
SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT



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Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament

2023 Texas Baptists Calendar

- March 12 or 19:** Suggested CHURCH Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament date
- March 19 or 26:** Suggested ASSOCIATIONAL Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament date
- March 19-April 2:** **Online Registration** for Children's STATE and Youth and High School REGIONAL Competitions. Registration will open at 7:00 pm on Sunday and will close at 11:59 pm on Tuesday.
www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill
- April 15:** Children's **State** Bible Drill; Youth and High School **Regional** Bible Drill; and High School **Regional** Speakers' Tournament at **First Baptist Church, 2104 W Louisiana, Midland**
- April 22:** Children's **State** Bible Drill; Youth and High School **Regional** Bible Drill; and High School **Regional** Speakers' Tournament at **First Baptist Church, 2300 Welsh Avenue, College Station**
- April 29:** Children's **State** Bible Drill; Youth and High School **Regional** Bible Drill; and High School **Regional** Speakers' Tournament at **First Baptist Church, 1251 Valley Ridge Blvd, Lewisville**
- May 6:** Youth and High School **State** Bible Drill; and High School **State** Speakers' Tournament at **FBC Allen, 201 E McDermott Dr, Allen**
- June 15-16:** **National Invitational** Youth and High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament at **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX**

Texas Baptists Contact Information

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High School Speakers' Tournament*

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What is High School Speakers' Tournament?

Congratulations! You have made a great choice to work with students in writing and delivering a speech that impacts those who hear.

The purpose of **Speakers' Tournament** is to encourage the participants to learn to articulate their faith by writing a speech based on a topic chose from a list of topics. **Speakers' Tournament** is for high school students in grades ten through twelve (10-12); no prior Bible Drill experience is necessary. Participants will write a 4 – 6 minute original speech based on one of the topics provided each year. These topics can be found online at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.

Writing and delivering speeches provides an amazing opportunity for spiritual introspection and growth, as well as becoming more confident in sharing personal faith stories. Our hope and prayer is that through this unique and *distinctly Baptist program*, teenagers will apply what they learn from this experience to develop a life-long passion for sharing their faith with others.

Speakers' Tournament is also a scholarship opportunity. Currently four of our Texas Baptist Universities offer scholarships for participants. Please refer to the **Texas Baptist University Scholarship Information** page for more information.

Speakers' Tournament includes a partnership with **Texas Baptists**. There is a **Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament Coordinating Council**, which is made up of Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament leaders from all across our state. This group of dedicated leaders is available to help your church if you are considering participation in the **Speakers' Tournament** program.

Please contact the **Coordinating Council** by emailing bibledrill@texasbaptists.org or by calling **214-828-5287**. There is also a lot of helpful information at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.

Dr. Diane Lane is the Preschool and Children's Specialist on the Great Commission Team for Texas Baptists and she oversees all things Speakers' Tournament.

Why is Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Right for Your Church?

- Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament is *distinctly Baptist* and is one of the best disciple-making programs for children and youth that is available! This is a Great Commission program – participants are becoming witnesses, models, and disciples.
- These programs change families. When family members practice for Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament, it brings them together around God's Word and elevates the importance of faith and scripture in their lives.
- Participants, leaders, and families are blessed and greatly benefit from all that is learned together. The disciplines practiced as part of Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament will not return void!
- Children and teens will increase in their knowledge of the Bible, develop skills to effectively handle the Bible, learn how to apply the Bible to their lives, and develop scripture memorization skills. Memorizing scripture and learning to be comfortable using the Bible positively impacts lives, churches, communities – and eternity!
- The verses and passages memorized in Bible Drill help to guide participants' decisions, thoughts, and actions.
- The confidence and poise gained from Speakers' Tournament help high school students be prepared to share their personal faith stories and defend what they believe as they enter adulthood.
- Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament is budget-friendly.
- Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament can easily be tailored to fit into the existing ministry and life of your church. There are endless options!



Texas Baptists Eligibility Guidelines

Children's Bible Drill, Youth and High School Bible Drill, and High School Speakers' Tournament

- **Children's Bible Drill** participants must be in the fourth – sixth (4-6) grades.

☪ *We understand that some **6th graders** are in middle school (junior high) and may be in the youth/student ministry at their church. However, sixth graders can only compete in **Children's Bible Drill** at Texas Baptists events.*

- **Youth Bible Drill** participants must be in seventh – ninth (7-9) grades.
- **High School Bible Drill** participants must be in tenth – twelfth (10-12) grades.
- **High School Speakers' Tournament** participants must be in tenth – twelfth (10-12) grades.

There are four options for participation in Texas Baptists Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournaments

1. **Participants who are members of Texas Baptist Churches** are eligible to participate in all competitions and receive appropriate recognition. The Youth and High School State Bible Drill Winners and State Youth Speaker Winner are eligible to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament.
2. **Participants who are members of Baptist churches that are dually aligned** with Texas Baptists and another convention may participate in all Texas Baptists competitions and receive appropriate recognition. The Youth and High School State Bible Drill Winners and State Youth Speaker Winner are eligible to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). ***Each church must choose to either compete with Texas Baptists or with another convention.***
3. **Participants who are members of churches not aligned with Texas Baptists** may choose to participate in Texas Baptists competitions under the sponsorship of a cooperative giving Texas Baptists church. However, if they earn the right to advance to the state finals, they *will not be eligible* to represent the Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament.
4. **Participants from a private or Christian school or Homeschool Association** are welcome to participate in Texas Baptists Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament competitions in one of these two ways.

- a. The School or Association may participate under the sponsorship of a cooperative giving Texas Baptists church. Children may participate at all levels of competition and will be eligible for appropriate recognition. The Youth and High School students may participate in all levels of competition, but *will not be eligible* to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament.
- b. The School or Association may participate on their own, but will be required to pay a \$500 fee. Children may participate in all levels of competition and will be eligible for appropriate recognition. The Youth and High School students may participate in all levels of competition, but *will not be eligible* to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament.

National Invitational Tournament (NIT)

Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill and High School Speakers' Tournament winners at the *State level* become eligible to compete at the *National level*.

State Winners/NIT participants may compete again in the same age group event. If they advance to State in that same age group, **they will not be eligible for bonus points at the next year's State event** (*they may receive bonus points at church, associational, and regional events*).

No participant may compete more than once in the same age group event at the National Invitational Tournament. Previous State Winners will be required to note this when they register for the State event.

Once a participant moves from **Youth to High School Bible Drill**, they are once again eligible for bonus points (*unless they win State at that level too*).

Special Needs Participants –We want every child and teenager to be able to participate fully and receive the benefits of this wonderful program. *Accommodations can be made for special needs participants in Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament.* Please contact your Associational Bible Drill Coordinator and Jennifer Howington *well in advance* of the competitions to discuss the best ways to help your participant with special needs be successful.

☛Please note that eligibility for High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist Universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.

Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Leadership

Thank you for your partnership with Texas Baptists in making disciples through Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament! As children and teens learn to internalize and express the truth of God's Word through this *distinctly Baptist* program, it is our hope and prayer they establish a lifelong pattern of turning to God and His Word for every challenge.

Each association or network of churches is responsible for planning and implementing their **Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament**. If possible, enlist a **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Coordinator**. It would be ideal if this person has experience with leading these programs or serving as a Caller or Judge in the past.

It would also be helpful to enlist a church early to host the **Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament**. All of the space requirements and needed supplies can be found in the **How to Conduct...** pages.

Communicate with the churches in your Association or Network about the date for your **Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament**. You will find the suggested date for your competition on the Texas Baptists website. The Associational event must take place before the online three-day registration period for **Texas Baptists Children's State Bible Drill, Youth Regional Bible Drill, High School Regional Bible Drill, and High School Regional Speakers' Tournament** events.

The materials available at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill are valuable tools for planning and conducting an **Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament**. Everything you need to know is included on the website. Read through the information on the website carefully. You can print score and tally sheets to use in your drills. If you need help or have questions, please contact the **Coordinating Council**.

The **Associational Sample Bible Drills** (*Children, Youth, and High School*) must be requested at bibledrill@texasbaptists.org or sarah.johnson@texasbaptists.org.

📌 Helpful Tip!

The Association might want to print certificates for your participants!

Texas Baptist Universities Scholarship Information

Texas Baptists High School Bible Drill & Speakers' Tournament

Baylor University, Waco

Students who provide confirmation of their participation in the High School Speakers' Tournament and who place either first, second or third at the state level competition will receive an annual scholarship for \$5,000, \$3,500, or \$2,500 respectively. Students are only eligible for one High School Speakers' Tournament scholarship regardless of the number of times they have placed in the competition. *Renewal of this scholarship is contingent on the student maintaining fulltime undergraduate enrollment and a minimum 2.5 cumulative Baylor GPA.*

For information, please contact: Kelly Graves, Associate Director of Scholarships, One Bear Place #97028, Waco, TX 76798-7028 (254)710-8946 - Kelly_Graves@baylor.edu

Dallas Baptist University, Dallas

DBU will award a \$3,000 per year scholarship for the students who place first in the High School Speakers' Tournament or High School Bible Drill. A \$2,000 per year scholarship will be awarded to the students who place second in the High School Speakers' Tournament or High School Bible Drill. A \$1,000 per year scholarship will be awarded to the students who place third in the High School Speakers' Tournament or High School Bible Drill. *Renewal of this scholarship is contingent on the students maintaining full-time undergraduate enrollment and a minimum of 2.5 cumulative DBU GPA.*

For information, please contact: Jonathan Teat, Vice President for Administration and Enrollment, 3000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX, 75211; at 214.333.5628, or jonathan@dbu.edu

East Texas Baptist University, Marshall

Students who provide official documentation of their participation in the High School Youth Speakers' Tournament and who place either first, second or third at the Texas State-level competition will receive an annual undergraduate scholarship for \$3,000, \$2,000, or \$1,000 respectively. A student is only eligible for one High School Speakers' Tournament scholarship regardless of the number of times the student has placed in the competition. The award may be adjusted based on other institutional aid granted and the availability of scholarship funds. The scholarship is for tuition only and may not be used for fees, room, board, or other enrollment expenses. *Renewal of this scholarship is contingent on the student maintaining full-time undergraduate enrollment and a minimum 2.5 cumulative ETBU GPA.*

For information, contact: Meredith Palmer, Office of Undergraduate Admissions 903.923.2010 mpalmer@etbu.edu

Wayland Baptist University, Plainview

A maximum total of \$1,000.00 per semester for 4 years is available to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place state finalists for High School Speakers' and Bible Drill. This is not a cumulative award.

For more information, contact: Mrs. Perri McDonald, Scholarship Coordinator, 1900 W. 7th St. CMB#1266, Plainview, TX 79072 806-291-3520 - mcdonp@wbu.edu

☛Please note that eligibility for High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist Universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.

Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award

The **Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award** is given to high school seniors that have participated for **nine consecutive years (grades 4-12) at the Regional level (State for grades 4-6)** in Texas Baptists Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament events.

This prestigious award was named in honor of Mrs. Ellen Battles, a tireless and devoted worker and advocate for over 30 years in Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament for Texas Baptists. The award is presented to qualifying students during the Regional event award sessions.

☛ *If you have a high school senior that qualifies for the **Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award**, please make sure and include this when you register online for the Regional event.*

General Schedule

Children's State Bible Drill, Youth Regional Bible Drill, High School Regional Bible Drill, and High School Regional Speakers' Tournament

Saturday

- 8:00am – Check-in opens
- 9:00am – Competition begins
- 1:30pm – Awards session

☛ *Children (grades 4-6) do not have a Regional competition. They advance from the Associational drill to State competition.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Texas Baptists Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament

Q: *How do I register for Texas Baptists Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament events?*

A: After your Associational event, **Texas Baptists online registration** will open for **Children's State Bible Drill, Youth Regional Bible Drill, High School Regional Bible Drill, and High School Regional Speakers' Tournament**. Check the Bible Drill calendar at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill before March to find the dates for online registration.

Q: *What if our local Association does not provide an Associational Drill and Speakers' Tournament?*

A: First, find out if another association near you offers a Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament. Many times, associations will welcome non-member churches to participate in their events.

*A qualifying score **is required** to participate in one of the Texas Baptist Regional and State events. If there is no associational drill or tournament available, churches can offer another event or the participant's church drill scores must qualify them for the Texas Baptist events (scores must be high enough at the church drill to meet the associational criteria).*

If there is an associational drill, participants must compete and qualify at the associational level to qualify for a Texas Baptists State and Regional event.

Q: *How do youth and high schoolers qualify for the Texas Baptists State event?*

A: The top ten participants at each of the three Regional events from **Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill, and High School Speakers' Tournament** (*with a minimum score of 75*) qualify for the **Texas Baptists State** event.

If a qualifier is a previous State first place winner (*in the same division*), an eleventh participant will also qualify from that Regional event. In the event of a tie for tenth place, both participants will advance.

Check the calendar at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill for the date and location of the State event.

Q: *Can a participant who previously won State compete again in the same age group event?*

A: **Yes, however they will not be eligible for bonus points at the State Bible Drill event, if they advance to that level again *in the same age group*.** They may receive bonus points at the church, associational, and regional levels. Once a participant moves from **Youth to High School Bible Drill**, they are once again eligible for bonus points at State. **No participant may compete more than once in the same age group at the National Invitational Tournament (NIT).**

⊗ ***Previous State winners are required to note this when they register for the State event.***

Q: *What is the National Invitational Tournament (NIT)?*

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Once a participant moves from **Youth to High School Bible Drill**, they are once again eligible for bonus points (*unless they win State at that level too*).

