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Potomac District Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ) is a ministry dedicated to putting the Word of God into children's minds and hearts through friendly competition among churches in the District. Operating under the Christian Education Department (CE) of the Potomac District Assemblies of God (A/G), JBQ can be the tool churches and Christian schools use to disciple students in grades one-six.

It is the goal of JBQ to promote God's Word in the *minds* of students—they can quote and answer questions—and to promote God's Word in the *hearts* of students—they live and act what they learn. Good sportsmanship is vital to this program. Learning how to lose and win with grace and humility is a life-skill JBQ strives to teach.

JBQ is not limited to the Potomac District or just to Assemblies of God churches and schools. JBQ is used by many churches and Christian schools in the A/G districts that make up all fifty states, as well as non-A/G churches and Christian schools across the nation.

Competitions (called "meets") are scheduled on a local (league), district, regional, and national level, with the regional and national competitions scheduled once a year in April and June, respectively.

The Potomac District JBQ Ministry Team

The Potomac District JBQ ministry is a team effort that involves the Christian Education Director, along with the administrative staff, the District Coordinator, League Coordinators and Church Coordinators.

The Christian Education Director, along with the administrative staff, oversees the JBQ ministry, provides information and logistical support to churches with established JBQ programs, encourages new churches to start JBQ and in partnership with the JBQ Coordinator promotes the program at other district children's events, such as Kids Camp. They confirm the upcoming JBQ season dates to insure that there is no scheduling conflict with other Potomac District events and ministries. They create an annual JBQ newsletter called the "*Quiz Out*" that contains the dates and question sets covered for practice, semi-final and district final meets; information on charters and charter fees; and contact information for league coordinators. They prepare and distribute charter forms to churches; process and collect charters and charter fees; and

communicate charter information to the district and league coordinators. They provide administrative support for the registration of and preparation for District Finals.

The District Coordinator oversees the league coordinators, encouraging them in their ministry. S/he is available to league coordinators and to the district CE director and staff to provide information and answer questions about the program in general as well as specific questions regarding JBQ issues.

The district coordinator relies on the league coordinators to run their leagues, but is responsible for answering questions that may arise in league events or fielding questions from new churches that the league coordinator may not be able to answer. With input from the CE director and league coordinators, s/he makes leadership decisions regarding JBQ issues such as the division of leagues, charter fees, rules & guidelines, etc.

The district coordinator is responsible for ordering trophies for the league Semi-Finals events and having them shipped directly to the league coordinators. S/he also supervises the District Finals event, secures the location of a host church and follows through on the necessary details and planning for the event's successful execution. With support from the CE administrative staff, the coordinator creates a schedule of events for the day, schedules officials and sets up their room designations; works with the host church coordinator regarding room needs, lunch, coffee service for adults and other preparations for the event, including the district-funded purchase of snacks for quizzers and bottled water for officials. S/he oversees the check-in of churches on the day of the event; gives opening instructions; sees that the event runs smoothly throughout the day; presents trophies and certificates at the close of the event; and provides information regarding National Finals to the 1st place team and information regarding Regional Finals to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams that earn an invitation to the Northeast Regional competition.

The district coordinator will also schedule and chair a meeting at the District Finals event with the JBQ leadership team to debrief and discuss any needed changes for the coming JBQ season. Any new changes and policies will be updated in this document and made available to chartered churches.

The district coordinator will be responsible for communicating any information that is received from the JBQ national community regarding new rule changes, information about local and regional tournaments, etc. The coordinator should stay informed and familiar with the JBQ national community by way of the JBQ website, email and by attending Regional and National events as they are willing and able to do.

As s/he is personally willing, skilled and/or available to do so, the district coordinator may also choose to develop and maintain a district JBQ website; provide a JBQ newsletter or other email communication and encouragement to churches; promote JBQ at camp and other district children's events; prepare training sessions, etc.

The League Coordinator will supervise the practice and Semi-Finals meets among chartered churches in the league. S/he will promote and encourage quizzing to the churches located in the league and be available to answer any questions about the JBQ program.

The league coordinator will secure the host churches for the practice meets and Semi-Finals at the beginning of the season and confirm with them whether or not they will choose to provide lunch and make advance plans with them regarding event details. S/he will regularly communicate with the chartered churches in his/her league regarding meet dates and any information regarding JBQ in the league. If the league chooses meet dates that differ from those on the district CE calendar, s/he will notify the district coordinator and CE administrative staff of the date change(s).

