

# **Southeast REGIONAL Junior Bible Quiz TOURNAMENT GUIDEBOOK**

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The SE JBQ Regional Tournament exists to encourage the study, understanding and application of God's Word for the families of our churches, using the vehicle of competition as a motivating point to accomplish this.

As such, we will always urge teams to strive for competitive excellence, while maintaining a high level of spiritual integrity, displayed through the relationships between quizzers, coaches, officials and spectators.

This brief guide will help insure that all teams attending this event can appreciate the differences among the states, while allowing them to quiz in a friendly and uncomplicated manner in this multi-district meet.

## **FORMAT**

The SE Regional is set to operate with a max of 24 teams. The top 4 teams from each of the SE Districts (AL, GA, NC, Pen FL, SC and West FL) will be invited. Should any of these teams choose not to attend, the invitation will be extended to the 5<sup>th</sup> place team in their district, or however far down is needed to either fill the four slots, or it is determined that no other teams are interested. Districts will be allowed to have more than 4 teams attend. However, only 4 teams can advance to the National Festival. Extra slots will be available on a rotating basis, starting with the host district. The rotation is listed below. I will continue this rotation annually always starting with the current years hosting district. So for example next year PenFlorida will get the first opportunity and then Alabama, and No. Carolina will go last.

It is my desire that as many teams as possible are given the opportunity to attend, it is a wonderful Lifelong learning experience.

## **Here is the 2017 rotation:**

- 1- No. Carolina (Host)
- 2- PenFlorida (Hosting next)
- 3- Alabama
- 4- So. Carolina
- 5- Georgia
- 6- W. Florida

Once the final list of teams is assembled (even if less than 24) they will be quizzing a full round robin starting Friday morning and Saturday, for up to 23 rounds.

## **QUALIFYING FOR NATIONALS**

At the SE Regional, 5 teams will qualify for the National Festival. The top 5 teams that have not previously registered for Nationals will earn these slots. Remember only 4 teams from the same District can advance to the National Festival.

Again, if a team earns a slot, but chooses not to attend, the invitation will be given to the next team. Teams must announce their decision

about accepting a bid before the meet. We strive to have a computer available so you can register immediately after this event. We strongly suggest you avail yourself of this chance. There is a possibility of one or more teams earning an “at-large” bid to Nationals.

## **OFFICIALS**

Each team is asked to provide 2 qualified officials for this meet. While no point penalty will be imposed for not bringing these officials, we reserve the right to limit the number of people that a team can bring into a quizzing room (assistant coach, spectators, etc.) if they do not have two officials. “Qualified” means that a

person has been certified by whatever requirements are in place in their district. If you need help certifying officials, please contact me.

## **RULES**

We use the most current addition of the National Guidelines available at [www.nationaljbq.org](http://www.nationaljbq.org). Any differences that some districts use on their own will not be honored, such as changing the rules about calling for judge's votes, giving points for bringing officials, etc.

- - Clarification – In OT, teams are given an additional TO and unused timeouts from regulation are carried over. Quizzers who have already quizzed out cannot return in a match, even if it goes OT. If a quizzer answers a 6<sup>th</sup> correct or 3<sup>rd</sup> incorrect question in OT, that is still considered a quiz out.

## **TIEBREAKERS**

As at the National Festival, ties are broken by matches already played, there will be no additional matches to break ties. If between two teams, the head to head result will be the tiebreaker. If between three or more teams, total points will be used. In the rare case where three or more teams are tied, and two have the same total points, we will go back to head to head for just those two teams.

## **ROSTERS**

Teams advancing to Regionals may add other quizzers from their church, even if they quizzed on a different team or in a different level during the course of play in your district.

## **LUNCH and FACILITIES**

Our host church is providing a lunch for on Friday & Saturday. For that reason, lunch is “closed.” All teams are expected to purchase their lunch or bring their own in advance. No teams will have time to leave the grounds to get lunch. Teams that leave will face the possibility of forfeiting their first round after lunch. Additional Lunches (each team will receive 6 lunch tickets per day) will be available at an additional cost.

