

PENINSULAR FLORIDA DISTRICT

JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ GUIDELINES

2017-2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT COORDINATOR

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ and welcome to the PenFlorida District. We are happy to have your church involved in the Junior Bible Quiz program and are willing to assist you and your church's program in any way. Since taking over the District in 2016-2017, we have looked to increase our District's involvement with our local churches with the hope of expansion across Florida. My goals for the PenFlorida District are threefold:

1. Increase exposure of the program to new churches across Florida. We will do this by providing assistance, resources, and directed prayer. We will attend camps, conferences, and other opportunities as they become available. I hope to add at least six new churches in each league per season.
2. Foster an environment of fun, discipleship, and competitiveness and thereby attract a greater number of children. Our District should strive to be on pace as a trend-setting District. I hope to continually send teams from the PenFlorida District to post-season advancement and beyond.
3. Promote the Bible to every child possible. Our District should be the standard for reaching out to children of all ages, grades, and learning abilities and teaching them the most important foundation for their faith. If every child was able to recall at least one verse that could serve to further their walk with Christ, it will have been worth it.

LEAGUE MATCH PROCEDURES

LEAGUE MATCH LOCATIONS

Locations are yet to be decided. Final determination will be made after the registration process is complete. The location for the October quiz match will be announced after league formation has been determined. The league coordinator will set the remaining match locations.

MATERIALS

The necessary materials to start JBQ are the Official Rules and the Fact-Pak. You can order materials through Gospel Publishing House at 800-641-4310, at www.myhealthychurch.com or by going to www.nationaljbq.com. Quiz boxes can be purchased from several different companies. Each box, though unique in look, still counts as regulation proper. Each church should be prepared to bring one quizbox per two teams to every meet. The following websites sell JBQ-approved quiz boxes for match play:

- Anderson Quizbox
(<http://www.andersonbuzzersystems.com/juniorbiblequiz.html>)
- Grasslake Assembly Quizbox
(<http://grasslakeassembly.org/589994.ihtml>)
- Kirkman Quizbox
(<http://www.quizequipment.com/>)

MATCH PROCEDURES

National JBQ rules will apply. Each Achiever League team is required to bring two *certified* officials. It is the responsibility of each league's coordinator to encourage church coordinators to bring the necessary amount of officials to each competition, preferably two officials per team. At the District Finals tournament in March, a 10-point penalty will apply to each quiz for each team not providing two *certified* officials. All quizzes will begin at 9:30 AM. Teams arriving 15 minutes late to their first match will receive a 10-point penalty for each quiz they are late and will forfeit all matches if they have not called the quiz location informing the coordinator they are late before 9:45 AM. Each quiz will contain 20 questions: ten 10-point, seven 20-point, and three 30-point. Question sets will be randomly generated from the available question pool. This applies to both league and district finals match. Question sets may not be identical from league to league.

OFFICIALS

Certified officials must complete both portions of the current Officials Test. The JBQ Officials Test is provided <http://www.jbqseregion.org/officials-test.html> (PW: JBQ2016) They will only be certified in the areas in which they score a 75% on the subject area. The youth department keeps a current list of certified officials. Coaches must also certify. Results must be received by the District Youth Department by the Monday prior to the match. Individuals that submit a certificate at the match site will be allowed to officiate but will NOT count as a certified official. It is advised that each coach rate the skill and ability of each official brought to a match in order for the league coordinator to properly place each official. Officials must certify every THREE years per the JBQ manual. Officials certified before the 2014-2015 season must recertify. X-League teams are required to bring one certified official.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents, Coaches, students, and guests are expected to demonstrate integrity, respect, and support for all other churches, teams, and participants. Overly competitive attitudes and obvious displays of rudeness or unsportsmanlike conduct will be cause for dismissal by the league coordinator, and the offender will be asked not to return for the remainder of the JBQ season.

LEAGUE PLAY

ACHIEVER DIVISION

Children who are enrolled in the first through sixth grades are eligible to compete in the Achiever League. It is the only officially recognized league by the PenFlorida District. Only Achiever League teams are able to compete at District, Regional, and National levels. The cost for an Achiever League team is \$100 per team for District fees. If registering

after 9/4/17 there will be a late fee added of \$35.00. Registration for the Achiever Division after 9/24th/17 may result in missing the October quiz match.

