



JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ
SOUTHEAST REGION

GUIDEBOOK

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The Southeast JBQ Regional Tournament encourages 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 ensure 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 Southeast Regional is set to operate with a max of 24 teams. The top 4 teams from each of the Southeast 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 5th 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 rotating, starting with the host district. The rotation is listed below. We will continue this rotation annually, always starting with the current year's hosting district. So, for example, next year, Georgia will get the first opportunity, then West Florida and South Carolina will go last.

We desire that as many teams as possible be given the opportunity to attend; it is a wonderful lifelong learning experience.

Here is the 2025 rotation:

1. 2025 - South Carolina (Host)
2. 2026 - Georgia
3. 2027 - West Florida
4. 2028 - North Carolina
5. 2029 - Pen. Florida
6. 2030 - Alabama

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 Southeast 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 next team will receive an invitation. Teams must announce their decision about accepting a bid before the meet.

You ***must*** register immediately after this event using your own device. Please be prepared to register. Your district contact or someone on the regional team will let you know of your acceptance after the final round. You will need to send them a copy of your registration confirmation. There is a possibility of one or more teams earning an “at-large” bid to Nationals.

Everyone’s question answered: "It looks like registration for Nationals doesn’t close until May 12th. Why do we have to make that decision this weekend?"

"Let's assume your team finishes in 1st through 12th place and receives an invitation to the National Festival. So you go back to your church, take a few days to decide, and decide you won't attend. Then you tell me. Now, I contact the next team that finished after the team that receives the final invitation, and the whole process starts over. You can see this draws out the whole process, and teams miss out on an opportunity to attend the festival.” (that team has already changed gears, parents have made other plans, momentum is lost, and they are no longer prepared to attend the National Festival.)

Our goal at the Southeast Regional is to accomplish two things.

- First, ensure that our regional event is an "End all " event. The Southeast Regional celebrates teams for what they have already accomplished. In other words, an event that a team qualifies to attend and gets something from the event that will bless them for attending (Fellowship, pictures, guest speakers, etc.). Our event is not simply a stepping stone to advance to the National Festival.
- The next reason is it is an event that will help teams advance to the National Festival. One of the ways we do that is to ask hard questions and push teams to submit information in a timely fashion.

I'm proud to tell you that since 2015, the Southeast Region has sent more teams than any other region to the National Festival. The one reason this has happened is because when the National Festival committee calls, we are prepared. "Will the First Assembly of Anytown, USA accept an invite to the festival?" I say YES!

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 edition of the National Guidelines available at 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 overtime, teams are given an additional timeout, and unused timeouts from regulation are carried over. Quizzers who have already quizzed out cannot return in a match, even if it goes into overtime. If a quizzer answers a 6th correct or 3rd incorrect question in overtime, 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 on Friday and Saturday. You may bring your own lunch or purchase lunches from the host church; You will NOT have time to go off campus for lunch. We will have Quizzing / Awards Ceremony resume at the announced time following lunch.

Again, dealing with our hosts, we are privileged to have a church open its doors for us. This is a major undertaking for a church, and we need you to help us maintain a good relationship with them. Therefore, 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 in other areas not being used for quizzing. Ensuring that kids respect the facilities is vital, and it 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 is needed. Please be ready to help.

ATTITUDES

JBQ is a CHRISTIAN discipleship ministry. All coaches, quizzers, and others affiliated with each team are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with what we are teaching the kids. While differences of opinion will arise in a competitive format, we have methods in place for dealing with those issues. Losing tempers, arguing, shouting, threatening, etc., are not among those methods. Behaviors like these do not represent 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. If you have asked for a judge’s vote and it still hasn’t gone your way, maybe you aren’t right. Accept the decision and use this as an opportunity to exhibit putting God’s Word into practice. The quizzers are watching you, and their attitudes will reflect yours.

In unusual circumstances, coordinators can 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 ensure that proper procedure has been followed. We will correct procedural errors. Judgment calls are just that, the opinion of one person. I have often said, “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 judge’s 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. (No icebreaker comments after round 1.)
- b) Will ensure that someone offers a 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.
- e) Will keep an encouraging disposition.

SCOREKEEPER –

- a) Will be expected to watch the Ezscore training videos Link to training: <https://biblequiz.com/apps/>. Watch all three EZSCORE training videos.
- b) Will be sure that scores are correct **before** announcing and that both coaches check off on the Ezscore program, please ensure the round is saved before moving to the next round.
- c) Will ensure that scores are turned in every round. (If the saved is in green, we have your data.)

JUDGE/TK? –

- a) Will follow every question, every round, to ensure 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**

If a phone belonging to **ANYONE** affiliated with your church goes off in a room during a match, your team will receive 1 warning/reminder. If it happens again, the offending team will forfeit that round – even if it is in a different room. It is YOUR job to pass this info on to all people on your team. Note: This is the Southeast Regional policy. It is not done this way at the National Festival.