How to Begin Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Programs at Your Church

- *Don't panic!* There are a lot of great helps available to begin a Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament program.
- Contact the **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Coordinating Council** by emailing bibleddrill@texasbaptists.org or by calling **214-828-5287**. Let the Council know that you are interested in beginning Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament at your church. *We can help!* There are experienced leaders all over our state that love Bible Drill and would be happy to help you and your church.
- There is also a lot of valuable information at www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill. Print this important information and put it all together in a binder. Read over and familiarize yourself with the content – this will help you immensely.
- Begin praying for leadership and participants as you begin planning to start your programs at your church!
- Enlist the support of your pastor and church staff.
- Work out a budget for **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament** with your church.

☪ Helpful tip!

These are some things you might consider including in your budget.

- Bible Drill Bibles for each participant
 - Supplies such as games, paper, poster boards, snacks, etc.
 - Travel/lodging expenses for your leaders and participants who advance to Associational, Regional, and State events
 - Special incentives and rewards
- Work with your church staff to find a weekly time slot that fits with your church's schedule to have your Bible Drill groups meet to learn and practice together.
 - a. *Children, youth, and high school groups will meet separately to learn their specific materials*

☪ Helpful tip!

Think beyond Sundays and Wednesdays, if needed. You can offer Bible Drill any day of the week! Try to work out a time where you can have the highest level of participation.

- Begin recruiting leaders to work in Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament. Look for people that are passionate about God's Word, as well as teaching children and/or teenagers.

☪ **Helpful tip!**

Many churches begin with **Children's Bible Drill**, and advance the children to the **Youth** and **High School** levels. This is not required, however. Churches can begin with youth and high school as well.

- Create your church calendar for the year, which should include all of the important dates in the Spring: your Church event, Associational event (*contact your Associational office for this information*), Children's State event, Youth and High School Regional event, and Youth and High School State event.
 - a. **The current calendar for Texas Baptists Regional and State events can be found online at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.** Use this calendar as your starting point.
 - *Churches use different schedules for their Bible Drill programs. Most churches run their programs from September – May, but there are some churches that start in January. Bible Drill is flexible!*
 - Participants in the Speakers' Tournament do not necessarily need regularly scheduled meeting times, but would benefit from someone checking in with them and monitoring their progress.

☪ **Helpful Tip!**

You might also want to plan a special event (*such as a retreat, lock-in, fun night*) for your participants *before* your church event where you can offer some concentrated practice and a practice drill.

- Host an organizational and orientation meeting for leaders and parents to explain the program and give calendar information. *Make this meeting exciting and motivating as you begin the year!*
- Advertise your Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament program throughout your church publications. Make sure and include your weekly meeting times and when your program begins and ends for the year.
 - a. You might want to *mail a letter* to parents of children (grades 4-6), youth (grades 7-9), and high schoolers (grades 10-12) explaining **Bible Drill** and **Speakers' Tournament** and inviting and encouraging them to participate.
- Order the Bible Drill Bibles that best fit with your church and budget. *Make sure that you order enough Bibles for each Bible Drill participant to have at least one to use.*

- a. Texas Baptists offer the choice between three versions of the Bible – *King James*, *New International Version (2011)*, and the *Christian Standard Bible*. **See the *Bible Translations and Purchasing* page so that you order the correct Bibles.**
 - b. **Churches are responsible for bringing a Bible for each participant to Associational, Regional, and State events.**
- **Bible Drill and Speakers’ Tournament** runs on three-year repeating cycles. The three cycles are *Red*, *Blue*, and *Green*. All of the information about the three cycles can be found online at www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill.
 - a. Print off the correct/current cycle verse cards and speakers’ topics from the website and distribute those to your participants. *Make sure that you print off the correct Bible translation verse cards* (should match the Bibles you purchased).
 - Plan a special kick-off event for your Bible Drill and/or Speakers’ Tournament at the beginning of the year.

🕒Helpful tip!

Many groups create a special t-shirt to wear at the competition events. While this is not a necessity, it does make the groups stand out and encourages your team. Just be sure not to put a Bible Drill verse on your t-shirt!

- **For more information about Children’s Bible Drill, Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill, and High School Speakers’ Tournament specifically, please refer to the online information – specifically the individual Basics sections.**

High School Speakers' Tournament Basics

Speakers Tournament (HSST) is for high school students in grades ten through twelve (10-12).

Participants must choose a topic from the **Texas Baptists** list of topics. **Speakers' Tournament** runs on three-year repeating cycles (*Red, Blue, and Green*).

All of the information, including the topics, can be found online at www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill.

Speeches must be the work of the individual speaker. Plagiarism, or having the speech or any major portion of it written by someone other than the participant, is grounds for disqualification.

The **purpose of the speech** may be to inform, inspire, persuade, or create concern.

Speaker participants will create and write a speech that is **four to six minutes** in length when given. Speeches will be judged on content (40%), delivery (40%) and written composition (20%).

➤ **Content (40%)**

- **Originality/Related to Subject** – Is the speech highly creative and does it explore the subject in a thorough and excellent way?
- **Organization/Logical Sequence** – Does the speech follow a clear outline that allows the listener to come away with a thorough understanding of the topic?
- **Structure/Grammar** – Is the speech structured in an excellent manner with no grammatical errors? Does the participant use complete sentences and are the sentences grammatically correct?
- **Purpose Accomplished** – Does the speech have a clearly defined purpose which is accomplished by the speech?
- **Choice of Resources and Credit for Quotations** – Does the speech contain a combination of 3-5 scripture references or quotations? Are they properly credited and highly related to the subject? Are a variety of good sources used? Resources should come from reputable, reliable sources.

➤ **Delivery (40%)**

- **Eye Contact with Audience** – Does the speaker maintains excellent eye contact with the entire room throughout the speech? Does the speaker smile and use appropriate facial expressions?
- **Articulate and Expressive Voice** – Is the speaker highly articulate and do they use excellent expression, including a variation in tone? Does the speaker use good vocal energy and enunciate clearly? Does the speaker speak loudly enough for the audience to hear without straining?
- **Poise and Confidence** – Does the speaker have an excellent command of the entire room and are they well poised throughout the speech? Does the speaker appear to be composed and at ease? Does the speaker appear to believe in himself/herself and his/her message? Does he/she speak with passion?
- **Posture/Movement/Gesturing** – Does the speaker have excellent posture, move in a purposeful way, and use gestures which are highly appropriate? Do the posture, movement and gestures of the speaker distract or take away from the speech?
- **Delivered from Memory** – Does the speaker deliver the entire speech from memory and need no prompts? Does the speaker rely on notes?

➤ **Written Composition (20%)**

- **Format** – Does the composition follow all MLA guidelines? Written compositions of the speeches must use the MLA (*Modern Language Association*) format and must include either in-text citations or end notes.

