



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 encourage teams to strive for competitive excellence while maintaining a high level of spiritual integrity, as demonstrated through the relationships among 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 as far down as necessary to either fill the four slots or determine 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. We will continue this rotation annually, always starting with the current year's hosting district. For example, next year, West Florida will have the first opportunity, followed by West Florida and South Carolina.

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

Here is the 2026 rotation:

1. 2026 - Georgia (Host)
2. 2027 - West Florida
3. 2028 - North Carolina
4. 2029 - Pen. Florida
5. 2030 - Alabama (35th anniversary of Regional)
6. 2031 - South Carolina

Once the final list of teams is assembled (even if fewer 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 a member of the regional team will notify you of your acceptance after the final round. You will need to send them a copy of your registration confirmation. There is a possibility that one or more teams will earn 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 received 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 their accomplishments to date. In other words, an event that qualifies a team to attend and provides them with something that will bless them for attending (such as Fellowship, pictures, guest speakers, etc.). Our event is not simply a stepping stone to advance to the National Festival.
- The next reason is that 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 to the National Festival than any other region. The one reason this has happened is that when the National Festival committee calls, we are prepared. "Will the First Assembly of Anytown, USA accept an invitation 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 assistance with certifying officials, please do not hesitate to 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 judges’ 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 question correctly or a 3rd question incorrectly 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 there are three or more teams, the 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 revert to head-to-head competition 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 lunch on Friday and Saturday. You may bring your own lunch or purchase lunches from the host church. Please note that you will not have time to go off campus for lunch. We will resume the Quizzing/Awards Ceremony at the announced time following lunch.

Once again, we are privileged to have a church open its doors to us. This is a major undertaking for the church, and we need your help to maintain a good relationship with them. Therefore, we kindly request that you plan to assist us in moving tables/chairs after the quiz 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 that this is done. We do not want any damage done to the campus, such as excessively trashing bathrooms, going through cabinets, desks, etc., or taking 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 are inevitable in a competitive format, we have methods in place to address those issues. Losing one's temper, arguing, shouting, or threatening are not among those methods. Behaviors like these do not represent who we are and will not be tolerated. 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. However, dwelling on that and saying it 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 the 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 TKs 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 ensure that scores are correct ***before*** announcing and that both coaches verify them in 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 judge's vote.
- b) Will call for the judge's rulings if they feel the QM has made an incorrect independent ruling.
- c) One official will be responsible for 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 occurs** 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. This is not the way it is done at the National Festival.