

## **SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT-SPECIFIC RULES**

### **Grace in Quoting:**

All 'F' and 'Q' question varieties: This rule allows a quizzier to be called correct when they have quoted the verse(s) with errors, if the quizzier has gone back to the beginning and quoted correctly through the point of all previous errors and time has run out, they may be considered correct as they will have completed a complete "circuit" correctly.

### **Key Words:**

We no longer consider key words necessary, however an equivalent synonym must be used in its place (i.e. "**husband's** will" is exact wording and "the will of the husband" is used). Also, a key word used as a synonym out of context is not automatically an error.

### **Platform protocol:**

No stuffed animals or mascots etc. allowed on platform. Dress is to be modest—no low-cut tops, short shorts or skirts, excessively baggy jeans, etc. If there is an issue, the Quizmaster is to work with the coach to rectify the situation. It is the Quizmaster's responsibility to demand and enforce proper decorum and protocol.

### **Eligibility to Quiz:**

We leave the decision to each individual church to allow 5<sup>th</sup> graders to quiz. These quizzers, however, would not be eligible to quiz at the International level as per the current rule book.

### **International Coaching:**

The head coach for the District is to be at least 25 years of age (primarily for car rental purposes) and any assistant coach is to be at least 21. If an accompanying parent or other leader is willing to handle travel responsibilities and remain actively involved with the team for the full duration, the titular position can be juggled.

### **Sickness/Emergency Exemption at Finals:**

In the case of emergency or debilitating illness, a quizzier that has the potential of making the District team for Internationals may have the option of posting their lowest scoring meet of the season in place of the 3 quizzes at the beginning of Finals. This would be solely at the discretion of and with approval of the Committee, and render the quizzier ineligible for any of the 3 quizzes. If the quizzier is sufficiently recovered, they may rejoin their team for the tournament portion of the weekend.

### **Timeouts and Substitutions:**

As we are now in the practice of using 'A' & 'B' questions of the same question type as the numbered question, teams may not substitute before an 'A' or 'B' question.

### **Ruling Correction:**

Quiz officials (Quizmaster, Answer Judge) reserve the right to correct an erroneous ruling provided it is decided and announced before 1.) the next question is announced, 2.) a timeout is granted, or 3.) a challenge is accepted.