★ **Helpful Tip!**

For more information about MLA formatting and style, please reference the Dallas Baptist University Writing Center MLA Packet, available at https://www3.dbu.edu/uwc/documents/MLAPacketJuly2016_001.pdf.

- **Crediting Sources** – Does the written speech credit all material from other sources, including quotations and paraphrases, with parenthetical citations according to MLA guidelines?
- **Works Cited** – Does the written speech have a works cited page which includes bibliographic information for all sources used, according to MLA guidelines?

- **Grammar and Spelling** – Does the composition have grammar or spelling errors? Spelling and grammar errors include misspellings, incorrect punctuation, subject and verb agreement problems, etc.
- Manuscripts should be emailed to bibledrill@texasbaptists.org on the Monday preceding the **Texas Baptists Regional Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament** event. *Written speeches will be scored before the tournament, and the composition score included with the delivery and content scores.*
 - Speech feedback, including explanation of points deducted on the written speeches will be given to each speaker at the **Regional Competition**. *Speakers will have the opportunity to correct mistakes if they continue to the State Drill.*
 - **Speaker participants should be encouraged to dress appropriately.** This includes for boys, a shirt and tie, with dress slacks or suit. For girls, a dress, skirt and blouse, pantsuit or suit is appropriate. *Two points can be deducted from a speakers' score for inappropriate attire.* The **Conductor** is responsible for determining if a speakers' attire is appropriate.
 - The **Tally Room Coordinator** will add together the three **Judges'** scores on **Content and Delivery (80%)**, the pre-determined **Written Composition Score (20%)**, and **any deductions for attire and speech time** to give the participants their **total score**. *The award they receive is based on this total score.*

High School Speakers' Tournament Awards

Outstanding (score of 90-100)

Superior (score of 85-89)

Excellent (score of 80-84)

Good (score of 79 or less)

How do I register my high school participants for Texas Baptists Regional Speakers' Tournament? After the suggested dates for Associational events, there will be a three-day window that registration is open. Please check www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill for these dates and for the ***online registration link***.

Please email bibledrill@texasbaptists.org ***immediately*** if you have questions or problems with registration.

🕒 **Helpful Tip!**

Please note that you can download a certificate template for **Texas Baptists Youth Regional Speakers' Tournament** events online at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill. Participants will receive a gold certificate seal at the **Regional Bible Drill** event that indicates the award they received based on their score, *but certificates must be provided by churches*.

Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award – 12th grade Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament participants who have competed at Children's State Bible Drill, Youth Regional Bible Drill, and High School Regional Bible Drills/Speakers' Tournaments all nine years are eligible for this prestigious award. Please see the **Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award** page at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill for complete information!

What is the National Invitational Tournament (NIT)?

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No participant may compete more than once in the same age group event at the National Invitational Tournament. Previous State Winners will be required to note this when they register for the State event.

Special Needs Participants – One last important note! We want every teen to be able to participate fully and receive the benefits of this wonderful program. Accommodations can be made for special needs participants in High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament. Please contact your Associational Bible Drill Coordinator and Dr. Diane Lane *well in advance* of the competitions to discuss the best ways to help your participant with special needs be successful.

How to Conduct a High School Speakers' Tournament

For Church, Associational, Regional, and State Bible Drills

- Make sure that you have your event scheduled ahead of time on your church and/or associational calendars.
- Enlist people to fill these important roles. Please see **Speakers Tournament Job Descriptions** for a detailed description of these assignments. You can find these at www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill.
 - a. Conductor – 1
 - Regular Judges – 3. Judges who have knowledge and experience in speech, drama or English at the high school or college level are helpful. A pastor or minister of education is also recommended to help judge the theological content of the speech.
 - b. Tally Room Coordinator – at least 1 (*depending on the number of speakers*)
 - c. Tally Room Assistant – 1
 - d. Ready Room Coordinator – 1
 - e. Registration Coordinator – 1 (*Only needed for Associational, Regional, or State events*)
 - f. Registration Assistant – 1 (*Only needed for Associational, Regional, or State events*)

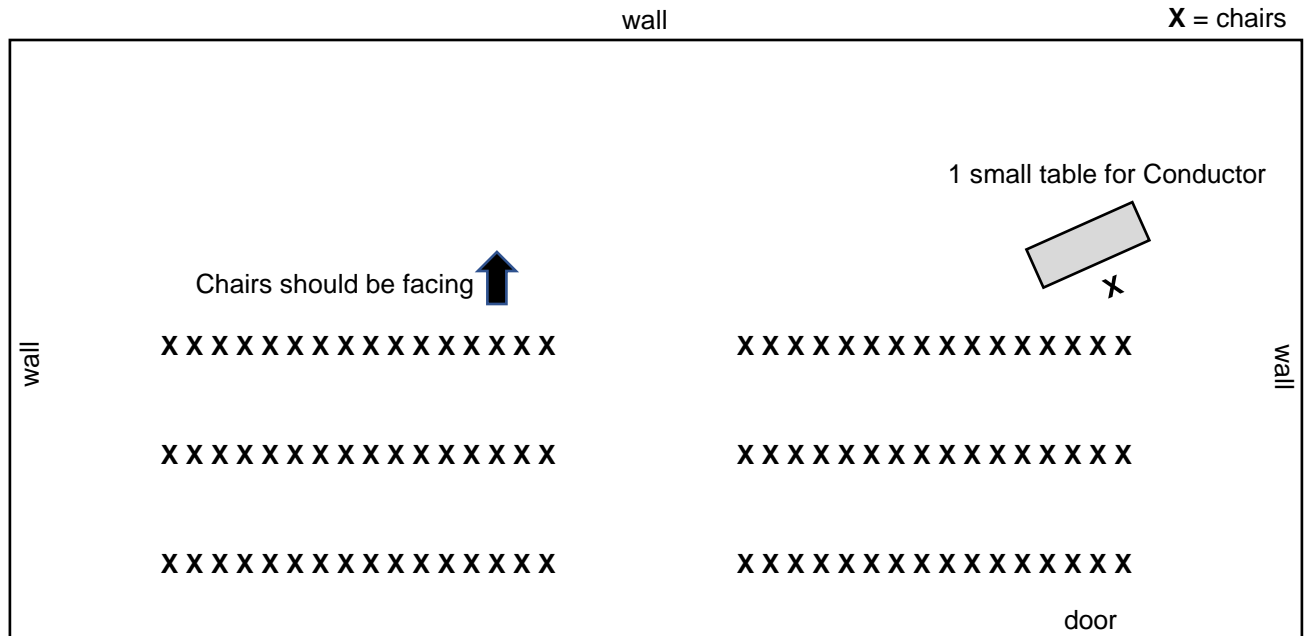
☺Helpful tip!

Enlist your leaders far enough in advance that you have an opportunity to share their job description with them and answer their questions. You might want to offer a training session to make sure that everyone understands their role.