The price for registration is set by the District and is due before the first match. Checks should be sent directly to the District office. Achiever League quizzers are asked from the entire question set (1-576) in the Bible Fact Pack. Question sets are cumulative from match-to-match.

X-LEAGUE

The X-LEAGUE is reserved for young children just starting out in a JBQ program. Participants will learn proper etiquette with buzzers, table manners, and basic rules for gameplay. One official (quiz master) maintains the integrity of the game during match play. Children between the ages of 4 and 7 are eligible to compete in the X-LEAGUE. Children should be able to maintain some level of self-control in terms of quizzing match play. While the games are largely informal, quizzing distractions should be kept at a minimum for the benefit of the other participants and audience. Coaches and parents should use their best judgement in deciding whether a very young quizzing would be suited for quizzing. X-LEAGUE quizzers are only asked from the 10-point question set (1-288) in the Bible Fact Pack. Question sets are not combined from match-to-match. Cost is \$100 per team. If registering after 9/4/17 there will be a late fee added of \$35.00. Registration for the Achiever Division after 9/24th/17 may result in missing the October quiz match.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

After the deadline, late fees will be assessed accordingly. Register your team by filling out the printed registration form and mail it along with the registration fee to District Bible Quiz, PO Box 24687, Lakeland, FL 33802. You may also register online at www.pfdcevents.com.

Teams have until August 31st to register to be able to quiz in the first league match. Registration will remain open throughout the quiz season, but teams will acquire a loss record equal to the total matches quizzed if registration occurs after the deadline. Teams may not quiz unless registration fees are received five days prior to their first quiz.

All official rosters must be received by the beginning of the February league match and may not change thereafter. The February roster will be used as your final roster heading into the District Finals in March.

If you register a team, any official league match that you are not present for will result in a forfeit. Forfeited wins or losses can no longer be counted as official unless the present team quizzes against empty chairs and the quiz data is uploaded to the JBQ scoring software.

Teams may carry a maximum of eight quizzers, but at the beginning of each quiz, a roster must be presented to the coordinator. It is the coach's responsibility to guarantee eligibility. When a quizzing is found to be ineligible, all matches where s/he participated will be forfeited.

DISTRICT FINALS

DISTRICT PROCEDURES & FORMATION

The District Junior Bible Quiz Finals will take place on March 4th. The top flight will consist of 10 teams. The remaining flights will consist of 7 teams each. Teams will be seated in flights according to total win-loss percentage acquired during all official league matches. In case of a tie, placement is determined by total team points scored. Team registration for finals will be required along with a \$35 team district finals registration fee (facility rental, awards, etc.)

X-LEAGUE FINALS

X-league teams will be invited to attend the PenFlorida District Finals. They will quiz in flight structure similar to the Achiever League. The cost to register is \$35 per team.

Each team will provide one official willing to quizmaster. Coaches will score and in the event that a team cannot provide a certified official a.k.a. quizmaster. Coaches can take turns quizmastering. This division is designed for entry-level quizzing; therefore, officials should be more relaxed and willing to be flexible.

All 288 10-point questions will be drawn from to create randomly generated computer question sets

DISTRICT AWARDS

Each team attending the District JBQ Finals will receive a certificate. Trophies will be given to the top three quizzers for all league quizzes. Medals or certificates will be given to places four through ten. To be eligible, a child must have participated in 75% of the league quizzes. Trophies will be given to the top three scorers of the day for the District JBQ Final, and medals for places four through ten for that day. Medals will be given to the top three scorers in each flight at the District Finals. Recognition will be given to those who have received the Bible Master Award, the Bible Quoter Award, and/or the Bible Excellence Award by the February quiz league meet. Bible Master, Bible Excellence and Bible Quoter Awards' information and application form can be found at <http://nationaljbq.org/bible-master-award/index.cfm>.

Match Date	10-point	20-point	30-point
October, 2017	73-144	341-390	506-526
November, 2017	73-216	341-440	506-547
January, 2018	73-288	341-480	506-576
February, 2018	ALL QUESTIONS		
March, 2018 District Finals	ALL QUESTIONS		

