

Reel Genius Trivia's Humboldt County Tournament of Champions 2026

How To Play:

- Register
 - Sign up for the tournament at any time by:
 - Sending an email to partners@reelgeniustrivia.com
 - Using the contact form on our website www.reelgeniustrivia.com
 - Include your trivia team name. NOTE: this is the team name you will use throughout the tournament. We'll be tracking scores by team name, so you'll be using the same name every game.
 - Include the name and contact information for a team captain.
- Teams
 - Maximum number of players per team is 7, except at Blue Lake Casino where the team cap is 4.
 - No set team roster – if someone can't make it one week you can substitute another player at any time.
- Qualifying Months
 - Qualifications will run Aug 1 through September 30.
 - During that time, your team must play a minimum of at least 5 games at any Reel Genius Trivia venue (see www.reelgeniustrivia.com for a list of venues and dates). You can attend as many games as you like – see below.
 - We will average your top 5 scores for the two qualifying months to select the top 12 teams with highest average scores to be invited to the finals. Attending more than 5 games works to your advantage – we will always use your top 5 scores for your average. Made a mistake on the final question and got a low score? Attend a sixth game and that low score drops out. Attend a seventh game and your two lowest scores won't count, and so on. Attend as many games as you want, and your top 5 scores will be used for average.
 - **PLEASE NOTE:** you are **NOT REQUIRED** to participate in the tournament to attend any of these trivia games during the qualifying months!
- Scores
 - Standings will be posted to www.reelgeniustrivia.com and our Facebook and Instagram pages and updated daily. Check the standings often – if you're not in the top 12, go to another game to raise your average!
 - Scores will only be tracked and counted for qualifying purposes after a team registers. No retroactive scores will be used.
- Finals
 - The captains of the 12 teams with the highest top five averages will be notified by text, phone or email by Friday Oct 2 that their teams made the finals.
 - Captains will be asked for a verbal commitment to attend the finals
 - Teams that are unable to make this commitment will be replaced by the teams with the next highest top five averages

- **NEW THIS YEAR** - The finals will consist of three games:
 - Game #1 will be held at TBA
 - Game #2 will be held at TBA
 - Game #3 will be held at TBA
 - Reel Genius Trivia will be making reservations for the three finals on your behalf.
- **NEW THIS YEAR** – we will drop the lowest of your three finals scores. This means if you have a bad game or are unable to attend one of the first two finals games, you're still in the running. The team with the highest combined score for their top two games will be crowned the Humboldt County Trivia Champions! **NOTE:** you must attend the third finals game in order to win the tournament; you can miss the first or second, but have to be there for the third.
- Prizes
 - Reel Genius Trivia is offering a purse of \$300.00 cash for 1st Place; \$150.00 cash for 2nd Place; and \$100.00 cash for 3rd Place.
- Rules
 - Special rules in effect during qualifying months:
 - For consistency across venues, all venues on a given night will use the same quiz.
 - For consistency across venues, we will not be doing a "Name That Song/Artist" question selected by the host. This question will be replaced by another question that will be the same at all venues on that night.
 - For consistency across venues, there will be no bonus points awarded by hosts.
 - For consistency across venues, hosts will not give clues to answers
 - For consistency across venues, scores from themed trivia shows will not be included in the top 5 highest scores for average.
 - Teams may play no more than one game per day.
 - Special rules in effect for the finals:
 - To avoid even the appearance of impropriety during the three finals, players will be required to place their cell phones and smart watches in a Ziploc bag with their team name on it before the game begins, to be held in the center of the team's table. Players will not be allowed to access their phones during the games
 - Teams with players refusing to comply with this special rule will be disqualified.
 - A phone number for the venue and an RGT staff member will be made available for players in the finals to give out for emergency purposes
 - RGT reserves the right to modify, add or remove tournament rules as necessary.
 - RGT reserves the right to disqualify any team from the tournament.
 - As always, the decisions of RGT hosts are final.