- **Resources needed to conduct a Speakers Tournament event:**
 - a. **Large Room** – Choose a room conducive for speaking. Make sure that you have room for the speakers to deliver their speech comfortably. Choose a room where the speakers can move around freely and the judges can see them well. Choose a room without a lot of distractions and preferably without the participants facing windows. Also, allow plenty of room for the **Judges to spread out in the room** and to allow seating for families and friends who would like to watch. **See a sample room set-up at the end of this section.**
 - b. **Other Rooms** – You will also need a **Ready Room** (*where participants prepare to speak*) and a **Tally Room** (*where final scores are tabulated*).

- c. **Table** – A small table or desk is needed for the **Conductor**. **Judges** should be seated in various parts of the room where they can view the speakers.
 - d. **Chairs** –The **Conductor** needs a chair at the table. *Arrange plenty of chairs facing the participant for parents and other spectators.*
 - e. **Instructions for Spectators** – These should be read prior to each speech grouping so that all spectators understand the guidelines. You can download these instructions at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.
 - f. **Numbered Stickers** – A number sticker is needed for each speaker. These should be about 3"x3" in size with large, easy-to-read numbers printed on each one. Numbers are given to the speakers in the **Ready Room**.
 - g. **Speakers Tournament Conductor Score Sheets** - One sheet for each speaker is needed. The Conductor will complete these Score Sheets, which will be sent to the Tally Room. This is the sheet where each participant's final scores are tabulated.
 - h. **Speakers' Tournament Score Sheets** – One score sheet for each speaker is needed for each of the 3 Judges. You can download these from www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.
 - i. **Stopwatch** – One is needed for the **Conductor** to time speeches.
 - j. **Pencils** – Provide at least 2 per **Judge** and for the **Conductor**.
 - k. **Clipboards** – Provide one for each **Judge** (*there should be clipboards in the Speakers' Tournament box at Texas Baptists Regional and State events*).
 - l. **Window coverings** – Plan to cover door windows and other windows that might cause a distraction for the speakers.
 - m. **Signs** – Signs are needed at the **Ready Room(s)**, **Speaking Room** and **Registration entrance** and **desk**. It is also a good idea to have signs to remind spectators and participants to **remain quiet** in the hallways. Signs are also needed to indicate that *speakers' tournament is in progress*.
- One speaker is scheduled every 15 minutes; four speakers per hour. This allows time for **Judges** to complete and provide comments on the **Speakers Score Sheets**.
 - *Allow about **one hour** for every 4 speakers competing.*

- Invite parents, family, and friends to come and watch and listen to the speakers! It is absolutely awesome to watch teens demonstrate all that they have learned and it is inspiring to hear their speeches and see how God is working in their lives!



★ Sample Room Set-up

High School

Speakers' Tournament Job Descriptions

★ CONDUCTOR ★

The **Conductor** is the one “in charge” of the **Speakers' Tournament**. **Conductors** should keep the speeches moving along at a relaxed pace.

Thank you so much for serving in this important position!

BEFORE THE COMPETITION/SPEECHES

- Upon arrival at the church, the **Conductor** should check that the speech room set-up is correct. ***There is a sample room set-up at the end of this job description.***
- The **Conductor** must make sure that all of the necessary signs are on the door(s) and that any windows in the doors are covered.
- The **Conductor** should make sure the three **Judges** have the correct **Speakers' Tournament Score Sheets (1 for each speaker per judge)**, clipboards to write on, and sharpened pencils before speeches begin.
- **Judges** should observe each speech, taking notes as needed. They will be given time at the end of each speech to score, add comments and review their notes. The feedback of the **Judges** is very important to the speakers, and should be given special attention and care.
- The **Conductor** should make sure they have 1 **Speakers' Tournament Conductor Score Sheet** for each speaker.
- The **Conductor** will go to the **Ready Room** to pray with the speakers at the beginning of each hour.

- While the **Conductor** is with the speakers, one of the **Judges** must be assigned to pray with and then read the **Instructions for Spectators** to the audience in the speech room at the beginning of each hour. This can be found at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.

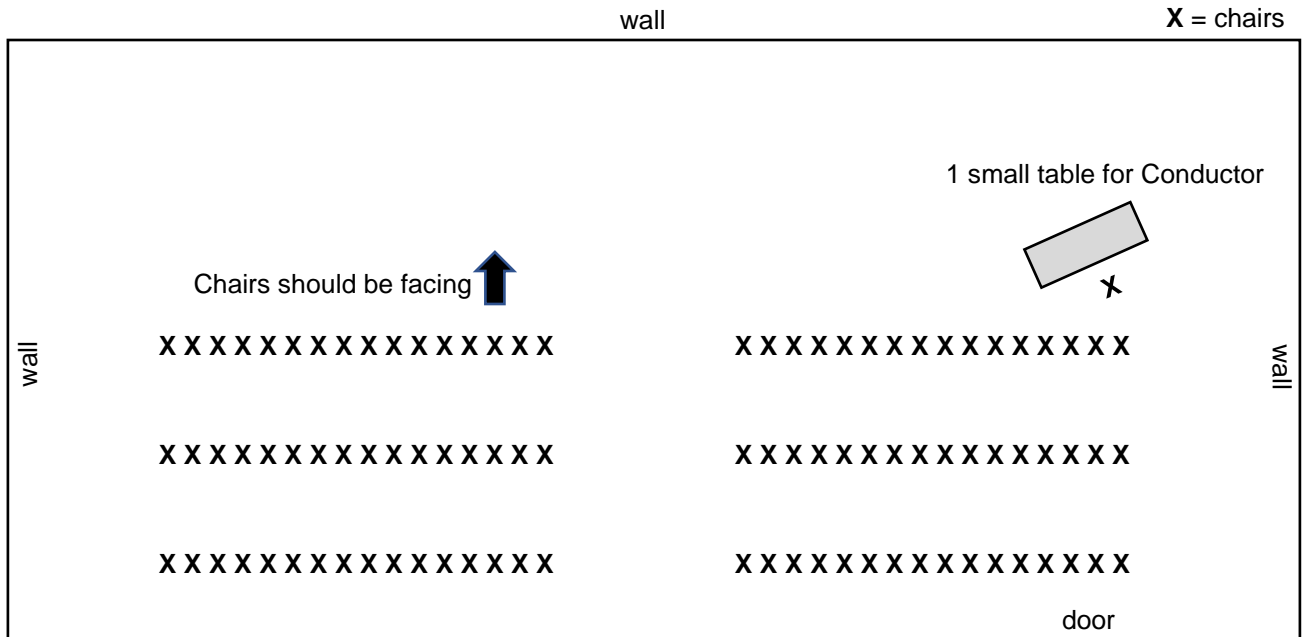
DURING THE SPEECH

- As the speakers enter the drill room, the **Conductor** will introduce them by saying:

“This is Speaker Number ____, and his/her speech topic is _____.”
- After introductions, the **Conductor** should sit in the first row or at a small table, and nod when the speaker can begin. Once the speaker begins, the **Conductor** will begin timing the length of the speech.
- Make sure that all three **Judges** are able to see each of the speakers. The **Judges** should spread out around the room.
- After the speaker is finished, the **Conductor** will collect the speakers’ number. This should be placed on the **Conductor Score Sheet**. The **Conductor** will indicate on the **Conductor Score Sheet** their time, and if points should be deducted for inappropriate dress.
- The **Conductor** should give the **Judges** time to review their comments and score sheets. Once they are finished, the score sheets and **Conductor Score Sheets** should be placed in the envelope with the Drill number on it. These should be taken to the **Tally Room** each hour if there are more than 4 speakers.

