



**NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ
COMPETITION RULES
AND ESSENTIALS FOR PARTICIPATION
FOR 2013**

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

National Bible Quiz will celebrate thirteen years in 2013. The quiz competition is run by the Bible Society of the West Indies as part of its mission to encourage the spiritual development of Jamaican youth through study of the Holy Scriptures. The competition has witnessed steady growth and is now among the top school-based competitions in Jamaica.

National Bible Quiz is open to primary and secondary level schools, which play in knockout rounds until a winner emerges from the two categories.

SOURCE TEXT

The New Good News School Bible (2nd edition) is the only Bible from which questions on the syllabus will be given and answers accepted. The source text is easily identified by its colourful cover on which there is an illustration of hands outstretched to the cross.

SYLLABUS (See attachment) A

TEAM COMPOSTITION

A team consists of four players, with one serving as the captain.

Substitution

No substitution will be allowed once a match has commenced.

Eligibility Requirement

Team Teachers/Coaches must present proof to Bible Society officials that players are eligible for their category when they register on the first day of competition. The proof shall be a letter from the Principal certifying, from school records, that:

- Players in the Junior Category (9 – 11) are under 12 on 1st January of the year of the competition.
- Players in the Senior Category (12 – 16) are under 17 on 1st January of the year of the competition.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION

If a school intends to withdraw from the competition, it **must inform** the Bible Society in writing by November 30, so as to not create an inconvenience in the scheduling of matches. Failure to notify the Bible Society may result in the Society withholding an invitation for future participation in the competition.

PARISH MATCHES

Location and dates of Matches

Eliminations will be conducted in each parish. Schools will receive early notification about the dates and venue for each parish from the Bible Society.

Single Entrant

In cases where only one team turns up for the match, that entrant will be allowed to proceed to the next round. Where the entrant is the only one for the parish, the team will be recognized as the Parish Representative rather than the Parish Champion

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Parish Champions

Parish Champions must attain a score of over 25 to be awarded the parish shield.

Parish Champion who fails to achieve the score would receive a certificate of participation.

Where a Parish champion fails to achieve the minimum score of 25, Bible Society reserves the right to consider an invitation to the final.

STRUCTURE OF THE QUIZ

The Quiz is divided into three sections:

SECTION 1: SWORD SKILL (SPEED)

Teams must aim to answer as many questions as possible within the time limits.

- There will be TWO rounds of ONE minute each.
- Any member of the team may answer.
- Team members are allowed to consult with each other.

A team must say “Pass” if it does not know the answer.

- If time is up when a competitor is answering, he/she is allowed to complete the answer, but no answer may be started once time is up.
- Two points will be given for each correct answer.
- Teams do not lose points for wrong answers.

SECTION 2: SWORD FIGHT (INDIVIDUAL)

This section tests individual team member’s knowledge. Each team member will go head-to-head with their counterpart on the opposing team.

- Individuals will be asked three questions.
- Ten (10) seconds will be allowed for each answer
- Correct answers are awarded two points.
- No points are lost for incorrect answers.
- No transfer of questions to members of the same team is allowed.
- If a team member does not answer a question correctly, it will be passed to the other team's corresponding player who must respond **immediately**. If correctly answered, the other team will be awarded one point. This team member will not lose his/her turn for his/her question.
- Team members are not allowed to consult with each other during this section. A team will lose two points for any instance where this may occur.

SECTION 3: SWORD THRUST (MAKE OR BREAK)

- Ten (10) questions will be given in this section.
- The first team to signal within 5 seconds gains the right to respond, BUT it must wait to be acknowledged. Where no buzzer is available the accepted signal is the first contestant to stand erect.
- Once acknowledged by the Quiz Master, a team has 10 seconds to

supply a response.

- Team members may consult each other.
- Four (4) points will be awarded for each correct answer. Four points will be deducted for each incorrect answer or failure to answer once identified.

Bonus questions are hidden in 2 of the 10 questions.

- Two points will be awarded for a correct response to a bonus question.

No points will be deducted for an incorrect response to the bonus question.

OTHER RULES FOR MATCH PLAY

Coaches are urged to go through the Other Rules for Match Play with their team.

