CERTAMEN RULES – Upper and Lower Divisions

1. There will be 2 levels of play: Lower Division (Latin I and II) and Upper Division (Latin III, IV, or AP). A school may enter no more than 2 teams per school, any level.

2. Each team will have no more than four members per team. Please name your teams in Latin (i.e., Glenside Gladiatores, Purpurei Propugnatores) and be as creative as possible. The teams you begin with are final: no interchanging of team members.

3. The only persons allowed in the room for Round 1 Certamen are the contestants and the judge. No exceptions will be made. All participants may attend Final Certamen.

4. In Round 1 Certamen, there will be 25 toss-up questions with two bonus questions each; toss-ups will be worth 25 points and bonuses 5 and 10 points respectively. The three highest scoring teams in each division will participate in the final round Certamen (i.e., three upper and three lower). Only one team at each level per school, will be allowed in the finals.

5. Both lower and upper division Certamina will have the same rules. A toss-up question will be asked and the team winning it will have a chance at two bonus questions. The team may consult on bonus questions before giving a response. Players may answer a toss-up at any time and do not have to wait for the entire question to be asked. The judge will stop reading the question if interrupted. If a toss-up question is answered incorrectly, the other team will have the chance to respond. If the judge had been interrupted, the question will be asked in its entirety.

6. The final round is a run-through of 35 questions, each worth 10 points each.

7. The decisions of the judges are final. All judges will be supplied with answers and alternate questions.

8. We reserve the right to disqualify any team for unsportsmanlike conduct, e.g., disrespect for judges and other teams, and any inappropriate behavior.

Trophies will be awarded to teams for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division, and an award will be presented to the team from each division with the most inventive name.

COSTUME CONTEST RULES

1. Students may dress as any person, god, goddess, or thing from Ancient Roman or Greek society. Students must be able to tell the judges about their characters. Please be prepared to answer any questions. There will be a two-minute limit per presentation. There is a limit of five students per school (an ensemble is counted as one).

2. Students will be judged on creativity, knowledge of character, and presentation. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third places.
HOW TO BUILD A CHARIOT

Please read these rules carefully. **A limit of one chariot per school is allowed.** Failure to comply with the rules may result in *disqualification*:

1. **SOLID BASE**
   - for safety purposes, **CHARIOT MUST HAVE FOUR WHEELS**
   - can create a larger base on top of a smaller one
   - can create your own base, if you so desire
   - chariot must be upright, on wheels, with charioteer **IN** the chariot when crossing the Finish Line, or chariot will be disqualified

2. **PULPIT**
   - front end must be fully enclosed up to the chest area of the driver
   - back end must be open
   - sides can taper down towards the back

3. **PROPELLATION METHOD**
   a) **bridle and bit method:**
      - attach ropes onto the chariot which are then tied to the waist of the horse/s (student/s) – **LIMIT: Only 1 charioteer; no more than 2 horses**
      - length can vary according to the tendencies of the chariot and driver
   b) **rickshaw method:**
      - two boards on either side extending out in front of the chariot with a yoke connecting them in front for the horse/s (student/s)

4. **DECORATION**
   - feel free to decorate your chariot in Classical motifs (no vulgarities)
   - no spikes or objects projecting from sides (i.e.--as in *Ben Hur*)

5. **PRE-CLASSICS DAY TESTING**
   - do not bring your chariot to Classics Day without having tested it for safety
   - knee/elbow pads and helmets are also recommended
   - all chariot participants must wear shoes

Please be as creative as possible and have fun with this idea. Chariots will be judged not only for speed in the race, but also for appearance/creativity in a separate contest.