AFTER THE SPEECH

- Please make sure that all three **Judges** have completed their **score sheets**. Watch the time and give the **Judges** a nudge if they need to wrap up their scoring.
- Each hour the **Conductor** should ask a **Judge** to take the envelope with the score sheets to the **Tally Room**.
- Each hour the **Conductor** should slip out and go prepare the next group waiting in the **Ready Room** to speak.
- Ask the **Judges** to make sure the room is cleared and ready for the next group of spectators to enter and be seated.



🌟 Sample Room Set-up

High School Speakers' Tournament Job Descriptions

★ JUDGES ★

There are three **Judges** for **Speakers' Tournament**.

The **Judges** use the **High School Speakers' Tournament Judge's Score Sheet** to evaluate each speaker.

Thank you so much for serving in this important position!

BEFORE THE SPEECH

- Make sure that you have the correct **High School Speakers' Tournament Judge's Score Sheet**, clipboard, and sharpened pencils before beginning the drill.
- Mark the **score sheet** with the correct speaker number, date, location and your name. *The **Conductor** will fill in the speaker's time.*
- Review the **High School Speakers' Tournament Judge's Score Sheet** before the first speaker. Be familiar with the criteria to watch for and how to evaluate each speech.
- **Pray** for clarity of mind and a spirit of encouragement as you judge.

Criteria for Judging

- **Content (40%)**
 - **Originality/Related to Subject** – Is the speech highly creative and does it explore the subject in a thorough and excellent way?
 - **Organization/Logical Sequence** – Does the speech follow a clear outline that allows the listener to come away with a thorough understanding of the topic?
 - **Structure/Grammar** – Is the speech structured in an excellent manner with no grammatical errors? Does the participant use complete sentences and are the sentences grammatically correct?
 - **Purpose Accomplished** – Does the speech have a clearly defined purpose which is accomplished by the speech?
 - **Choice of Resources and Credit for Quotations** – Does the speech contain a combination of 3-5 scripture references or quotations? Are they properly

credited and highly related to the subject? Are a variety of good sources used? Resources should come from reputable, reliable sources.

➤ **Delivery (40%)**

- **Eye Contact with Audience** – Does the speaker maintains excellent eye contact with the entire room throughout the speech? Does the speaker smile and use appropriate facial expressions?
- **Articulate and Expressive Voice** – Is the speaker highly articulate and do they use excellent expression, including a variation in tone? Does the speaker use good vocal energy and enunciate clearly? Does the speaker speak loudly enough for the audience to hear without straining?
- **Poise and Confidence** – Does the speaker have an excellent command of the entire room and are they well poised throughout the speech? Does the speaker appear to be composed and at ease? Does the speaker appear to believe in himself/herself and his/her message? Does he/she speak with passion?
- **Posture/Movement/Gesturing** – Does the speaker have excellent posture, move in a purposeful way, and use gestures which are highly appropriate? Do the posture, movement and gestures of the speaker distract or take away from the speech?
- **Delivered from Memory** – Does the speaker deliver the entire speech from memory and need no prompts? Does the speaker rely on notes?

➤ **Time – Speeches must be 4-6 minutes.** (*The Tournament **Conductor** is responsible for keeping time and scoring this area. Other Judges do not score based on time.*) Time penalty will be assessed as follows:

- Over 6 minutes - 2 points will be deducted for each 10 seconds
- Under 4 minutes - 2 points will be deducted for each 10 seconds

➤ **Each speech should be judged individually. Evaluate the content and delivery for each speech and speaker without comparisons.**

DURING THE SPEECH

- Be sure to sit where you can see the speaker and evaluate their movement and gesturing during the speech.
- The **Conductor** will introduce each speaker with their speaker number and speech topic.
- Write the speaker number on the top of the **High School Speakers' Tournament Score Sheet**.

- Listen and watch attentively to each speech. Make comments as you listen and watch. ***You will have time to complete the score sheet after the speech is concluded.***

AFTER THE SPEECH

- Once the speaker has finished, complete the score sheet with your comments and give it to the Conductor. **The Judge's comments are very important. Each speaker will receive a copy of their score sheets and will make improvements based on your feedback. Be kind and constructive!**
- Prepare for the next speaker by completing the information on the **High School Speakers' Tournament Judge's Score Sheet**.
- The **Conductor** will ask one **Judge** to take the score sheets to the **Tally Room** each hour if there are more than 4 speakers.
- *If there are more than 4 speakers at your location*, the **Conductor** will go to the **Ready Room** at the start of each hour to greet and pray for the next group of speakers.
- While the **Conductor** is in the **Ready Room**, one of the **Judges** will be assigned to pray with and then read the **Instructions for Spectators** to the audience in the drill room.

High School Speakers' Tournament Job Descriptions

✪ READY ROOM COORDINATOR ✪

The **Ready Room Coordinator** helps prepare the speakers for the **Speakers' Tournament**. This person helps the participants feel relaxed and confident, while taking care of the necessary details in preparation for the speech. If there is no **Ready Room Assistant**, it is acceptable to have one of the church sponsors join you in the **Ready Room**.

Thank you so much for serving in this important position!

Before Participants arrive in the Ready Room

The **Ready Room Coordinator** should become familiar with the supply box and carefully read this **job description**.

- **Speaker sheets** (*list of speakers and their numbers, etc.*) should be numbered and in order (1, 2, 3, or A1, A2, etc.).
- Arrange 4-5 chairs for the participants. If there are more than 4 speakers, you will have a new group of 4 at 15 minutes before the hour. There should only be 4 speakers in the **Ready Room** at a time. No sponsors or parents should be in the **Ready Room**.
- Make sure the **Ready Room** sign is on the door. Place the numbers indicating the **Speakers' Tournament** in progress (*when there are more than 4 speakers*) and the **Ready Room Speakers' Tournament** number on the sign.

As Participants arrive in the Ready Room

- Introduce yourself to the participants as they enter the room. Greet them warmly to help make them feel at ease.
- Ask each participant their name.

- Give each participant the *number sticker* to which they have been assigned. ***Make sure the participants are given the number assigned to them on the Speaker Sheets.***
- Please make sure that all of the participants have used the restroom and that none of them are chewing gum or candy.
- Allow a brief time for questions and for the participants to practice their speeches or to just sit and wait for the **Conductor** to arrive.
- The **Conductor** will give final instructions and pray with the speaker group before the first speaker moves to the speech room. Once the last speaker from the speaker group has moved to the speech room, you will be ready to accept another group of speakers.