- The team whose Captain wins the *Sword Drill* (Find the Bible verse) has the option of facing the first question or allowing their opponent to go first.
- Teams are to listen carefully to questions posed by the Quiz Master as these will not be repeated.
- Only the first response will be recognized.
- Competitors must always speak in clear, well-modulated voices so

that there is little or no need for the Quiz Master to ask the speaker to repeat an answer. Competitors must not shout or offer multiple answers at once.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Christian organization, the Bible Society of the West Indies wants National Bible Quiz to be conducted in an atmosphere in which respect, courtesy, fair play and good sportsmanship are demonstrated.

Coaches are asked to take special note of the **Code of Conduct**. It should be discussed thoroughly with teams, especially as breaches of the Code are grounds for sanction, which may include disqualification.

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- Team members shall at all times be respectful in their engagement with team mates, opponents and match officials. Displays of behaviour that are unsportsmanlike or go against the grain of team spirit are included under this standard.

Language

- Team members must not curse, swear or use profane or coarse language, inadvertently or not.

Fair Play

- Competitors are expected to be honest. Except for those sections of the quiz that permit contestants to consult with each other, a team member must not assist another whose turn it is to answer. *Competitors who qualify for the final round (televised) of matches should note that sotto voce (whispered) comments, while not audible to the Quiz master can be heard by television studio personnel in the control room because the microphones on set are extremely sensitive.*

Where there is clear evidence that a team or any of its members has acted dishonestly, the contestant will be ejected or the team disqualified.

Coach/Team Interaction

Coaches may not consult or coach teams during matches, except in the instances where a challenge is being made. In the event of a challenge of the award or non-award of points, the following protocol shall be observed:

Challenges

- Challenges must be directed to the judges' table. At no time must the Quiz Master be approached.
- A team shall signal its interest in posing a challenge by signalling for its coach **at the end of a segment in which the point or non-point would have been awarded.** The coach after consultation with the team may then opt to approach the judges with the challenge.
- No more than 2 challenges per team may be brought in the course of a match.
- **DECISIONS OF JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

FINAL ROUND (TELEVISED MATCHES)

In addition to the televised broadcast of the final round, the Bible Society of the West Indies will be making final round matches available via the Internet. This will be a useful resource for coaches who would

like to incorporate study of past performances when preparing their teams in the future.

Coaches are required to ensure that parents and guardians are given the consent forms provided to each participating school that has qualified for the final round. It is very important that the Bible Society get this document. **Signed forms for each team competitor including reserves should be returned to the Bible Society on or before the day of the match.**

PRIZES

Junior and Senior Champions

The National Bible Quiz Trophy is awarded to the winners of the Junior and Senior Categories. Each member of the team and the coach receives a cash prize.

Second and Third Place Runners- up

Each member of the team and the coach receives a cash prize.

*Additional
Prizes*

Other sponsored prizes will be provided for contestants and coaches.

ATTACHMENT A

NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ SYLLABUS FOR 2013

JUNIORS

- **St. Matthew: Chapter 1 -18**
- **Genealogy and birth of Jesus Christ**
- **The Ministry of John the Baptist**
- **The baptism and temptation of Jesus**
- **Jesus public ministry in Galilee**

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**“General Knowledge Questions
about the Bible”**

SENIORS

THE BOOK OF LUKE

- **Birth and childhood of John the Baptist
and Jesus**
- **The Ministry of John the Baptist**

- The baptism and temptation of Jesus
 - Jesus public ministry in Galilee
- From Galilee to Jerusalem
- The last week in and near Jerusalem
- The resurrection, appearances and ascension of the Lord

DANIEL CHAPTERS 1-6

- Daniel & his friends

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“General Knowledge Questions about the Bible”

ATTACHMENT B

NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ CONSENT FORM

National Bible Quiz is a competition run by the Bible Society of the West Indies as part of its mission to encourage the spiritual development of Jamaican youth through study of the Holy Scriptures.

The final round of matches will appear on electronic media (television, cable and the Internet) as part of the promotion for the programme and to help coaches with future preparation of school teams.

As a pre-requirement for participation in this final round, competitors must return a signed consent form to the school coach BEFORE the day of the match.

Name of competitor:.....

Quiz Category (Tick one): Juniors (9 - 11 years)

Seniors (12 – 16 years)

School:.....

I give permission for my child/ward to participate in the final round of National Bible Quiz. I understand that the matches will be recorded for use on television and other electronic media.

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Name of parent/guardian:

Signature

Date: