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CLUB PLAY AT A GLANCE

Leon County Academic League, Inc.

Club Play is a free Kickoff plus six scored Thursdays of buzzer competition for Leon County high school students in academic competition clubs. A county championship is planned to close the fall. If scored play moves a week, October 1 remains an added exhibition.

When and where	Kickoff September 24, then six scored Thursdays, planned at Maclay subject to final facility approval. Doors 6:00, match 6:30, building clear by 7:50. The Kickoff is unscored and unrated. The Kickoff date is final; the six scored dates are provisional until September 3 . The Board will choose either October 1–November 5 or October 8–November 12 , based on whether participating district schools have sufficient cleared coverage.
Who plays	Members of a recognized academic competition club at their school. Brain Bowl, Mu Alpha Theta, JCL, Science Olympiad, Black History Brain Bowl, and equivalents, including recognized homeschool collectives. A student attends inside their school's covered group or, where school and district policy permit, with their own parent or guardian. This is club members and their families, not the public.
What it costs	Nothing. No membership fee, no cost to a school, no cost to a student. Entry fees would apply only to the two planned Saturday events, in November and January, set from actual cost, with waivers granted without a school having to ask.
How a night runs	Students check in with their school. A school plays under its own name in as many whole teams as its numbers allow , so eight students from one school is two teams; where they do not divide, the fewest students necessary join an alliance team, which scores identically. Everyone gets buzzer time in one scheduled match of one hundred questions. Scores are posted before anyone leaves.
How schools score	Every student on a winning team in a scored match earns one point for their school. Four students winning together earns four; one winning on a mixed team earns one. Two teams from one school playing each other is an exhibition and earns nothing. Standings are published after the first scored night.
What a school does	The school records how its students are supervised, and sends no student information. District schools give a current badge count; independent and homeschool groups state the arrangement their authority approves. The school forwards one link; anyone in the club submits a number-only weekly headcount. No roster, no student or family League form, and no recurring coach task. School rules still apply. An approved adult accompanies the students; with no coverage, the school sends no covered group. Where school and district policy permit, a parent may cover their own student. Families transport students.
What the League holds	A student's full name, their school, and the public handle they choose at check-in, plus attendance and answer statistics. Only that chosen handle appears in standings; it may be a nickname or the student's name. The separate full-name field never publishes. Their coach receives school detail. During this pilot, LCAL publishes only non-identifying student photographs. The school keeps its own permission, medical, and media paperwork.
The tournaments	A county championship is planned for a Saturday in November, with venue approval separate, and a January 23 tournament is intended to run on NAQT questions. Under NAQT's rule the top fifteen percent of an eligible field may receive invitations. Only single-school teams qualify; the questions are not yet bought, so no bid is promised.
Who runs it	Leon County Academic League, Inc., an all-volunteer Florida nonprofit. Founding member schools are Maclay, Florida High, St. John Paul II, Midtown Classical, and Rickards. The design came out of an August 20 meeting with four Brain Bowl coaches.

Why a pilot. The Kickoff and six scored nights test whether students turn out and return without a school funding a season or committing a teacher weekly, and whether the scoring system works. A November report will cover attendance, return rate, schools reached, and cost per student-night.

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