*If there is a problem or if you should need additional supplies, go to the **Tally Room** or speak with the **Conductor**, or call the **Texas Baptists Event Coordinator** or the **Host Church Contact person**.*

★ Helpful Tip!

Make sure that you have the phone numbers for the Texas Baptists Event Coordinator and Host Church Contact before the event begins.

High School Speakers' Tournament Job Descriptions

✪ TALLY ROOM COORDINATOR/ASSISTANT ✪

The **Tally Room Coordinator** is in charge of collecting all score sheets, compiling the scores, and then doing the computations to get the final scores and awards for every participant. This person also will rank the scores for **Speakers' Tournament** at the Regional event to determine the winners that will advance to State.

The **Tally Room Assistant** will check all **High School Speakers' Tournament Score Sheets and Speakers' Tournament Conductor Score Sheets** after scores have been calculated.

Thank you so much for serving in this important position!

Please read and become familiar with the material below before the event.

- All of the necessary materials should be included in the **Tally Room Materials Box: Tally Sheets for High School Speakers' Tournament**, calculators, **Category Sheets** (*used at the Closing Session*); pencils, and paper clips, etc.
- Upon the completion of the **Speakers' Tournament**, one of the **Judges** will bring the envelope with the **Judge's Score Sheets** and **Conductor Score Sheets** to the **Tally Room**. If there are more than 4 speakers, a **Judge** will bring the **score sheets** at the end of every hour.
- Each **High School Speakers' Tournament** will deliver three **High School Speakers' Tournament Score Sheets for each speaker**.
- The **Conductor** will complete the **Speakers' Tournament Conductor Score Sheet** for each speaker. These will be delivered with the **Judge's Score Sheets**.
- Check to make sure that all of the above includes the correct **Speakers' Tournament number(s)**.

How to Tally the Scores for each Speaker Participant

1. Check to make sure there are **3 High School Speakers' Tournament Score Sheets and 1 Speakers' Tournament Conductor Score Sheet** for each speaker.

2. For **each Score Sheet**, add the points together for each category in the **Content** and **Delivery** sections of the **Score Sheets** and write the number in the “Score” column on the right.
3. Add all points together and write the total in the “**Content and Delivery**” box on the bottom right-hand corner of the **Score Sheet** (*highest possible score is 80*) on each of the 3 **Score Sheets** for the speaker.
4. On the **Conductor Score Sheet** for that speaker, write the totals for each **Judge**.
5. Add the **Judges’** scores together, and divide by 3.
6. Add the **Speakers Composition Score** on the next line on the **Conductor Score Sheet**. The **Composition Score** for each speaker should be on the **Speakers Tournament Composition Score Sheet** in the **Tally Room**.

NOTE: Make sure to match the speakers’ names, numbers and Composition Scores before writing them on the Conductor Score Sheets!

7. *If the speech was under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes*, the **Conductor** should have deducted the points on the next line on the **Conductor Score Sheet**. Two points are deducted for each ten seconds the speech is under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes.

NOTE: Check the time of the speech at the top of the Conductor Score Sheet to make sure points to be deducted have been calculated correctly.

8. If the **Conductor** felt the speaker was dressed inappropriately, two points should have been deducted on the **Conductor Score Sheet**.
9. **Calculate the score:**
 - Add “Average Score from 3 Judges”
 - Add “Composition Score”
 - Deduct points for time (*if applicable*)
 - Deduct points for dress (*if applicable*)
 - **Write the “Total Score” on the appropriate line on the Conductor Score Sheet**
 - Initial next to the “Total Score”
10. Once the **Conductor Score Sheet** has been completely filled out, it should be checked by the **Tally Room Assistant**.

11. The **Tally Room Assistant** must also initial next to the “**Total Score**” on the **Speakers Tournament Score Sheets** and next to “**Total Score**” on the **Conductor Score Sheets**.
12. Once the **Speakers Tournament Score Sheets** and the **Conductor Score Sheets** have been checked twice, the scores can be entered onto the **Tally Sheet**.
13. Each **Tally Sheet** should also be checked twice and initialed.

If the Tally Room is using the Excel method for calculating, the scores should be entered on the spreadsheet, and checked by another Tally Room Coordinator.

The spreadsheet can be used to determine the participants with the top scores that will be move to the next level.

Additional instructions below are for Texas Baptists Regional/State Events

Names of participants should be recorded on the **Closing Session Sheets** by recognition/award categories. Double check these before the closing session and have everyone initial.

At the Regional events, if there is a tied score at the 10th place, both participants will be allowed to go to State.

All Tally Sheets, Score Sheets, and Participant Number Sheets from each drill should be paper-clipped together to be processed by the Coordinating Council.

High School Speakers' Tournament Job Descriptions

✪ REGISTRATION COORDINATOR ✪ *Texas Baptists Regional/State Events*

The **Registration Coordinator and Assistants** have the very important role of setting a positive, helpful, and happy tone for the event as participants are greeted, groups are assisted, and questions are answered.

Thank you so much for serving in this important position!

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before the posted time for registration to begin.

- Gather and familiarize yourself with the items listed below when you first arrive.
 1. **Master list** of all the **Speaker Grouping Sheets**, which include participant's names, Ready Room locations, speech locations and times.
 2. **Map and layout of the church** so that you can give directions to drill and speech rooms, restrooms, **Closing Session** location, and areas where sponsors should keep their groups when not actively participating in events.
 3. **Cell phone number** of the **Texas Baptists Event Coordinator** and **Host Church Contact** who may be needed during the event.
- Please be available at the **Registration Desk** until the **Closing Session** on *Friday evening* and until the **Closing Session** on *Saturday morning*.
- As participants arrive, check off their names on the **Master List** and **Speech Grouping Sheets**, indicating they are present.
- Direct attention to the **Closing Session** times for Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Appendix:

Score and Tally Sheets

SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

High School Speakers' Tournament Composition Score Sheet (Grades 10-12)



Speaker # _____ Location _____

Judge _____ *Please judge only the format and grammar.

