

**2015 IHBB Championships: MS Sports and Entertainment Bee**  
**Round 1 - Prelims**

1. The Parker Brothers did not invent this game but they did purchase the trademark for its name. In 2000, this game saw many official changes such as increasing the size of the ball by about 5 percent, altering the scoring system, and prohibiting players from concealing the ball. This sport was added to the Summer Olympics in 1988 and it has been dominated by the Chinese ever since. For the point, name this sport, played expertly by Forrest Gump, which Nixon used to better relations with China.

ANSWER: Table Tennis or Ping Pong

2. This man directed a film based on John Carlin's *Playing the Enemy* that gained Morgan Freeman a nomination for best supporting actor. Another of his films sees Hillary Swank become quadriplegic after hitting her neck on a wooden stool. This director of *Invictus* helmed another film in which he's neighbors with several Hmong Americans and owns the title car, as well as a recent film based on the life of Chris Kyle. For the point, name this director of *Gran Torino* and *American Sniper*.

ANSWER: Clint Eastwood

3. In her role as Gwen DeMarco, this actress laments that her only job is to repeat back everything that the computer says. She portrayed The Director in *Cabin in the Woods* and voiced the ship's computer in *Wall-E*. As Dr. Grace Augustine, this character assists Jake Sully in interacting with the Na'vi, and in an earlier film, Bill Murraray's character saves her from possession by Zuul. Appearing in *Avatar* and *Ghostbusters*, for the point, name this woman who played Ripley in *Alien*.

ANSWER: Sigourney Weaver

4. One character on this show leaves the protagonist for ten years after he was given a bracelet made out of an ice cream wrapper. Its protagonist identifies a Russian mobster from his aftershave and drops a fire extinguisher down five floors onto his head. Its protagonist is treated by Claire Temple and defends Karen Page from murder charges. Starring Charlie Cox as the title superhero, for the point, name this 2015 Netflix series about Matt Murdock.

ANSWER: Daredevil

5. This franchise's only Super Bowl-winning team produced a video of a dance known as the Super Bowl Shuffle. A former head coach of this team traded away an entire draft to draft Ricky Williams. This team was coached by Mike Ditka. Matt Forte is running back for this team that plays in Soldier Field. For the point, what is this team headed by quarterback Jay Cutler from the Windy City?

ANSWER: Chicago Bears (accept either)

6. At the end of one show's episode "Secret Origins," this character declares that "I'm not much of a people person" after helping to save Earth from Martian invaders. On another show, he mentors Terry McGinnis. On both those shows, this character was voiced by Kevin Conroy. In another show featuring this character, Cesar Romero and Tallulah Bankhead guest-starred as villains. Employing such sidekicks as Timothy Drake and Dick Grayson, for the point, identify this superhero and namesake of 90s animated show and its sequel "beyond."

ANSWER: **Batman**

7. This technology's "stacks" are the programs and protocols that allow this technology to run on various devices. This technology is named after a Danish King Harald who unified and introduced Christianity to Denmark. This technology is now mostly used for wireless communication between devices. For the point, what is this technology that is commonly used for wireless headsets?

ANSWER: **Bluetooth**

8. This player's contract with the Texas Rangers was, at the time, the most lucrative in sports history. A legal battle is currently ongoing involving milestone clauses in his contract due to this person's involvement in the Biogenesis Scandal. This man played shortstop for the Mariners in the 1990s. For the point, what New York Yankee recently passed Willie Mays for 4th on the All Time Home Run list?

ANSWER: Alex **Rodriguez** (accept **A-Rod**)

9. One version of this character has a brown, heart shaped spot on its tail, and can dress up as a Rock Star, Ph.D. or Luchador. Another version of this character appears in a Nintendo 64 game where the player can use a microphone to interact with him. That game is titled "Hey You, *this character*". In a television appearance of this character, he refuses to stay inside of a Pokeball and is the frequent target of attempted abduction by Team Rocket. For the point, identify this yellow, electric-type Pokemon.

Answer: **Pikachu** (accept Cosplay **Pikachu**)

10. This country is the home country of Manoel de Oliveira, who, as of December 2014 was the world's oldest active film director at age 105. This country's music features traditional sad songs called *fado*, many of which were no doubt sung after this country lost the 2004 European soccer Championships final, which it hosted, to heavy underdog Greece. This country is also the home of recent soccer legend Cristiano Ronaldo. For the point, name this country whose former colony of Brazil is also known to enjoy playing soccer.

ANSWER: **Portugal**

11. This man's assassination is memorialized in a park named Strawberry Fields, and the chorus of one of his songs states "war is over if you want it." In one song this man asks the listener to "Imagine there's no countries," while in another he tells the listener to "come together right now over me." For the point, who is this former Beatle and husband of Yoko Ono who was killed in 1980?

ANSWER: **John Lennon** (accept either)

12. Graeme Lloyd is an athlete from this country who achieved success in the USA playing baseball. Yvonne Goolagong and Cathy Freeman are two athletes from this country's native population who achieved success in tennis and track respectively. This country has traditionally been a swimming powerhouse in the Olympics, featuring stars such as Ian Thorpe. For the point, name this country that in 1956 became the first Southern Hemisphere country to host the Olympics at the Melbourne games.

ANSWER: **Australia**

13. This location is home to Greasy Sae, who sells soup in "The Hob," a black market exchange in this location. Maysilee Donner is from this location. "The Seam", which is covered in coal dust, burns down after this location is fire-bombed, and it is surrounded by an electrified fence. For the point, what is this coal-producing "District" in Panem, the home of Gale and Katniss in *The Hunger Games*?