S/he will oversee the preparation and execution of the meets. S/he may run the question sets for each practice meet or obtain them from the JBQ Coordinator. (Question sets for Semi-Finals *must* be obtained from the JBQ Coordinator so that each league will quiz on the same material.)

S/he will determine the number of rounds each practice meet will have based on the number of teams that attend. If a small number of teams attend, the coordinator may schedule each team to quiz every other team twice to provide a useful day of quizzing. If a large number of teams attend, then the number of rounds in the meet may be limited based on time factors. However, for Semi-Finals *every* team must have the opportunity to quiz against all the other teams attending. For those in larger leagues, this may make for a long day, so the coordinator must communicate that to the churches in the league so they will be prepared for a longer-than-normal schedule. *All* league coordinators are expected to attend District Finals and the subsequent meeting of the leadership team if one is scheduled.

League coordinators are responsible to communicate to their respective churches any information obtained from the JBQ Coordinator regarding rule changes or events from the national JBQ community. League coordinators are given a small budget to work with at the beginning of the season and they can use these funds at their discretion for awards and supplies for the season. Examples:

- Place ribbons for practice meets
- Parchment paper or other fancy paper for printing certificates

- Birthday basket prizes
- Awards for 6th grade quizzers at the close of the season
- Door prizes to randomly drawn quizzers
- Awards/pins for recipients of the Bible Master Award
- Certificates of participation
- Rewards for attending all practice meets

The Church Coordinator: The Potomac District also recognizes the very important role that church coordinators play in JBQ. While not a named part of the district leadership team, they are the legs that hold up the leadership team. Their role is crucial to the success of the whole JBQ ministry. Some of the duties of the church coordinator are communicating directly with the league coordinator, making sure that team rosters and lunch counts (when applicable) are submitted to the league coordinator in a timely fashion prior to a meet, and when their church hosts a league meet, they are there to arrange the set-up and take-down for the meet, plus lunch if that is required. The best church coordinators are those that have a great team of people that surround them and help them in their role. They are always supporting the quizzers by making sure that there are coaches, officials, and equipment necessary to maintain and grow the JBQ ministry at their church. They are often the ones recruiting for more quizzers and adults to help in the ministry.

Church coordinators are encouraged to reward their quizzers at the end of the year in as big a way as their church budget will allow, especially those who have earned the Bible Master Award and/or seals in the Bible Master Award Program.

Leagues

Potomac District JBQ is currently operating with four leagues. The location of your church in the district will determine in what league you will compete.

- **Baltimore**, serving churches in and around Baltimore, MD
- **Capital**, serving churches in Fairfax County and points east to include Washington D.C. and southeast Maryland plus churches in Prince William County and points west, including Winchester and Stafford, VA
- **Mountain**, serving churches west of Winchester and into West Virginia and western Maryland
- **Richmond-Tidewater**, serving churches in and around the Richmond, VA area and serving churches in the southern part of VA

Your first point of contact should be with the league coordinator. They are volunteers who oversee the league matches and are the communication link between churches in the league. They are very familiar with JBQ and are adept

at answering questions. The names and e-dresses of the current league coordinators may be found on page 2 of this manual.

Practice Meets

Each league holds four practice meets a year. These are held once a month in October, November, January, and February. The dates for the meets are determined in advance by the District CE office, but league coordinators have the flexibility to move a date if it is more advantageous to the churches in that league.

Practice meets are designed to progressively prepare the students for the Semi-Final Meet. Only a small number of questions are covered at the first meet and then as each meet is held, more questions are covered, so that by Semi-Finals, all the questions in the Fact-Pak are used. (More info on the Fact-Pak questions below.)

Chartering Your Teams

To participate in league meets, you *must* be chartered with the district. Charter forms are available from the CE office (703.753.0300); from your league coordinator; and may also be downloaded from the district CE website: www.potomacag.org/ce_juniorbiblequiz.asp.

Current charter fees (per church) are as follows:

- Before Sep 15: \$100 (1-2 teams); \$150 (3+ teams)
- Sep 16-Nov 1: \$125 (1-2 teams); \$175 (3+ teams)
- Nov 1-Dec 1: \$150 (1-2 teams); \$200 (3+ teams)

After Dec 2 only chartered churches will be allowed to participate in league JBQ meets.

