

What Is the Team Booklet Competition? What Do You Need to Participate?

Teams of two to four students in grades 4-12 use the FPSP six-step model to explore challenges and propose action plans to complex societal problems, such as fads, financial security, amateur sports, the Internet and genetic engineering. The work is in response to a short scenario about a given topic set in the future (called the future scene) and is written into a 10-page booklet. (See www.gafpsp.org → Program Materials → Topics.)

Teams are divided into three divisions:

- Grades 4 - 6 (Junior)
- Grades 7 - 9 (Middle)
- Grades 10 - 12 (Senior)

Teams complete two practice problems and one qualifying problem throughout the school year. Trained evaluators score student work and return it with feedback including suggestions for improvement. The top scoring teams on the qualifying problem are invited to the Georgia State FPS Bowl in March. The winners in each division advance to the FPSP International Conference in June.

Who Can Participate?

- A group of students (2 – 4 students per team), *with...*
- A coach – any adult who agrees to sponsor, oversee, and be the contact for the competitors. Training for coaches is held in early September. Find more information at www.gafpsp.org.

Cost:

- \$90 per team

Must-Haves:

- *Coach's Handbook* – step-by-step guide for brand new or returning coaches.
- *Readings, Research, and Resources* – RRR; summaries of articles related to each of the first four topics; usually much easier for

elementary and middle school students to read than the original articles.

Extras:

- *Questions and Answers* – supplement to RRR.
- *Curriculum/Topic Activity Units* – lessons for the first four topics.
- *International Conference Team Problem Solving Champions* – If you don't know what goes into a team problem solving booklet, this would provide three good examples, one from each division. If you are a second or third year coach, here are what champion booklets look like.
- *Student Guide Workbook* – companion to Coach's Handbook.

Materials can be ordered from FPS International at www.fpspi.org.

Register with GA FPSP.

Find the Team Booklet Registration Form at www.gafpsp.org.