

2015-2016 Varsity Competition Outline

10 Easy Steps to Compete in LifeSmarts

- 1. The LifeSmarts Varsity level program is really a competition among students grades 9-12.
- 2. Teams are formed by one adult coach and at least four high school level students. Teams are allowed and encouraged to have a fifth team member as an alternate.
- 3. Sign up for FREE online at <u>www.lifesmarts.org</u>. A coach must register first before adding teams and students under him/her. See Steps to Register handout for details.
- 4. Resources are available on the LifeSmarts website, by searching the Internet, at your local library and general curriculum learned in school.
- 5. Preparation workshops are offered by our Office to help prepare for the online quizzes.
- 6. Teams will compete statewide online with a series of six (6), 20-multiple choice questions. One quiz per category plus one "capstone" (or all inclusive) quiz. Each student on the team will take all six tests to form a total team score.



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- 7. The top four scoring teams are invited to compete in the in-person State Competition.
- 8. The State Competition will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at the State Capitol Auditorium.
- 9. The State Champions will represent Hawaii at the National Competition on April 9-12, 2016 in Denver, CO. Selected travel costs are covered by the LifeSmarts Hawaii program.
- 10. Finish the school year having gained LifeSmarts!



2015-2016 Program Timeline

Date

Event

Sat, Aug 1, 2015	Online registration opens. Sign up at www.lifesmarts.org.
Sep – Nov 2015	LifeSmarts Preparation Workshops are available to registered teams to help prepare for online competition quizzes.
Mon, Oct 26, 2015	Online competition quizzes are open to complete for official scoring.
Fri, Dec 4, 2015	Online competition closes at 7pm HST. All six quizzes by at least four members of the team must be completed for eligibility to the in-person State Competition.
Tue, Dec 8, 2015	Top four scoring teams are invited to the State Competition.
Fri, Dec 18, 2015	Required forms are due to the DCCA Office of the Securities Commissioner to confirm participation in the State Competition.
Jan 11 – Jan 22, 2016	State Competition Preparation Workshops are available to the four teams to help understand the event format and prepare for the competition.
Sat, Feb 20, 2016	The in-person Hawaii State Competition held at the State Capitol Auditorium from 8am – 1pm.
Mar 2016	National Competition Preparation Workshop is available to the State Champion team to help understand what to expect at the national level and continue to prepare for the National Competition.
Apr 9 – 12, 2016	National Competition held in Denver, CO.

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