



Highlights of Changes in the 2010 AACS National Competition Manual

The following changes to the National Competition Manual 2010 edition should be noted.

General Rules

1. Limitation of Contestants: In addition to entering any three of the four individual areas, a student may enter two art categories.
2. Classes of Competition: Class A groups are allowed to participate in the Class AA level if they did so at their state competition.
3. Dress Code: Young ladies are no longer required to wear hose.
4. Photocopied Music: Please carefully read and follow the new policy on pages 15-16.
5. Judging Forms: Students must submit three forms for each round of competition.
6. Recording Policy: Please read the policy on page 16.

Bible

7. Old Testament Bible Knowledge and New Testament Bible Knowledge Testing are now part of the Academic and Bible Testing Area.
8. Bible Quiz:
 - a. The statement “An unanswered free question will be tossed out” has been removed from the rules. (pp. 21-22)
 - b. The rule “No time-outs will be allowed after the seventeenth question has been read” has been removed. (p. 22)
 - c. The following action has been added to the list of fouls: “If a quizzier or team causes a delay in the game.” (p. 23)
 - d. Challenges may be made after any ruling of a question (before the toss-up or free question that follows the ruling). (p. 23)
 - e. Should a challenge by a non-answering team for a regular question be sustained, points which would have been awarded will be withdrawn, but no penalty points will be assessed against any of the involved teams. (p. 23)
 - f. Rule 14f now includes regular questions. (p. 23)
 - g. Rule C (Errors) 10 includes these words: “This includes giving information that is not a part of the question or the answer.” (p. 25)
9. There is a proper procedure for a Bible Memory contestant to challenge the Master’s decision. (Rule 12, p. 28)

Music

10. Percussion Solo has been added as a competition category.
11. The following categories have been deleted: Orchestra Ensemble, Organ Solo.
12. Original Copies of Music: Contestants (except Band/Orchestra contestants) will need one original copy of each selection of music performed for a judges’ copy. Exception: Band/Orchestra competitors must bring three (3) original pieces for judges. Copies made with the publisher’s written approval are acceptable. If the contestant(s) or accompanist will be using music for any performance, those copies will also need to be original copies. (See Music, pp. 15-16.) Failure to follow this requirement will result in disqualification.

13. Numbering Measures: The contestant must number at least every fifth (5th) measure on the music given to judges. Numbers must be very clear and legible. Numbers may be written in pencil. Judges are instructed NOT to mark on music. Failure to clearly number at least every 5th measure will result in an automatic penalty of three (3) points per selection.
14. Choral Group: At least one selection must be sacred and in English.

Speech

15. A lectern may be used in the categories of Debate and Extemporaneous Speaking.
16. The time limit for Duet Acting is now 6-13 minutes.
17. Original Persuasive Oratory:
 - a. Small hand props or costume pieces may be used. Posters, charts, etc., will not be allowed.
 - b. Three typewritten scripts must be submitted to the judge at performance time.
18. Oral Interpretation of Scripture: A passage with dialogue in which characters speak is recommended. The interpreter should use the dramatic “v” as in other interpretation categories.
19. Readers’ Theater: Platforms or prop boxes are permitted.
20. Choric Speaking: Risers may be used.

Art

21. Each student must sign the “Statement of Originality” on the Artist’s Idea Statement.
22. Photographs are not a replacement for a required pattern.
23. Calligraphy: Lettering will be done with a calligraphy pen (broad nib is no longer stated in Rule 1).
24. Crafts: A commercially produced pattern is allowed for origami.
25. Printmaking: Acceptable media now includes speedy-carve material.
26. Photography:
 - a. Please carefully look over the new categories and rules as these vary significantly from previous category divisions.
 - b. The Photography Artist’s Idea Statement is required. (It is a different form from the Artist’s Idea Statement that is used for the other art categories.)
 - c. A storage device with the original image or a negative is no longer required.
27. Digital Media: A storage device with the digital image in its original file is to be submitted with the entry.
28. Mixed Media: Mixed Media includes two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork.

Academics

29. Testing: Please note that Old Testament and New Testament Bible Knowledge are now in the testing category. A student who takes one of these tests may participate in another individual Bible category but may not participate in another Academic category. (See limitation of contestants, page 13.)
30. Spelling: Information regarding the spelling lists will be provided annually by the AACCS National Office.
31. Home Economics Testing is no longer restricted to young women only.
32. Spanish Testing has been added.

Judging Forms

33. The Bible Preaching judging form has been changed significantly.
34. Photography Categories require the Photography Artist’s Idea Statement.