Charter fees help purchase trophies and awards for quizzers and help defray the district's cost of administrating JBQ.

Semi-Finals

In March, a Semi-Finals meet is held to determine which teams from each league will advance to District Finals. In order to participate in Semi-Finals, a church must:

- Have a current charter on file with the District CE office

- Have chartered no less than the number of teams they are competing with at Semi-Finals. (For example, if a church charters for two teams, they may not send three teams to Semi-Finals.)
- must participate in 3 out of 4 league practice meets

Divisions

There are two divisions in Potomac JBQ.

- **Primary:** A primary division team is a team of 1st-3rd graders whose quiz matches cover 10-point questions only. Primary teams are only recognized on a district level. They cannot advance to regional or national finals.
- **Junior:** A junior division team is a team of 4th-6th graders whose quiz matches cover 10-, 20- and 30-point questions.

A primary age quizzer **may** quiz on a junior team. This might happen if there are not enough quizzers to make a primary team, or not enough coaches to field both primary and junior teams. A junior age quizzer may **not** quiz on a primary team.

JBQ Questions

The questions used in the meets come from the JBQ FACT-PAK published by the Gospel Publishing House (GPH) in Springfield, MO. The Fact-Pak has a total of 576 questions of differing point values (288 10-point questions; 192 20-point questions; and 96 30-point questions.)

In the Potomac District, we have opted to switch the direction we study the questions every year. One year we will go from the back to the front of the Fact-Pak. The next year we will go from the front to the back, and continue to alternate every year. The reason for this is to help the students learn the questions at the back of the Fact-Pak as well as they know the questions in the front. By alternatively starting at the back, those "harder" questions will be heard most often that year. NOTE: It can be difficult to start teaching the JBQ questions at the back to kids not as familiar with the Bible, but please persevere for those questions are just as important! Our prayer is that as they continue in JBQ each year, the questions "in the back" can become easier and more familiar to them.

Before the JBQ season begins in the fall, the CE office will publish a newsletter called the "Quiz Out" which will contain the meet dates and the questions in the

Fact-Pak that will be covered at each meet. This allows church coordinators to design a quizzing schedule that help students prepare for the questions that will be covered at each meet.

At every meet, each round of quizzing will cover twenty questions. Junior teams will have ten 10-point questions; seven 20-point questions; and three 30-point questions. The Primary teams will have twenty 10-point questions for each round. The number of rounds in a league meet will vary, depending on the number of teams attending the meet.

The Fact-Pak comes in the NIV 2011 version. This is the only version that will be used at District Finals, Regionals, and Nationals. The questions may be answered word-for-word or in essence, without omitting important information, unless the question is a Quotation Question. In that case, the answer must be word-for-word perfect and include the reference. Quizzers may interrupt the question, but if they do, they must finish the question from the point of the interruption and then give the answer.

<http://nationaljbq.org/resources/index.cfm> is the website where you will find the Fact-Pak and other JBQ resources, such as the official guidelines. You can also sign up for the question generator to help with practices or for official meets, which is free of charge.

JBQ Guidelines

The rules for play are called *JBQ Guidelines*, and are available free from GPH in a download file to copy for JBQ use:

<http://www.nationaljbq.org/pdfs/JBQ%20Guidelines.pdf>

The *JBQ Guidelines* are all the specific and general rules for playing the matches. **The importance of coaches, officials and quizzers being well-trained in the guidelines cannot be overemphasized.** If everyone knows the rules going into the match, then the quizzers benefit by good calls on the part of the officials. As in any sport or game, the rules help everyone play better.

Team Rosters

While some districts opt to have team rosters set in stone at the beginning of the JBQ season, the Potomac District leaves it up to churches to decide how their quizzers will be placed on teams, and team rosters can vary throughout the season. Coaches can use the practice meets to see how different quizzers

perform with others on their team and to consider the impact perhaps of switching quizzers and coaches.

The only time the roster cannot change is from Semi-Finals to Finals.

The roster you bring to Semi-Finals is the roster you take to District Finals. In effect, when a coach prepares a team for Semi-Finals, he/she is preparing them for Finals. If a quizzer knows he cannot attend Semi-Finals, but will be able to attend District Finals should his team qualify, make sure that quizzer's name is on the roster at Semi-Finals.

