conduct. Adult chaperones and group leaders are responsible for enforcing this Code.

**Dress Code**

- Business attire* for both days of the competition
- Students must wear their NJB t-shirt** on the second day of the competition

*No jeans, shorts, athletic wear, flip-flops, caps, etc. (religious head coverings are permitted)

**NJB t-shirts are provided to each registered participant and distributed at event check in on the first day of the competition.

**Japan Bowl Lanyards**

- All participants (students, teachers, observers) will be required to wear their Japan Bowl lanyard throughout the NJB and for entry into all competition rounds and NJB-sponsored events. Those without lanyards may be denied entry. Lanyards are provided at event check in on the first day of the competition.

**Technology Use**

- All technology use is strictly prohibited during NJB competition rounds, including but not limited to calculators, cell phones, laptops, tablets, and electronic watches. Students requiring electronic devices to compete must obtain prior written consent from the NJB.
- No photographing, recording, or otherwise documenting competitions and answer reviews.

**Cheating and Academic Dishonesty**

- Competition participants may not use any material that may give them an unfair advantage over other participants during the competition, including textbooks, study guides, notes, etc.
- No copying, screen-shotting, photographing, recording, reproducing, distributing, or sharing competition questions or answers in any form at any time.

**Curfew**

- Teachers and chaperones may set curfews for their own students on their own authority.

**Alcohol and Controlled Substances**

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is strictly prohibited at the NJB and is grounds for dismissal from the competition. In addition, public intoxication of minors is illegal in the District of Columbia (DC) and is punishable by law.

**Assault, Harassment, and Discrimination**

- Any NJB participant found to have assaulted or harassed a competitor, chaperone, observer, venue guest, or staff member of JASWDC, the hotel, or the venue will be dismissed from the competition and will be reported in accordance with District of Columbia Laws and venue or hotel policy.

**Covid-19 Guidelines**

- All NJB participants must comply with the District of Columbia's and venue's health policies. Participants are responsible for checking the venue's COVID-19 policy (https://covidinfo.jhu.edu/) before arriving at the competition. Failure to adhere to health guidelines while at the competition may result in dismissal from the competition.

Any participant and their team(s) may be disqualified for violating any policies outlined in the NJB Code of Conduct or any policies set forth by the hotel and the competition venue. **JASWDC has the sole right to determine whether any action requires disqualification.**

By affixing your signature below, you recognize that a violation of any of the rules as laid out in the National Japan Bowl Competition Guide, the Honesty Pledge, or in this Code of Conduct, may result in you and/or your team's disqualification and forfeiture of any awards or recognition to be made at the discretion of The Japan-America Society of Washington DC.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____