Study Group Rules

Students in my classes often study in groups outside of class to prepare for exams, quizzes and finals. You may formalize your 'membership' in such study groups by letting me know who you are studying with and you might get some bonus points in the process. The following are rules for the formation of formal study groups in the class.

• Study groups can be formed by the mutual agreement of four to six students.
• The groups must be registered with the instructor, by providing the names of the members.
• Groups may expel or add a member by unanimous vote.
• If group membership falls below four, the group is automatically disbanded unless the members vote in a replacement.
• Groups may form and register up until the last day of class.
• No student may belong to more than one group and no student is required to belong to any group.

• Every group organizes its own activities.
• The members of the group decide whether or not to elect a leader.
• Members decide where, when, and how often to meet.
• Members decide what to do in their meetings.

• Students who are members of a registered study group get bonus points for each exam, provided their group has registered prior to the day of the exam.
• The bonus is based on an average of all the individual grades received by group members.
• If the group average is
  • 85% or above, all members receive three percentage points,
  • 70-85%, two percentage points, and
  • 60-70%, one percentage point.
• If a student receives 90% or above on the assignment, but the group average was below 60%, the student still receives one percentage point.

NOTE: Since grades are not curved, not belonging to a group does not in any way penalize you.