

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/>).

INTERPRETING FOR THE DEAF RULES

Please note there are different rules & selections for two separate events:

1. Interpreting for the Deaf
2. Signing for the Deaf

PURPOSE: To encourage students to develop the ability to interpret so that they can minister to and develop relationships with the deaf and hard-of-hearing, as well as provide various services to the hearing-impaired to glorify God and his church.

PROCESS: Each participating congregation:

- Read and follow Rules for All Convention Events.
- Must insure participants get a full copy of the event requirements.
- Determine proper grade division, experience level and signing language.
- Be certain that students are registered for interpreting and only interpreting for given time period. No one will be allowed to participate in an event if they have a conflict with another event.
- Will insure that all participants are in front of their assigned room 10 minutes prior to their schedule time.
- Provide a judge or an event helper for every 5 students registered in the Signing and Interpreting for the Deaf events. Send their name and phone number to the event coordinator no later than 3 weeks prior to the convention. Additional volunteers will be greatly appreciated.
- Must insure that the participant interpret the selection using the words provided (Appendix B). This is the version of the song that will be used at the convention.
- Spectators may not enter or leave the room while participants are interpreting.
- Applause is appropriate as a display of appreciation.
- Please note on registration if interpreting services are needed and at what specific event/time, in advance.

The Event Coordinator shall:

- Furnish the CDs to be used during the convention only
- Organize the judges and rooms
- Report results to the Awards Committee
- Provide critique sheets for each participant
- Provide interpreters for main assembly and The Big Event
- Provide interpreters for other events (All requests must be received two weeks before the convention.)

RULES:

Grade and Experience Levels:

There are three grade levels in this event: Grades 3-6, 7-9, 10-12

Categories:

Participant selects (see Appendix B for details for this year):

- **Intermediate experience** level is for participants that have had experience and have had opportunities to do some light interpreting.
 - **Interpret a prayer**
- **Advanced experience** level is for participants fluent in sign language that have had opportunities to interpret in church, class, or school.
 - **Interpret a 4 minute sermon**

Coordinators and coaches are encouraged to involve the participants in the process of sign selections and concept interpretations to become more familiar with the syntax and expressions of visual imagery.

**** Please note on the registration form if the participant is deaf or hard of hearing ****

Participant Requirements:

1. Read and follow all rules for the **Interpreting** event.
2. Insure the version of the song you will sign follows the printed words in this year's **Interpreting** rules. Failure to comply with this rule will reduce the maximum award to a bronze.
3. The participant will finger spell his/her name only.
4. Interpret a recording of this year's selection provided, by the coordinator, at the convention.
5. A participant may not watch other participants in the same event/level until he/she has completed his/her event.
6. The Event Coordinator will provide the CDs for the convention only. No other tapes or recordings may be used.
7. For participants in the Beginning level, the words will be provided on a podium in the assigned room.
8. A participant will be disqualified if any signs are given by another person while he/she is signing.
9. A solid color blouse/shirt/dress contrasting with skin tone shall be worn while signing.
10. All participants will be pre-registered, by their congregation, in thirty minute time slots in specific rooms. The list will be posted in a general area as well as in the signing area. If participant's name is not on the list, then go to signing registration office for resolution.
11. Participants should be in front of their assigned room at least 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time.
12. Each participant shall note on his/her registration form:
 - Grade Division
 - Proper Experience Level
 - Signing Language

ASL/Conceptual Signing is visual, with its own syntax and grammar and is signing the correct meaning in the sentence (EX: "the lamb" sign "Jesus")

English Signing combines the grammatical structure of English and the signs of the American Sign Language, similar to spoken English.
14. Spectators may NOT enter or leave the room while participants are signing.
15. Applause is appropriate as a display of appreciation.

AWARDS:

Awards will be given as a reward for preparation and hard work, as well as to recognize excellence. Critique sheets will be provided to every participant.

There will be three levels of recognition:

Gold Silver Bronze

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Categories are listed in order of importance:

Intermediate

Vocabulary
Movement
Understandability
Expression
Confidence
Finger spelling

Advanced

Vocabulary
Understandability
Movement
Expression
Confidence
Finger spelling

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