



# ***TEXAS BIBLE BOWL***

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*

## **Rules and Regulations**

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### **RULES**

#### **I. Divisions**

1. There are four divisions of competition: Elementary Division, Junior Division, Senior Division, and Adult.
  - a. "Elementary Division" consists of students younger than grade 7.
  - b. "Junior Division" teams consist of four participants of grades 7-9.
  - c. "Senior Division" teams consist of four participants of grades 10-12.
  - d. "Adults" are individuals who are beyond senior high age.
2. Participants up to grade 9 may participate in the Senior Division; no participant of grades 10-12 may participate in the Junior or Elementary Divisions.
3. The Junior Division and the Senior Division each consist of two fields: "Experienced" and "Inexperienced". An "experienced" team is a team that has one or more members who have participated in Bible Bowl meet at Texas Bible Bowl.
4. If you have a student younger than 7th grade that you feel would enhance your team you may use him/her understanding that the tests will be geared for upper grades.

#### **II. Teams**

1. A team consists of four participants with no alternates.
2. A participant may not change teams during a meet.

#### **III. Text of the Bible**

1. All questions are taken from the English Standard Version (ESV).
2. All questions are taken from the 2001 or later copyright editions of the ESV.
3. ESV text notes can be considered as part of the text.

#### **IV. Answers**

1. Each team member answers independently by marking pre-printed answer sheets.
2. No participant speaks during the testing.
3. Answers to questions are not given during the testing.

### **COACH'S GUIDE**

So that you and your team(s) will be properly prepared, it is necessary for each person to be aware of the policies and procedures of the meet. Following is information you will need at home and at the meet.

#### **I. Before the meet**

1. Team organization
  - a. Each team has four members with no alternates. (The computer does not handle substitutions.)

- b. Each student will be identified throughout the meet by an assigned code number. This code is to be used throughout the day. (The computer does not recognize names, and individual scores cannot be computed without the code)
  - c. Team members will sit in the same seat throughout the day.
2. Study
- a. Study Materials can be found on the Texas Bible Bowl website, [www.texasbiblebowl.org](http://www.texasbiblebowl.org).
  - b. BibleQuiz Software created by the Walkers can be downloaded from the Texas Bible Bowl website, [www.texasbiblebowl.org](http://www.texasbiblebowl.org)
  - c. Any method of study that best suits you and your students is allowable.
3. Bibles
- a. Each student **MUST** have a copy of the English Standard Version.
  - b. Bibles may be color-coded in any way.
  - c. No paper of any kind may be added to a Bible/Notebook used in testing.
  - d. Photocopied or computer printout pages of the Bible text are allowed. However, margins must be no more than 1 in. You can find one already color-coded available for download on the Texas Bible Bowl website.
  - e. **Quote listings, reference listings, and heading listings are not allowed.**
4. What to bring
- a. **EACH PARTICIPANT IS TO BRING A BIBLE.** Extras are not provided by Texas Bible Bowl. (Coaches might like to bring an extra.)
  - b. Dress is casual. Jeans and tennis shoes are fine.

## II. At the meet

1. Registration
- a. Coaches are to report to registration to register teams. **REGISTRATION TIME IS FRIDAY FROM 5:00 - 6:00 PM.** Late registration is Saturday from 8:00 - 9:00 am.
  - b. At registration you will check in and make sure all students are registered in the correct division.
  - c. For extra players or teams needing players
    - To participate, an extra player must be on a team. They can be added to an existing team needing a player, or may help in forming an "ad hoc" team.
    - If you have an incomplete team or extra players, tell the registration desk of your need.
  - d. A congregation is entitled to the number of meals equal to the number of enrolled participants.
2. Testing
- a. Teams are to arrive no later than 9:00 a.m.
  - b. All testing of all teams will occur in one room.
  - c. All players of all divisions receive the same tests.

- d. Coaches are responsible to have their teams in their places on time for each round. If a player is not in their seat when the test begins, they miss that round.
  - e. Participants may not consult at any time during the testing.
  - f. Study questions may not be used in any part of the testing.
  - g. **Only the TEXT (which may include foot notes) of the Bible may be used during testing. Students may not use concordances, maps, hand written lists, or any other study aids. No added paper of any kind may be inside or on a Bible/Notebook during testing.**
  - h. Time limitations are part of the testing procedure.
  - i. In each round, each student will receive the questions in written form. Questions will not be asked orally.
  - j. If cheating or the appearance of cheating is understood by a quizmaster or monitor to have occurred, the student will receive a score of zero in the round. Judgment of the official is final and not subject to discussion.
  - k. Final scores at the end of the day determine levels of proficiency for teams and individuals.
    - Team scores are determined by performance in Rounds 1-5, with no regard to the Power Round.
    - Individual scores are determined by performances in Rounds 1-5 and the Power Round.
  - l. No student is allowed to take tests early for any reason.
3. Team answer sheets and keys to quizzes will be available for pickup after the awards banquet & devotional.
  4. If you have students with special needs, inform the meet director prior to the meet.

### **III. After the meet**

1. Each congregation is encouraged to give special recognition to its Bible Bowl students in a congregational setting.
2. Please let the event organizers know how the meet went. This is the only way that we can make the meet better next year.

## **DESCRIPTION OF ROUNDS**

**"Power Round"** (This round is optional. However, if your student is competing for individual awards they must take this test. Youth and adults may participate.)

The Power Round will be administered with no prior indication of its nature. ***The test will be very difficult and should be taken by well-prepared students.*** It will be **CLOSED-BIBLE**. There is no special registration; just be present ten minutes early.

Possible Score: 50 Round Time: 25 minutes

### **Round 1 "Find the Verse"** (For all participants)

Using **OPEN BIBLES**, participants will locate, by giving chapter and verse numbers, forty (40) quotations drawn from the assigned text of the Bible. (Quotation marks are

not required. ANY reference from the text may be used. We consider these to be quotations or references since we are quoting the text itself.) Single words will not be cited. Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 25 minutes

**Round 2 "Fact Finder"** (For all participants)

Using **OPEN BIBLES**, participants will answer forty (40) multiple-choice questions by marking one of three multiple-choice answers.

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 20 minutes

**Round 3 "Identification"** (For all participants)

Using **OPEN BIBLES**, participants will, by marking one of five multiple-choice answers, identify forty (40) items (persons, places, things, times, numbers, etc.)

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 20 minutes

**Round 4 "Know the Chapter -- Quotations"** (For all participants)

**WITHOUT USING BIBLES**, participants will locate, by chapter number only, forty (40) quotations from the assigned text of the Bible. (Quotations may be drawn from narrative or discourse. Quotation marks are not required. ANY reference from the text may be used. We consider these to be quotations or references since we are quoting the text itself.) Single words will not be cited.

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 15 minutes

**Round 5 "Know the Chapter -- Headings and Events"** (For all participants)

**WITHOUT USING BIBLES**, participants will locate, by chapter number only, forty (40) general descriptions or subject headings of particular sections of Scripture.

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 10 minutes

**Sample Meet Questions**

**"Find the Verse" Round 1**

Using your Bible, write the chapter and verse location of each reference in the space provided on the right.

1. "Everything that lives and moves will be food for you." \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_
2. "Now leave this land at once...." \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

**"Fact Finder" Round 2**

Using your Bible, complete each of the following multiple-choice statements by marking the letter corresponding to the correct response on your score card.

1. How many times did Noah send birds out from the ark?  
A. Three B. Four C. Five
2. Before Abram had any child who was to receive his estate?  
A. Eleazar B. Eliezer C. Eliazar

### "Identification" Round 3

Using your Bible, complete each of the following multiple-choice statements by marking the appropriate letter on your score card.

1. On the seventh day of creation God  
A. Blessed the day B. Rested C. Made it holy D. All of these E. None of these
2. Who was less than 900 years at their death?  
A. Adam B. Noah C. Seth D. All of these E. None of these

### "Know the Chapter -- Quotations Round 4

Without using your Bible, mark on your score card the letter corresponding to the chapter number in Genesis in which each of the following quotations is found:

1. "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed"  
A. 24 B. 25 C. 26 D. 27 E. None of these
2. "But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?'"  
A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5 E. None of these

### "Know the Chapter (Headings and Events)" Round 5

Without using your Bible, mark on your score card the letter corresponding to the chapter number in Genesis in which each of the following chapter headings is found:

1. Abraham Pleads For Sodom  
A. 18 B. 19 C. 20 D. 21 E. None of these
2. Jacob Blesses His Sons  
A. 45 B. 46 C. 47 D. 48 E. None of these

## CURRICULUM

2016-17 - Acts  
2017-18 - I Samuel  
2018-19 - John  
2019-20 - II Samuel  
2020-21 - Revelation  
\*2021-22 - Genesis\*  
2022-23 - Matthew  
2023-24 - Life of Moses  
2024-25 - Luke  
2025-26 - Joshua, Judges, Ruth

### Chapters of books to study for Life of Moses:

Exodus 1-20  
Exodus 32-34  
Numbers 1-3  
Numbers 10-14  
Numbers 16-17  
Numbers 20-27  
Numbers 31-36  
Deuteronomy 31-34

When the cycle is completed, the years will repeat.

**\*The standardized 10-year curriculum begins.**