Again, dealing with our hosts, we are privileged to have a church open their doors for us. This is a major undertaking for a church, and we need you to help us maintain a good relationship with them. For that reason, we ask that you plan to assist us in moving tables/chairs after the quizzing is complete to help our hosts prepare for services the next day. Also, please help us keep kids out of areas they don't need to be in, such as on the stage, in offices or other areas not being used for quizzing.

Insuring that kids respect the facilities is vital and is expected of each team to monitor this is done. We do not want any damage done to the campus, such as inordinately messing up bathrooms, going through cabinets, desks, etc., or keeping items they find.

At the end of the day on Saturday, we may be asked to help set up for the next day by picking up garbage, moving tables or chairs, or whatever. Be ready to help.

## **ATTITUDES**

JBQ is a CHRISTIAN discipleship ministry. It is expected that all coaches, quizzers and others affiliated with each team will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with what we are teaching the kids. While in a competitive format differences of opinion will arise, we have methods in place of dealing with those issues. Losing tempers, arguing, shouting, threatening, etc. are not among those

methods. Behaviors such as these are not representative of what we are about and will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to deal with actions like this in an appropriate manner, up to and including asking a team to leave.

No official has ever cost a team a victory. You may think so. You may think you have evidence to “prove” it. You may even be right that an official made a bad decision. But to dwell on that and say that to your kids is wrong. Get over it. If you have asked for a judge’s vote and it still hasn’t gone your way, maybe you aren’t right. Just get over it and move on.

In unusual circumstances, coordinators are available to step into any room and assist. However, do not expect us to overturn a judgment call. We will not do that. What we will do is insure that proper procedure has been followed. We will correct procedural errors. Judgment calls are just that, the opinion of one person. As I have said many times, “The closer you are to word perfect to the actual question/answer, the more you take it out of the judges’ hands. If you change/add/delete just one word, you open it to a judges’ opinion. And in any given room, it is very possible that two of the three judges will have a different opinion than yours.”

## **OFFICIAL’S RESPONSIBILITIES**

Note: All officials are expected to be able to QM, SK or J. Dedicated TK’s will only be used IF we have enough other officials.

### **QUIZMASTER –**

- a) Will keep the matches running quickly and smoothly.
- b) Will insure that someone offers prayer before each match.
- c) Will make independent decisions on all questions, as

possible.

- d) Will call for a coordinator in case a problem arises

### **SCOREKEEPER –**

- a) Will be expected to watch the Ezscore training video  
Link to training  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iGwqUCIr3g>
- b) Will be sure that scores are correct before announcing, and that both coaches check off on the Ezscore program before bringing the thumb drive to the Stats room. Always remember to hit the save data button, before removing the thumb drive.
- c) Will insure that scores are turned in every round.

### **JUDGE/TK? –**

- a) Will follow every question, every round, to insure accuracy and to be prepared should a coach ask for a judges' vote.
- b) Will call for judge's rulings if they feel the QM has made an incorrect independent ruling.
- c) One official will keep up with all timekeeping duties.

### **CELL PHONES**

The SE Regional policy about cell phones is simple. If a phone belonging to **ANYONE** affiliated with your church goes off in a room during a match, your team will forfeit that round – even if the team is in a different room. It is YOUR job to pass this info on to all people with your team. I will mention it on stage at the opening ceremony, but you are being told in advance. Note, this is the SE Regional policy. It is not done this way at the National

Festival.

## **SCHEDULE**

Other than the check-in time on Friday, opening on Friday and begin time on Saturday, times are approximate.

### **Friday**

(Please note time change, this has been adjusted to allow for extended travel times. Hotel availability is limited)

9:30 PM – Check in. Please do not arrive before this time.

10:00 PM – Opening Ceremony

10:30PM – Quizzing begins. 14-15 rounds on Friday.

12:15 pm – Lunch (45 Minutes, from when the last match is over)

1:00pm Quizzing resumes (ends after round 12- 14)

6:00pm – Optional Spaghetti Dinner at our host church

### **Saturday**

8:30 AM – Quizzing resumes (6-7 rounds before lunch).

12:00ish – lunch (30 Minutes, from when the last match is over)

12:30-45pm – Quizzing resumes. Remaining rounds.

3:00PM –Awards Ceremony

4:30PM – Done. It is good sportsmanship to remain until done.