Advancing to District Finals

In determining how many teams a league may send to District Finals, the following criteria will be used. If at Semi-Finals, a league has

1-5	teams competing	they may send	1 team	to District Finals
6-10	teams competing	they may send	2 teams	to District Finals
11-15	teams competing	they may send	3 teams	to District Finals
16-20	teams competing	they may send	4 teams	to District Finals

This applies individually to both Primary and Junior division teams. For example, if League A has 12 Primary and 9 Junior teams competing at Semi-Finals, they would advance the top 3 Primary teams and the top 2 Junior teams from their Semi-Finals to attend District Finals. If League B has 4 Primary teams and 5 Junior teams competing at Semi-Finals, they would advance the top Primary team and the top Junior team to District Finals. There may be some flexibility in allowing an additional team(s) to advance to District Finals than what is allowed by the set criteria *if* the situation is merited. A request for such an exception must be made by the League Coordinator *and* be approved by the District Coordinator before an additional team(s) would be allowed to advance.

Advancing to Regional and National Finals

The 1st place Junior Division team at the District Finals Meet automatically earns an invitation to the *National* JBQ Festival.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place Junior Division teams at the District Finals Meet earn an invitation to the Northeast *Regional* Finals Meet. If the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place teams wish to try to earn a place at Nationals, they *must* attend the Regional Finals. The 1st place team does not *have* to attend Regionals, but they may choose to go as a practice experience for Nationals. If the 1st place District Finals team elects not to attend Regionals, they must notify the district

coordinator at the close of the District Finals event or within a week of the event, so that the 5th ranking District Finals team may be notified and make plans to attend and take their slot at Regionals. If any of the teams eligible for Regional competition decide not to attend, the slot may be given to the next ranking team following 4th place. Primary teams do not advance beyond District Finals.

Currently the Northeast Region may advance their top 5 ranking teams at the Regional Finals meet to the National competition. If any of those top 5 ranking Regional Finals teams have already earned an invitation to Nationals because they took 1st place at their district competition, then the Northeast Region may be eligible to send more than 5 teams to Nationals. *Example:* ABC Church takes 1st place at their district competition. They opt to attend the Northeast Regional Finals to get in practice for Nationals. They take 3rd place at Regionals. Because ABC Church has already earned a slot at Nationals, the Northeast Region is then allowed to send an additional team and the 6th place team will be invited to attend the national competition. According to National Festival guidelines, only four teams from any given district may attend Nationals. If Potomac District sends 5 or more teams to NE Regionals, only four of those teams have the potential to advance to Nationals based on their standings at NE Regionals and that includes the 1st place District team that has automatic invitation.

Team Rosters for Regionals/Nationals

It is your *church* that earns a right to compete at Regional and/or National Finals. Therefore, the church coordinator and/or the coach(es) may decide to add or subtract quizzers to the team roster that competes at the post-district meets. The team that advances must consist of a minimum of two quizzers up to a maximum of eight quizzers that are active in the JBQ program at that church and who attend church regularly. In effect, any quizzer in the church's JBQ program may be used to make the roster for post-district competition.

Example: ABC Church takes 2nd place at District Finals. They accept the invitation to attend Regional Finals hoping to earn a spot at Nationals. They have four good quizzers on their Junior Division team right now, but they would like to strengthen and broaden their 10-point quizzing as the Junior Division team has only one good 10-point quizzer. Their church's Primary Division team has two good quizzers so they decide to add them to their post-district team roster. That is permitted and encouraged.

Regional and national meets are typically very long days so your decision must be based on the maturity level of the primary quizzer as well as his/her ability. A third grade quizzer will probably do better with a long day of quizzing than a first grade quizzer. Another factor in determining your team roster is that the larger

the team, the less time some of your quizzers will “be on the buzzer.” Eight is usually too many and less than four is hard on those quizzers. It is important to have substitutes, but too many is not good for the team or for the quizzer who has little to no opportunity to actually quiz. Six quizzers seem to be the optimum number.

JBQ Resources

Score sheets: For keeping score at the meets, the score sheet may be downloaded for free and copying is allowed and encouraged.

http://nationaljbq.org/pdfs/jbq_score_sheet.pdf or
http://nationaljbq.org/pdfs/jbq_tally_sheet.pdf.