ANSWER: **District 12**

14. The only lyrics on an opening track by this band are the heavily distorted "One of these days I'm going to cut you into little pieces." This band that contributed music to *Zabriskie Point* created one song that notes that "Hanging on in quiet desperation is the English way." That song appears on an album along with such tracks as "Any Colour You Like" and "Us and Them." Fronted by David Gilmour and Roger Waters, for the point, name this British psychedelic rock band that created *Dark Side of the Moon*.

ANSWER: **Pink Floyd**

15. It's not basketball, but this sport was also invented at a YMCA in Massachusetts. Karch Kiraly (**pr. kuh-RIGH**) is generally regarded as the best player ever in this sport. Misty May-Treanor has competed for the USA in the Olympics in an outdoor variant of this sport played 2 on 2. For the point, name this team sport that incorporates side-outs, digs, blocks, and kills.

ANSWER: **Volleyball** (accept **Beach Volleyball**)

16. One class of characters in this game gains attack whenever the enemy casts a spell, the troggs. Another character is able to destroy two mechs and form VOLTRON, which can attack four times each turn. Its most recent expansion was Blackrock Mountain, which followed Goblins and Gnomes and the Curse of Naxxramus. Some other characters in this game include Ragnaros and Deathwing. For the point, identify this Blizzard digital card game.

ANSWER: **Hearthstone**

17. The concept of a ring was introduced to this sport after a tournament hosted by Oda Nobunaga. “Dying body” is an exception to the usual victory conditions in this sport and are for participants who are clearly overpowered. The highest rank in this sport translates to “horizontal rope” of which there have only been 71. One method of losing a match in this sport is for a fighter’s Mawashi, or loincloth, to come undone. For the point, name this Japanese form of wrestling that often involves two large men.

ANSWER: Sumo wrestling

18. In historical footage found in this movie, one woman recounts how “We wore little strips of sheet, sometimes over our nose and mouth” to combat dust storms. In this film, the word “STAY” is relayed in Morse code before coordinates are relayed in binary through piles of sand. Jessica Chastain plays the daughter of this film’s protagonist, who allows humanity to leave Earth with information gleaned from a singularity. For the point, name this 2014 Christopher Nolan sci-fi film starring Anne Hathaway and Matthew McConaughey.

ANSWER: Interstellar

19. This golfer’s father won \$171,000 on a bet that this golfer would win the British Open within 10 years. On May 14th, he beat out Patrick Rodgers and Webb Simpson to win the Wells Fargo Championship, building upon the WGC-Cadillac Match Play title that he had won two weeks prior. His 16-under aggregate score at the U.S. Open set a new record when he won the event in 2011. For the point, name this Irish golfer.

ANSWER: Rory McIlroy

20. At this city’s Olympic Games, new events were added for BMX biking and open water swimming. The games held in this city are now being held up as a reason to hold the 2022 Winter Olympics in this city. Although the USA won the most medals, for the first time in over a decade, another country won the most gold medals at a games held here. For the point, name this Olympic Games host city centered around a stadium nicknamed "The Bird's Nest" because of its nest-like skeletal structure, in which Usain Bolt set a new world record in the 100 meter dash.

ANSWER: Beijing Olympics (prompt on 2008 Olympics)

21. This band released the album *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* in 2004 that included the hit single *Vertigo*. This band released the album *The Joshua Tree* that included songs like *Where the Streets Have No Names* and in 2014 their album *Songs of Innocence* was downloaded to every iTunes account. For the point, what is this band that is fronted by the singer Bono?

ANSWER: U2

22. This location was founded by Hengist of Woodcroft, and one building in it can be accessed via a statue of Gunhilda of Goresmoor. The most “severely haunted location in Britain” is located here, which actually turns out to be a werewolf, not a ghost. Shops in this town include Madame Puddifoot’s, and a drinking establishment owned by Madame Rosmerta. Home to the Three Broomsticks and the Shrieking Shack, for the point, identify this town adjacent to Hogwarts.

ANSWER: Hogsmeade

23. The name of this sport derives from a public school in Warwickshire at which it was played in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This sport will return to the Olympics in 2016 for the first time since 1924 though in its “sevens” format. This sport was the subject of the film *Invictus* which depicted the staging of this sport’s World Cup in post-apartheid South Africa. For the point, name this ball sport popular in England, Australia, France, and other countries that contest the Six Nations tournament.

ANSWER: Rugby

24. This man helped produced *Toy Story* after buying Pixar from George Lucas. This man was succeeded by Tim Cook in 2011. He left his most famous company to found NeXT Computer before returning to the company he founded with Steve Wozniak. He is known for wearing turtleneck sweaters while introducing products like the iPhone. For the point, who is this man that co-founded Apple?

ANSWER: Steve Jobs

25. In 1942, this team became the first major professional sports team to overcome a 3-0 deficit to win a best of seven series. The co-founder of Canadian fast food restaurant Tim Hortons once played for this team. Before this team adopted its current nickname, it had been known by names such as the Arenas and the St. Patricks. This team currently holds the longest championship drought in the NHL, having not won the Stanley Cup since 1967. For the point, name this NHL Original Six team, winner of 13 Stanley Cups and named after a national symbol of Canada.

ANSWER: Toronto Maple Leafs

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This place was referenced in the Cole Porter song “You’re the top” and unbeknownst to its overseers, was the site of a slap-bowl style History Bee in 2014. This place was the site of *naumachia* and was later used as a monastery, bazaar, and a quarry. Joaquin Phoenix’s character dies in this place in a movie that also starred Russell Crowe. For the point, name this location whose name originally referred to a statue of Nero that stood nearby, and saw thousands of beasts and gladiators perish during the Roman Empire.

ANSWER: Coliseum