



# ITE Collegiate Traffic Bowl Program

## Summary of Substantive Revisions to Competition Rules and Instructions for 2025

### Background

Every year the ITE Collegiate Traffic Bowl Committee reviews the competition rules of the Traffic Bowl Program. The following is a summary of the substantive revisions to the competition rules and instructions for the 2025 tournaments to be conducted by ITE Sections and Districts and for the Grand Championship Traffic Bowl.

### Student Teams and Participant Eligibility

No changes from 2024 in 2025.

### Competition Category and Clue Resources

The 7th Edition of the Highway Capacity Manual has been added to the list of reference documents. The 7th Edition of the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) was published in 2022. This change follows past practice to adopt new or revised reference documents after 2 or more years from being initially published.

### Game Play

There is only one substantive change in game play for 2025. During the first round of play as clues are being read by the emcee, teams will no longer be prohibited from “buzzing in” before the clue has been completely read by emcee. However, interrupting the reading of the clue will not be without additional requirement for a team.

- After being recognized by the emcee, a response must be given immediately without conferring with other members of the team.
- If a correct response is not provided in the specified time, the value of the clue will be deducted from the team’s total score.

Here is the text shown in the 2025 Rules and Instructions, General Rules of Play, Play of First Round, item 3.

### **3. Interrupting the Clue**

After a clue is displayed, a team may signal and interrupt the emcee's reading. **Upon recognition, the team must respond immediately and without conferring. An incorrect or delayed response will result in a deduction from their score equal to the clue's value. When the emcee recognizes the team, they will state, for example, “Faber College, your answer.”**

- Following the first interruption, the emcee will re-read the clue once for the remaining teams, who may also interrupt and respond under the same rules and penalties. The clue will not be read a third time.

Note: This change would not apply to virtual game play.

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