

**The AACS Competition Manual (2015 edition) governs National Competition 2016–2020. State competitions often operate under different rules. Competitors must follow current Nationals rules and use the current AACS judging forms at Nationals.**

## **Bible**

For Bible Memory and Bible Quizzing the official Bible can be purchased from [www.aacs.org](http://www.aacs.org). Because the Bible previously used as the AACS Competition Bible is no longer in print, we have selected a Bible from a different publisher. We will be accepting both Bibles during 2020 competition.

ISBN Numbers accepted for 2020 Competition

Previous Bible: 978-1-56320-654-2

New Bible: 978-0-718-09754-7

## **Instruments Provided Categories: Percussion Solo, Large Instrumental Ensemble, and Orchestra/Band**

The instruments that will be provided only for percussion solo, orchestra/band, or large instrumental ensemble are the following: 5 Ludwig timpani in standard sizes including 32", 29", 26", 23", and 20"; a 36" concert bass drum; large gong; chimes; vibraphone; rosewood xylophone and marimba (4.3 octave, 5.0 octave marimba is available by request); and glockenspiel. BJU will not provide mallets or sticks. Please do not use the very hard clear plastic mallets made of Lexan. Lexan is a polycarbonate resin that will damage rosewood.

## **Extemporaneous Speaking**

Topics will be drawn from January, February, and March issues of the following news magazines: *World Magazine* and *Time Magazine*. Student research and speech references are not limited to the magazines from which topics will be drawn.

## **Spelling Study Lists**

The *Spell It!* information is available online, [www.myspellit.com](http://www.myspellit.com), and is free to all schools. All the words listed are linked to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary with audio pronunciations. The emphasis of the *Spell It!* is to teach students to learn how to spell and to minimize the memorization of words.

- AACS High School Competition
  - Study lists may be accessed at [www.myspellit.com](http://www.myspellit.com). Words are organized into sections by language of origin. Words are further organized into "Study Words" and "Challenge Words." Spelling Bee Booklets are no longer available; however, each word list may be printed for study purposes by selecting the "Print" tab. Spelling bee words will not necessarily come from these lists but will come from the same categories. Instruct high school students to study all sections.
- Junior High and Elementary Competitions. **Contact your state association for Junior High and Elementary guidelines!**
  - Junior high competitions are governed by the various state organizations. AACS suggests instructing junior high students to study the following sections (accessed at [www.myspellit.com](http://www.myspellit.com)): Arabic, Old English, Greek, Words You Need to Know, French, German, Italian.
  - Elementary competitions are governed by the various state organizations. AACS has a study list available on the AACS website ([www.aacs.org](http://www.aacs.org)).

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**Competition Annual Update**

Refer to the AACS Website, the Competition Annual Update, and the National Competition Manual (2015 edition) for information regarding this year's topics for Bible categories, the Debate topic, rules updates or clarifications, and other important information.