Composition	Excellent (5 points)	Good (4 points)	Average (3 points)	Fair (2 points)	Poor (1 points)	Score
Format	The composition follows all MLA guidelines.	The composition follows most MLA guidelines with few errors.	The composition follows some MLA guidelines, but has some errors.	The composition follows a few MLA guidelines, but has many errors.	The composition does not follow MLA guidelines.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Crediting Sources	The composition credits all material from other sources, including quotations and paraphrases, with parenthetical citations according to MLA guidelines.	The composition credits all material from other sources, but there are a few errors in citation.	The speech credits most material from other sources and there are a few errors in citation.	The speech credits some material from others and there are errors in citation.	The speech does not credit material from others.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Works Cited	The composition has a works cited page which includes bibliographic information for all sources used, according to MLA guidelines, with no mistakes.	The composition has a works cited page which includes bibliographic material from all sources used, but there are a few mistakes.	The composition has a works cited page, but it is partially incomplete or has errors.	The composition has a works cited page, but it is incomplete and has many errors.	The composition does not have a works cited page.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Grammar and Spelling	The composition has no grammar or spelling errors. Spelling and grammar errors include misspellings, incorrect punctuation, subject and verb agreement problems, etc.	The composition has 1 or 2 spelling or grammar errors.	The composition has 3-5 spelling or grammar errors.	The composition has 6-9 spelling or grammar errors.	The composition has 10 or more spelling or grammar errors.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
<i>Things this speaker did well in their speech:</i>			<i>Things this speaker can improve upon in their speech:</i>			
					Composition Subtotal <i>Highest possible score is 20</i>	

SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

High School Speakers' Tournament Judge's Score Sheet (Grades 10-12)

Speaker # _____ Date _____ Location _____

Judge _____ Speech Time _____



Content	Excellent (8 points)	Good (6-7 points)	Average (5 points)	Fair (3-4 points)	Poor (1-2 points)	Score
Originality/ Related to Subject	The speech is highly creative and explores the subject in a thorough and excellent way.	The speech is somewhat creative and explores the subject well.	The speech is creative and explores the subject, but is not always on topic.	The speech is original, but the speaker has trouble staying on topic.	The speech is not creative, original, and does not address the subject.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Organization/ Logical Sequencing	The speech follows a clear outline that allows the listener to come away with a thorough understanding of the topic.	The speech follows a somewhat clear outline that allows the listener to understand the topic.	The speech follows an outline, but needs to address some sequencing.	The speech follows an outline, but the sequencing is not logical.	The speech does not follow a clear outline and is not logically sequenced.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Structure and Grammar	The speech is structured excellently with no grammatical errors.	The speech is structured well with few grammatical errors.	The speech is fairly structured with some grammatical errors.	The speech is structured, but has a number of grammatical errors.	The speech is not structured and has many grammatical errors.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Purpose Accomplished	The speech has a clearly defined purpose which is accomplished by the whole of the speech.	The speech has a well-defined purpose, but it could be more effectively accomplished.	While the speech has a defined purpose, that purpose is not accomplished well.	The purpose of the speech is not appropriate, given the topic.	The speech does not accomplish its purpose.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Use of Resources and Proper Credit	The speech uses 3-5 scripture references or quotations which are all properly credited and are highly related to the subject.	The speech uses 3-5 scripture references or quotations which are all properly credited and are somewhat related to the subject.	The speech uses 3-5 scripture references or quotations which are mostly properly credited, but do not always relate well to the subject.	The speech uses fewer than 3-5 scripture references or quotations which are not properly credited, but which relate to the subject.	The speech does not use scripture references or quotations, or does not cite them.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						

Delivery	Excellent (8 points)	Good (6-7 points)	Average (5 points)	Fair (3-4 points)	Poor (1-2 points)	Score
Eye Contact with Audience	The speaker maintains excellent eye contact with the entire room throughout the speech.	The speaker maintains good eye contact through most of the speech, but may not make eye contact with everyone.	The speaker maintains eye contact for the majority of the speech, but eye contact is focused on two or three areas.	The speaker makes eye contact occasionally, but it is not maintained and only focuses on one area.	The speaker does not maintain eye contact.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Articulate and Expressive Voice	The speaker is highly articulate and uses excellent expression, including variation in tone.	The speaker articulates well and uses good expression and variation in tone.	The speaker is articulate, but stumbles over occasional words, and uses some variation in tone.	The speaker stumbles over some words and uses little expression or variation in tone.	The speaker mumbles or does not articulate words, uses no variation in tone, and little or no expression.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Poise and Confidence	The speaker has an excellent command of the entire room and is well poised throughout the speech.	The speaker has a good command of most of the room and remains poised, even if mistakes are made.	The speaker has some command of the room, but falters slightly when mistakes are made.	The speaker shows some confidence while speaking, but falters when mistakes are made.	The speaker does not speak with confidence and struggles when mistakes are made.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Posture/Movement/ Gesturing	The speaker has excellent posture, moves in a purposeful way, and uses gestures which are highly appropriate.	The speaker maintains good posture, moves in an effective manner, and uses appropriate gestures.	The speaker maintains good posture, but shows little movement and few gestures.	The speaker maintains fair posture, but shows little purposeful movement, and few appropriate gestures.	The speaker maintains poor posture, shows little movement, and uses no gestures or inappropriate gestures.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Delivered from Memory	The speaker delivers the entire speech from memory and needs no prompting.	The speaker delivers the speech from memory and needs only 1 or 2 prompts.	The speaker delivers the speech from memory, but needs 3-4 prompts from the conductor.	The speech is partially memorized and the speaker needs 5-6 prompts.	The speech is not memorized or the speaker needs more than 6 prompts.	
<i>Judge's Comments:</i>						
Content and Delivery Subtotal						
<i>Highest possible score is 80</i>						

SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

High School Speakers' Tournament Conductor Score Sheet

⊛ Conductor please fill in every shaded box ⊛

**Place
Speaker's
Number Here**

Speaker # _____

Speech Time _____

Judge 1 Score	
Judge 2 Score	
Judge 3 Score	
Total from 3 Judges*	
Averaged Score from 3 Judges* <i>(Total score from judges divided by 3)</i>	
Composition Score <i>(Previously scored)</i>	
Points Deducted for Time <i>(Minus 2 points for each ten seconds the speech is under four minutes or over six minutes)</i>	
Points Deducted for Dress <i>(Minus 2 points for inappropriate dress)</i>	
Total Score*	
Award	

* All addition will be completed in the Tally Room

AWARDS	
Outstanding:	90-100
Superior:	85-89
Excellent:	80-84
Good:	79 or less



TO ADVANCE	
Church to Associational:	Score 65
Associational to Regional:	Score 70
Regional to State:	Top ten and 75+

YOUTH SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT TALLY SHEET

**SPEAKERS'
TOURNAMENT**

Speaker #	Time	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	Average (Divide Total by 3)	Content Score	Points Off for Time	Points Off for Dress	Total Score	Award
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
9											

YOUTH SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT TALLY SHEET

**SPEAKERS'
TOURNAMENT**

Speaker #	Time	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	Average (Divide Total by 3)	Content Score	Points Off for Time	Points Off for Dress	Total Score	Award
10											
11											
12											
13											
14											
15											
16											
17											
18											

YOUTH SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT TALLY SHEET

**SPEAKERS'
TOURNAMENT**

Speaker #	Time	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	Average (Divide Total by 3)	Content Score	Points Off for Time	Points Off for Dress	Total Score	Award
19											
20											
21											
22											
23											
24											
25											
26											
27											