Some league and all district meets will provide an official score sheet for use in the quiz room by the official score keeper in the quiz room.

JBQ Manual: Another good resource from GPH is the *JBQ Manual*. It has a lot of helpful hints about getting started and playing the game. Each church should have at least one of these.

JBQ Curriculum: GPH offers a JBQ curriculum that may be used in a Sunday school class (with/without quizzing), JBQ practice or as home practice for JBQ quizzers.

The Bible Master Award

What is the Bible Master Award?

The Bible Master Award, or the Master Seal, is a great way to recognize an individual's efforts in mastering the questions and answers from the *Bible Fact-Pak*. The *Bible Fact-Pak* cards, the Bible Master Award and related resources can be ordered toll-free from [Gospel Publishing House](#).

It's Not Just for Children!

The Bible Master Program allows individuals to improve their knowledge and understanding of the Bible but can also be used in group settings. It can be used along with Sunday school curriculum, in Children's Church, in Christian schools, at camps, and in other children's ministries programs. It's a wonderful activity for families to do together. Each family member can be working on his or her own level while studying the information together. Many families have used the *Bible Fact-Pak* for their family devotions and in homeschooling.

Not only can the Bible Master Program be used with children but it can also recognize adults who have mastered the material in the *Bible Fact-Pak*. Achievement is recognized through the award certificate and accompanying seals.

Overseeing the Program

One or more persons should be selected to oversee the awards program and check the individual's mastery of knowledge. The *Bible Fact-Pak* cards should be separated by point value, placed in three different containers, and thoroughly mixed. The cards are drawn one at a time, beginning with the 10-point cards. Ask the questions until the individual has satisfactorily completed the level requirements or has exceeded the maximum number of errors. If the individual is unable to complete a level, encourage the person to work for at least a week on the questions and then try again. The individual may try as many times as needed to complete a level. The goal is for the individual to learn and understand the questions and answers.

Presenting the Award

Because the Master Seal reflects a great achievement, it should be presented in a fitting ceremony. One option is to award the seal in front of the entire congregation, and provide a frame in which to place the certificate. Explain to the congregation what the Master Seal is all about and what the recipient has accomplished.

Each Bible Master package contains ten each of the certificates and ten each of the seals for the Discoverer Level, Searcher Level, and Achiever Level. To earn each of these seals, one must meet the following qualifications:

Discoverer Level: To receive a certificate and earn the seal for the Discoverer Level, an individual must correctly answer:

20 out of 30 of the 10-point questions.

Searcher Level: To earn the seal for the Searcher Level, an individual must correctly answer:

25 out of 30 of the 10-point questions and
15 out of 20 of the 20-point questions.

Achiever Level: To earn the seal for the Achiever Level, an individual must correctly answer:

28 out of 30 of the 10-point questions,
18 out of 20 of the 20-point questions, and
6 out of 10 of the 30-point questions.

Master Level: To earn the seal for the Master Level, an individual must correctly answer 59 of 60 cards. These may be drawn randomly from all 576 question cards or from a selection of:

30 of the 10-point questions,
20 of the 20-point questions, and
10 of the 30-point questions.

The Master Seal is not included in the Bible Master package. It can be obtained, free of charge, from the Children's Ministry Agency (CMA) by *submitting* the following information *on church letterhead with the pastor's signature*: the name of the individual who has earned the seal, the person's age and test score; the name of person giving the test (not a parent), and the name and address of the church. You may also fax this church letter to the CMA at 417-862-2650 to expedite the return of the seal.

Bible Master Award Program
National Junior Bible Quiz Coordinator
Children's Ministry Agency
1445 N. Boonville Avenue
Springfield, MO 65802-1894

The recipient of the Master Seal will receive a letter of congratulations from the National JBQ Coordinator.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I start JBQ at my church?

A: Start by praying for God to bring in the quizzers and for an adult to lead the ministry at your church. Then contact the league coordinator for your area and let him/her know you want to start JBQ at your church. League coordinators are a great source of information to anyone just starting out. Before you begin your program, you are welcome to attend a meet first. Bring along some prospective helpers or quizzers to see how a meet is run and get an idea of how the "game" is played. Some other resources already mentioned in this document are the *JBQ Manual* and *JBQ Official Guidelines*.

There are also resources and ideas on the national JBQ website: <http://nationaljbq.org/>. Click on any of the boxes on the middle of the page. At the bottom of each page, there is a box asking about the email newsletter and JBQ Forum. Fill in this box and the forum will help with several common

questions. This website is designed to be interactive and has postings from many in the JBQ community.

Q: Do I really need to have a quiz box?

A: Yes. This is how the game is played and quizzers need the practice on the box if they plan on competing in league play. It is expected that churches bring a quiz box to league meets for the competition to run smoothly and have quiz rooms adequately equipped. Extra quiz boxes are encouraged and often essential, because this equipment is sensitive, and failures can and do occur.

Q: Where can I purchase a buzzer box?

A: Below is a list of some companies that sell quiz boxes: If you can afford one with a timer built in, this can help not just at practice, but in the meets where you take the box.

Information on a variety of quiz boxes may be found at the following website:
http://www.jbq.org/jbqorg/buzz_box.htm

Q: What if my church can't afford a new quiz box?

A: While used quiz boxes are hard to find, they do exist in small quantities. Check with the league coordinator who can put the word out to churches in his/her league and to other leagues to see if there is any used equipment available. Another way to put the word out is through the JBQ forum mentioned earlier. That would potentially provide national attention for your request. Also, one of the quiz equipment companies (The JUDGE) does sell refurbished quiz boxes. There may be a waiting list as they are priced cheaper than new. Another option may be to use potential quizzers to do fund-raising to get the funds for a new quiz box. Perhaps the church will give matching funds or give part of the cost if they can't afford to pay for the full cost.

Q: How important is the league play? Can you teach the JBQ information without the competition?

A: League play is the incentive used to help quizzers learn the material. Yes, you can teach the material without competition; however, this program was designed knowing most children respond and learn the material better when there is a controlled measure of competition involved. However, some children don't always like the competitiveness of the program. That is where the JBQ Bible Master Award program can be very helpful.

Q: Who can participate in JBQ?

A: JBQ is an Assemblies of God ministry, but it is open to churches of any denomination. All you need are a coach, a couple of parents willing to work as officials, and a minimum of two quizzers.

Q: How many kids do you need to make up a team?

A: JBQ teams are made up of a minimum of two quizzers up to a maximum of eight quizzers. Only four quizzers from a team can quiz at any given time during a match, so if you have more than four, the remaining quizzers will need to act as substitutes. Substitutes can be placed into a match during timeouts or after a quizzer "quizzes out" (gets 6 questions correct for Junior level, 5 questions correct for Primary level or 3 questions wrong in a match.) Each church can charter as many teams as they would like so it is highly recommended that if you have more than four quizzers, you create more teams. This gives all the quizzers more time on the equipment.

Q: What do I need to know to be an official?

A: There are four types of officials needed to run a JBQ match. They are:

1. Quizmaster: The Quizmaster is responsible for running the match. He/she reads the questions and determines whether the answers should be called correct or incorrect.
2. Judge: There are generally two judges in each quiz room. The judges are responsible for assisting in the ruling of the correctness of an answer that is not obviously correct or incorrect.
3. Scorekeeper: The Scorekeeper is responsible for keeping track of the score on official score sheets and notifying the quizmaster when a quizzer has quizzed out forward (6 questions correct for the Junior level, 5 questions correct for Primary level) or backward (3 questions incorrect or 3 personal fouls).
4. Timekeeper: The Timekeeper is responsible for notifying the quizmaster when certain periods of time have passed.

A great way to learn any and all of these official positions is by helping out at practices at your church and then again at practice meets in the league. Using the *JBQ Official Guidelines* to help you know how the matches are run is a great way to get started, and they can be referred to in a match when necessary. For Semi-Finals and beyond, officials need to be certified. The certification test is online and broken into two parts: Part 1: General Guidelines for Quizmasters and Judges and Part 2: For Scorekeepers and Timekeepers. You may choose to take one or both parts. The certification site can be accessed by visiting

<http://topaz.quiz-maker.net/Michael-JBQ>. Click on the User log in page and enter "Potomac" as the User name and "JBQ2012" as the password. Then select the quiz you would like to take.

Q: What if I register (charter) 2 teams and then later in the season my church has 3 or more teams?

A: Sometimes it is hard to predict how many teams to charter. Charter for as many teams as you are reasonably sure your church will have. If by the second match of the season (November), you send more teams to compete than you chartered, please send in the difference in charter fees to the District Christian Education Office. The charter fees are used to purchase supplies and trophies for Semi-Finals and District Finals.

Q: What if our church has a kindergarten student who wants to quiz?

A: There are times when a K student will do well quizzing. Check with the church and/or league coordinator on this. If a parent is willing to be with the child at all times, then it may be successful, but it depends on the maturity of the K student.

Q: Should you use grade or age first in determining where to place a quizzer?

A: The district goes by grade first, then age. Some kids quiz for 7 years if their birthday falls right. So they may be in 7th grade home school, but the same age as a 6th grader would be in public school. If a child has to repeat a grade at school, that quizzer can be on the same team level as the grade they are repeating. For example, if a child must repeat 3rd grade, the quizzer may remain on a primary team.

Q: Can 6th graders be in JBQ or do they have to go to TBQ?

A: 6th graders have the choice of JBQ or TBQ (Teen Bible Quiz). A lot depends on the student. If they are completely new to quizzing, they may opt for TBQ. Students who have been in JBQ for at least a year will find themselves doing well in JBQ by this point, and may decide to stay for the last year and have a successful year as one of the older students, especially if they are trying to attain the Master Seal and/or the team wants to try and compete beyond the district level.

Unlike JBQ, TBQ does not have a known set of questions that can be memorized. Instead teen quizzers are expected to learn and memorize a specific book(s) of the Bible and be able to anticipate the answers to questions based on their

thorough knowledge of the Scripture being studied for that year. Students experienced in JBQ sometimes have challenges adjusting to the different approach. Parents, coaches, and students should weigh the options before choosing JBQ or TBQ.

Q: How many meets can an individual child miss and still be able to compete at the Semi-final meet?

A: The district does not have a policy regarding a student's attendance at meets. However, some leagues may have certain restrictions (i.e., a quizzer may only miss one meet a season to compete at Semi-Finals), or a church coordinator may decide to put a commitment requirement on quizzers to be eligible to compete at Semi-Finals or beyond district level quizzing (Regionals or Nationals) if the church team were to advance.

Q: Do Primary Teams advance to Regionals and/or Nationals?

A: No. Only Junior teams advance beyond District Finals.

Q: What are the rules regarding team rosters? Can my church change the roster of the team that went to Semi-Finals and add other quizzers to it?

A: You have some flexibility in changing your roster *before* Semi-Finals. However, the roster you bring to Semi-Finals is the one you take to District Finals. See the section entitled "Team Rosters"

Q: My church is going to Nationals this year. Can we change the roster of our team from District Finals or does it have to stay the same?

A: Yes, you can change your roster **after** District Finals. It is your *church* that earns a right to compete at Regional and/or National Finals. Therefore, the church coordinator and/or the coach(es) may decide to add or subtract quizzers to the team roster that competes at the post-district meets. See the section entitled "Team Rosters for Regionals/Nationals"

Q: How do you handle the situation in a match when a quizzer uses God/Jesus perhaps incorrectly interchanging them in the question and/or answer?

A: The answer is "It depends." There are times where the two names can be interchanged and the meaning doesn't change.

Example/Question #358: Is it God's will for all people to be saved? Yes, God wants all people to be saved, but each individual must personally choose Christ as Savior.

A quizzer buzzes in early and says, "Is it *Jesus*' will for all people to be saved? and/or gives the correct answer as "Yes, *Jesus* wants all people to be saved, but each individual must personally choose Christ at Savior." The judge may rule the answer correct because in this instance, God and Jesus can be used interchangeably and the meaning of the question and answer is not lost.

However, there are times when it is wrong to answer "God" if the subject is clearly "Jesus."

Example/Question #258: Why did Jesus die on the cross? He died for our sins.

A quizzer finishes the question by saying, "Why did *God* die on the cross?" and then gives the correct answer. Is that wrong? Yes, it should be ruled incorrect, because we know from the Bible that it was God's Son, Jesus, who died on the cross.

In the first match, you may be more lenient as both primary and junior quizzers are learning how to answer questions, but you must address the issue before you come to District Finals. **Teach your quizzers the right answer and hold them to that.** They will be judged at Finals with the expectation that all quizzers--primary and junior--will be able to give the correct answer without a judge's ruling.