

***Bible Bowl Rules***  
***January 28, 2012***  
***University Church of Christ - Las Cruces, New Mexico***

**I**      ***Teams***

Any congregation may enter as many teams as it desires. Four members compose each Junior or Senior High team. Junior High teams are composed of 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders and Senior High teams are composed of 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Younger people can compete in the older division, but older people cannot compete in the younger division. An individual member may not compete on more than one team. All teams will compete through all four rounds. Winners are decided by scores at the end of the fourth round. Please compose your teams within the designated ages. I know there are some 9, and 10 yrs - olds that love to compete and usually do better than the older kids. But this is not an activity designed for that age group and some of the older kids resent losing out to a 4<sup>th</sup> grader.

**II**      ***Alternates/Incomplete Teams***

If you have an alternate, or an incomplete team, please indicate this on the enclosed form. All alternates and incomplete teams will be formed on a first - come basis. You can report incomplete teams upon arrival, again first - come, first - serve. No incomplete team will be allowed to compete for team placement but may compete on an individual basis. The sooner we know your teams the better. No substitution of team members once the first round begins.

**III.**      ***Questions***

All questions are worded so that you can study from the New International Version of the Bible. **No questions of interpretation will be asked!** All questions will be on Media Shout and they will be read twice before an answer is required. There will be 25 questions with multiple-choice answers asked each round. There will be three options per question (A,B,C). **The last round will be chapter placement.** There are only 3 rounds this year! This year, we are including a study guide for the chapter placement. The chapter placement questions will come from this study guide. We understand that the headings are a matter of interpretation but I believe it will help make the chapter placement rounds easier to manage and study for. They are the headings from the NIV bible. Because of the numbers we will all be in one large room at our Activity Center with one projection screen.

**IV**      ***Points***

Each team member will have an opportunity to make points for his/her team on each question. Each correct answer will be worth 10 points for a total of 1000 points out of four rounds. Only the score keeper will be able to see the answers and record the results.

**V**      ***Answer System***

Answers are to be revealed immediately when "time" is called. No one is to reveal his/her answer before "time is called or **NO SCORE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM** for that answer. If a team member is not ready when "time" is called, **NO SCORE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL** for that question. Letters A,B, or C will be on prepared cards. These cards will be used to show the answers. Competitors should keep eyes forward and hands inside the answer box during competition. A player may ask for scripture or for one repeat of any question by raising his/her hand after the first reading is completed. The question will be read twice.

## VI. *Officials*

**Quizmaster Judge** is in general charge of the questions. In any disputed question or answer, his/her ruling will be final, with no further discussion. Any inquires about questions during a round should be taken to the Quizmaster Judge immediately AFTER completion of that round. If a question is judged to be invalid after the round, that question will be thrown out and all will receive credit.

**Reader** - The Reader will be in charge of reading the questions and keeping track of allotted “thinking” time periods on each question. For disputes, please see the Quizmaster Judge. A coach or player may not question the Reader about the validity of any question during the round.

**Scorekeepers** are responsible for tabulating the progressive scores throughout the game.

**Runners** are responsible for taking the score sheets to the tabulating area; all score sheets will be available at the awards ceremony.

## VII. *General Information*

The round will be ended when 25 questions have been asked and answered. All team members will indicate their answers at the same time. Each round of competition will be 40 minutes in length with a one minute break at the end of ten questions and a one minute break at the end of twenty questions. Team members and spectators are free to visit during this break as long as order is maintained. The Reader is in charge. All notes and Bibles must be out of sight when the round begins. In order to give a sense of competition, the winning team will move ahead, and the losing team will move in the opposite direction. Starting positions are assigned randomly; placement doesn't represent actual placement as a team.

## VIII. *Awards*

The goal is to recognize the efforts of EVERY student. Each team will receive a special plaque with a photograph of their team (not including alternates from different congregations). Alternates from different congregations will be photographed with the home team of their choice. Recognition for their individual accomplishments will be included on the plaque (with their photograph). In the case of mixed teams, the team plaque will go to the congregation with the most team members; if there are two each from each congregation, we will make two team plaques. In the unlikely case of a team composed of four members from four different congregations, we will probably whine a lot. There will be no tiebreakers. All awards will be placed on the team plaque. And this year we are adding individual trophies or medals as well! There will be eight individual high point awards in each division. Individual “ties” will still receive recognition on their team plaque plus trophy. Individual high scores on a team will receive recognition. Depending on the amount of money I can collect, the top individual score in each division will receive a cash award (\$100). The cash is our way of saying “thank you”. If you do not want to keep the cash, please donate it to a worthy cause. Perfect rounds will be for the first 20 questions; if the extra five questions are answered correctly they will receive a special pin to go on the ribbon. I have also asked some Christian Universities to offer scholarships to the top participants, but that is up to them. **If you have any questions please call (575) 522-6707 or e-mail [highvolt@highvolt.com](mailto:highvolt@highvolt.com)** David Harrelson