

Frequently Asked Questions

Bible

Q: When do Bible Quiz teams need to arrive at competition?

A: Bible Quiz teams must check in between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012. There is a required meeting for Bible Quiz team coaches at 9:30 p.m. on Monday. Quizzing begins Tuesday morning.

Music

Q: In vocal music categories where “at least one selection must be sacred and in English” does that selection have to be completely in English?

A: The intent is that the piece be 100% in English. Incidental use of a foreign word or phrase would be accepted. An entire verse in a foreign language would result in a penalty.

Q: Can piano accompaniment be used with handbell/handchime ensembles and choirs? Can any other instrument be used?

A: Piano accompaniment is allowed. Other instruments are not allowed; the rules allow only piano accompaniment (Music General Rule #4, p. 33).

Q: For categories where contestants perform from music (categories where memorization is not required), can contestants use photocopied music if they have the original music with them?

A: Contestants must use original music (unless the contestant has permission from the publisher to make copies). There must also be an original for the judges. The only exceptions are stated on pages 15-16. If playing from copies, the performers must have permission to do so. The director should bring the original music and the publisher’s permission notice.

Speech

Q: Will computers be allowed for debaters?

A: Computers will be allowed at the national level. The guidelines for computer use as published by the National Forensic League will be followed.

Q: What publications will be referenced for extemporaneous speaking topics?

A: Since *U.S. News and World Report* is no longer available as a print magazine, the three publications that will be referenced for extemporaneous speaking will be *World Magazine*, *Human Events*, and *Time Magazine*.

Q: Will computers be allowed for extemporaneous speaking?

A: No. A student may not use a computer during his preparation time for extemporaneous speaking.

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Q: Are students in speech categories required to use “dramatic V”?

A: No; when appropriate, students will be evaluated based on the effective use of “distinct and separate characters.” A “dramatic V” is one method of showing that distinction.

Art

Q: Can sewing machines be used for textiles and crafts?

A: Sewing machines can be used except in the category of “appliqué” where the rule states “hand-sewn only.”

Q: Can students make a garment?

A: There is not a category for garment making.

- A garment may be entered in the textile category only if it is created by the student using one of the techniques listed in Category 8, rule 1. For instance, a knitted garment would be permitted.
- A student could enter a garment in the craft category, if the piece is granted written permission by the contestant’s state. (Written permission must be attached to the entry’s paperwork.)

Q: Can photography projects be shrink-wrapped to avoid stains on the white mats?

A: Yes.

Academics

Q: Which judging form will be used for the science fair?

A: Science Fair entries will be judged accord to the “Science Fair – Revised October 2010” form, which is available on the AACS website.

Q: How do I access spelling study lists?

A: Information regarding the spelling study lists is available under the “Competition” tab on the AACS website.