

### ***RULES FOR ALL CONVENTION EVENTS***

1. In a team event a participant may move up to a higher grade division, but an older participant may not move down to a lower grade division. Each team in each event will participate at the grade division of the highest grade member. All team events will consist of more than one person.
2. All participants in all Convention Events must be registered with the Convention on or before the Registration Deadline.
3. A participant may be in only one (1) individual **OR** team event during a given time period. **No allowance shall be made for anyone not observing this rule.**
4. Each individual award winner and each member of a winning team will receive an engraved plate for his/her participant's plaque.
5. Judge's score sheets and Awards will be placed in congregational packets to be picked up by the Church Coordinator at the end of the convention.
6. Church Coordinators will have until two weeks after the convention to apply for awards, corrections or updates. Any awards needed after this deadline will have to be secured by the Church Coordinator from a local business.
7. A list of Convention Coordinators and addresses will be available on the CTLTC website (<http://www.ctltc.net/>).

## **BIBLE READING RULES (3-6 Grades)**

**PURPOSE:** To provide an opportunity for young people to develop skills through the oral reading of the Scripture.

**PROCESS:** This event will be for grades 3-6. (7-12 will participate as a Challenge Event. See Challenge Event Rules in the Challenge section of this manual.)

Each congregation shall:

- Read and follow Rules for All Convention Events.
- Properly register each participant by Registration Deadline
- Be certain that Participants are registered for Bible Reading and *only* Bible Reading for a given time period. No one will be allowed to participate in an event if they have a conflict with another event.
- Choose a reading from Old or New Testament for each participant
- Choose a reading from a standard translation, including children's version, no paraphrases
- See Challenge section of rules for grade divisions 7-12

The Event Director shall:

- Oversee judging and rooms
- Provide critique sheets for all convention participants
- Report results to the Award Committee

### **RULES:**

#### **General Rules (3-6)**

**A brief introduction is required. The participant should not attempt to explain or interpret the passages. However, participants should place major emphasis on the actual Bible reading and not on prepared statements. The identification of the passage, the translation, and the setting of the passage together shall not exceed 20 seconds.**

#### **Convention Rules (3-6)**

1. The entire presentation of the introduction and scripture reading is not to be less than one minute or more than two minutes in length. Students will be penalized up to five points for any time under one minute or over two minutes. Therefore, aim for one minute and thirty seconds. After the two minute time limit, the reader will be stopped.
2. Participants will be penalized if the identification and introduction exceeds 20 seconds. Participants will also be penalized if they omit identification of the passage and translation. Memorization is neither required nor encouraged; your ability to read the passage is what is being judged.
3. Each participant will be rated by at least one judge.
4. Spectators may not leave or enter the room while participants are speaking. This is *not* a "come-and-go" event.
5. Any video or audio equipment must be set up prior to the session and must be stationary. No participant may be taped without his or her advance approval and appropriate notification of the judges.

## AWARDS:

### Convention (3-6)

Ratings and awards will be given to those who score 75 points or better.

Gold -- 95-100 points,

Silver -- 85-94 points,

Bronze -- 75-84 points

## JUDGING CRITERIA:

- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Poise** - Proper poise while reading will be rated, i.e. composure, self-confidence.
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Posture** - Proper posture while reading will be rated. One should stand straight with both feet firmly on the floor. Any movement done should be to emphasize a point.
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Voice Tone** - The proper voice tone will be rated.
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Voice Volume** - The proper voice volume will be rated. Can the speaker be heard clearly in relationship to the room size and audience?
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Rate and Flow** - Does the reading flow well?
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Articulation and Enunciation** - Proper articulation and enunciation will be rated. Are the words pronounced clearly and distinctly?
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Eye Contact** - Proper gestures and eye contact will be rated. To give emphasis to the reading, does the reader have the ability to look away from his text and look at the audience?
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Introduction to the Passage** - The effectiveness of the participants in: (1) the identification of the passage, (2) the translation, and (3) the setting of the passage will be rated. The identification and introduction should not exceed 20 seconds of the total time.
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Reading Time** - The entire presentation of the introduction and scripture reading is not to be less than one minute, nor more than two minutes in length including the introduction.
- \_\_\_ (10 pts) **Overall Impression** - The overall impression of the reader and reading will be rated. This will include appropriate dress.
- \_\_\_ (100 pts) **TOTAL**