SOUTH CENTRAL PA AWANA BIBLE QUIZZING
GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA
OFFICIAL RULES FOR 20266

Major changes to rules for 2026 are highlighted in yellow.

Quiz Format Overview

Bible Quiz will be on: Units 1-2 in T and T books "Grace in Action", "Evidence of Grace", "Agents of Grace", and "Discovery of Grace" and incorporates the following formats:

Multiple-choice Quiz

The multiple-choice segment allows participants to perform in a low-key competitive atmosphere. Participants from each book are given an opportunity to answer a series of multiple-choice questions using paddles A-B-C.

Written Quiz

The written quiz segment is a timed segment when participants answer a series of questions. It is held in a room separate from the rest of the quiz meet.

The coach may accompany quizzers to the written quiz room to make sure they take the correct test. Prior to start of the written quiz, coaches will be dismissed.

One or more of the following styles may be used in the written quiz: completion, matching, multiple-choice, finish the verse, and true or false.

Speed Quiz

In the speed quiz segment, quizzers from each book compete against other individuals in the same book. There is a series of questions per book. All quizzers will be read the quiz question. The first person to respond is given an opportunity to answer the question.

Cumulative scores from each format are used to determine the winner.

Organization

1. The organization of the Bible Quiz meets depends on the number of churches and quizzers participating.
2. All quizzers participate as individuals in each book. Each quizzer's score will be the result of their individual effort.

Registration

1. Quizzers are accepted when registration money is paid. A church may enter an unlimited number of quizzers per book.
2. The church may register quizzers for any or all books but is not required to enter quizzers for all books.

General Information

Eligibility

1. Each quizzer must quiz from the handbook they are currently working in.
2. Each quizzer may quiz in only one handbook.

3. Each quizzer may only quiz one time in a handbook.

Apparel

1. We emphasize the importance of modesty, neatness and cleanliness in the apparel worn by both leaders and quizzers of all ages.
2. All participants (including coaches and staff) must wear your club's official Awana uniform. Shorts are not permitted.

Quiz Questions and Answers

1. All questions will be taken from the material in the latest edition of the Awana handbooks (KJV, NKJV, NIV (1984), and ESV). Participants are not expected to interpret the materials.
2. Assigned materials will consist of Units 1 and 2 in the following books: T and T books "Grace in Action", "Evidence of Grace", "Agents of Grace", and "Discovery of Grace". Start Zones are NOT included in the assigned material. All questions are taken from the "Explore" and "Memorize" parts of the section.
3. The event specialist will determine the specific questions to be asked.
4. Questions may be asked on any part of the assigned materials, including verses, Bible readings, definitions, etc.
5. The quizmaster prefaces each question with the word "question." No talking is allowed from the word "question" until the answer is given.
6. Should the quizmaster read a question improperly, the question may be either started over or discarded and a new one selected at the quizmaster's sole discretion.
7. All Bible verses must be quoted word-perfect according to the latest edition of the Awana handbook. Any translation in which Awana publishes curriculum may be used. If requested, the quotation must include the complete reference.
8. No live streaming, audio, video, or written recording of questions is allowed.
9. Pictures are allowed to be taken ONLY when all the quizzers are called up front and seated and prior to any questions being asked.

Use of Handbooks, Bibles, etc.

Once the Bible quizzing has begun, no further studying of handbooks, Bibles or other materials is allowed.

Time-outs

The quizmaster is the only official who can declare a time-out.

Coaches

1. Each quizzer is allowed only one official coach during the quiz meet.
2. An individual may coach more than one quizzer from their church.
3. Coaches may talk to their quizzers while they rotate between segments of their quiz.

Appeals

1. Only the official coach may appeal a question or an answer during the multiple-choice or speed quiz. The coach does this by calling out "question." The immediately preceding question is the only one that may be appealed. Written test questions are not open to appeal.
2. All appeals are directed to the quizmaster. When recognized, the coach confers privately with the quizmaster. After the coach voices the question, the coach must return to his or her seat while a decision is being made.
3. The quizmaster may consult with the event specialist or judges before making a decision. In all cases, the decision of the quizmaster is final.

<u>Bible Quiz registration/schedule</u>:

1. Quizzers are to be checked in by their coach at the time stated by the event specialist.

2. Coaches will submit the names of their quizzers on the quiz roster sheet/score sheet when they check in for the quiz meet. Signed parental consent/release forms must be supplied for all participating quizzers.
3. Exact schedule will depend on the number of quizzers registered and will be provided on the day of the Bible Quiz to all coaches and staff.

Rules on the Types of Quiz

Multiple-Choice Paddle Quiz

1. For each book, quizzers will be asked a series of multiple-choice questions.
2. Questions and possible answers will be read once. There will be three answers to choose from. Quizzers have five seconds to determine their choice of answers. Questions may be read twice if the quizmaster deems it necessary.
3. During the reading of the questions, quizzers must look down at their paddles while deciding their answers. Looking any other place may result in disqualification from that question (known as an "eye violation").
4. When all answers have been given, the quizmaster will say, *"Select your answer".* When the five seconds are up, the quizmaster will say, *"Paddles up."*
5. During the five-second answer time, quizzers select the answer they believe to be correct. Then, at the call *"Paddles up,"* all quizzers will raise the paddle that corresponds to their answer at the same time.
6. After the *"Paddles up"* call has been made, no paddle may be exchanged for another paddle.
7. If a participant's paddle is raised late, the participant is disqualified from that question.
8. Paddles are to be held up until the command *"Paddles Down"* is given. At the *"Paddles down"* command, participants lower their paddles.
9. Quizzers are awarded 10 points for each correct answer.
10. A round of multiple-choice quiz will consist of 10 questions.

Written Quiz

1. All quizzers will take an individual written quiz.
2. The written quiz for each book will consist of 20 questions.
3. A period of fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for the completion of the written quiz. Pencils will be provided.
4. Once the participant has the quiz, there should be no talking, and any handbooks should be in the coach's possession. Any questions should be addressed to the written quizmaster or room monitor.
5. Participants must not look at another person's paper during the quiz, or they will be disqualified.
6. Quizzers are awarded 10 points for each correct answer.
7. Participants will remain seated until the entire group is dismissed.

Speed Quiz

1. Number of flights (groups) of speed quiz for each book will be determined by the number of quizzers registered for each book.
2. Questions will be read once. Quizzers may press their button to answer as soon as they feel they can correctly answer the question. The entire question does not have to be read.
3. If a quizzer responds before the question is completed, the quizmaster will stop. The quizzer must then give a correct, specific answer.
4. The quizzer has 10 seconds to reach the microphone and begin. They then have 40 more seconds to complete the answer. Grace may be extended for longer answers. However, the quizzer should indicate within 10 seconds if he or she cannot answer, thereby avoiding unnecessary delays and embarrassment.
5. Stalling by saying," My answer is," then stopping is not permitted. This answer or one like it will not count as starting an answer within the 10 seconds. Any initial answer must be directly related to the question.

6. When a speed question has been answered, the quizmaster will ask, “Is that your answer?” Only when the quizzer answers “yes,” or time runs out, will the question be ruled correct or incorrect with “That is a correct answer,” or, “I’m sorry, that is an incorrect answer.”
7. Correct answers are awarded 20 points. Incorrect answers will not result in a points penalty**.**
8. If the first quizzer responding is incorrect, the next quizzer buzzing in will be given the opportunity to answer the question for 20 points. Incorrect answers will not result in a points penalty**.** The Quizmaster will reread the question to the point where the first quizzer buzzed in and then the quizzer has five (5) seconds to begin his/her answer.
9. If the first quizzer answers incorrectly, and there is no second buzz in, the question will be re-read as if it were a new question. However, the quizzer who answered incorrectly will be ineligible to answer on the second reading.
10. If no quizzer responds in 10 seconds, time is called and the next question given.
11. Questions asked (other than Scripture quotations) may be answered in the participant’s own words, but must be close to what the handbook states. The judges determine whether anything important to the meaning has been left out or altered.
12. If a quiz participant quickly corrects himself or herself in the process of giving their answer, the corrected answer will be accepted.
13. Answers that contain extraneous information may be considered incorrect, even if the correct answer is included.
14. Help from the audience counts as a wrong answer, even if the answer is correct.
15. Any quizzer answering three questions correctly “quizzes out” and is awarded an extra 20 points.
16. Quizzers answering two questions incorrectly in the speed quiz are ineligible to answer additional questions.
17. Individual speed questions will not be repeated unless the quizmaster deems it necessary.
18. A round of speed quizzing will consist of between 10 and 16 questions, based on the numbers of registered quizzers.

Scoring

Scores from all segments are added together to determine the winner. In the event of a tie, the quizzer answering the most written test questions correctly will receive 5 bonus points. If that does not break the tie, there will then be two winning quizzers.

Quiz Staff

1. Each church registering a quizzer may be asked to provide at least one adult worker who can assist with various functions of the event at the direction of the event specialist. Any adult worker supplied by a church must have current PA clearances, copies of which must be supplied to the host church 10 days before the event. They will receive instructions prior to the event.
2. Staffing is at the discretion of the event specialist.
3. Each staff member must arrive at the time designated by the event specialist.
4. All quiz staff should be in Awana uniform.

Event Specialist

1. Makes sure facility and equipment are ready for the quiz.
2. Lines up and confirms staff members.
3. Lines up quizzers in the given area and send acceptance to the coaches with information on the Bible Quiz time, place and other information.
4. Keeps record of the quizzers registered and check in each quizzer at the quiz meet.
5. Conduct coaches and judges meeting on day of meet as necessary.

Quizmaster

1. Conducts the quiz program.
2. Maintains full authority over the quiz with the event specialist.
3. Reads the quiz questions.
4. Assists the judges in any decision concerning any contested questions or answers.

Judges for the Multiple-Choice Paddle Quiz and Speed Quizzing

1. Check to make sure the quizmaster reads the questions correctly and clearly.
2. Assists in any decision concerning any contested questions or answers.
3. Judges make the final decision concerning any questions or answers that are appealed.
4. For paddle quizzing, determines if any late paddles are raised or eye violations are committed.

Judges/Monitors for the Individual Written Quiz

1. Make sure the tests are laid out and covered prior to the quizzers coming in to take the test.
2. Dismiss the coaches prior to the test starting.
3. With the help of scorers, grading the tests making sure they are double checked.
4. Make sure the tests are given to the Head Scorekeeper.

Head Scorekeeper/Scorekeepers

1. Record the points of those quizzers assigned to them throughout the quiz.
2. Report their scores to the head scorekeeper.

Scorers for the Written Quiz

1. Compare quizzer's written answers to the answer sheet.
2. Tabulate the quizzer's score, giving 10 points for each correct answer.
3. Report their scores to the head scorekeeper.

Awards

1. Participation patches are given to all quizzers who participate in Bible Quizzing.
2. First, Second, Third and Fourth place awards are given to quizzers in each book.
3. Additionally, all quizzers not finishing in the first four places will receive recognition as "Bronze" or "Silver" status, depending on the number of points earned.
4. Any quizzer scoring 300 points or more will be awarded a "High Honors" award.
5. The Quiz Champion Award will be given to any quizzers who attain a perfect score.