



**South Tampa Fellowship
AWANA Bible Quizzing
Rulebook and Guidelines**

**“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)**



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AWANA Bible Quizzing

Authorization

The South Tampa Fellowship AWANA Bible Quiz event takes place under the authority of the lead pastor and is conducted by the AWANA coordinator.

Quizzing Objectives

1. To proclaim God's wonderful grace and salvation through Bible quiz questions. Parents and friends may then see their need of becoming Christians and be challenged to accept Christ as Savior.
2. To promote and encourage young people in Bible memorization and review of their AWANA handbooks.
3. To provide a competitive atmosphere in which participants can display their Bible knowledge and gain a sense of accomplishment.
4. To give young people a greater love for and working knowledge of the Bible.
5. To build relationships between Bible Quiz coaches and participants.

Bible Quiz Format

AWANA Bible Quizzing incorporates two basic formats: Multiple Choice and Team Written. Total scores from each format are used to determine the winner.

Multiple-Choice Quizzing

All Divisions – Team Quizzing

Team-Written Quizzing

All Divisions – Team Quizzing

Organization

The organization of the South Tampa Fellowship AWANA Bible Quiz event depends on the number of churches and teams participating.

Registration

- Online registration will be available from April 1 through April 30 on the South Tampa Fellowship website www.stfchurch.com/AWANA/biblequizzing
- **Registrations will not be accepted after April 30.**
- A minimum of three churches must register for the Bible Quiz event to take place. A maximum of 8 teams per division will be accepted. Early registration could guarantee participation in higher enrollment divisions. Teams are accepted on a first-paid basis.
- A church may enter one or more teams per division. A church may register for any or all divisions but is not required to enter all divisions.
- The registration fee is set by South Tampa Fellowship to help defray quiz expenses.

General Information

Team

A maximum of four quizzers per team is allowed. Each participant should quiz from the handbook in which he or she is currently working, or from which he or she has not previously quizzed.

Teams may be girl only, boy only, or coed. It is recommended that each coach comply with his or her church's child-protection policy.

No clubber may quiz in a handbook from which he or she has previously quizzed.

Appropriate Attire

AWANA emphasizes the importance of modesty, neatness, and cleanliness in the apparel worn by both leaders and clubbers of all ages. All participants (quizzers and coaches) must wear an official AWANA uniform.

Quiz Answers and Questions

A. Mission Grace in Action, Mission Evidence of Grace, Mission Agents of Grace

1. All questions will be taken from the material in the latest edition of the AWANA handbooks and cover Units 1 and 2. Participants are not expected to interpret the materials.
2. Questions may be asked from Bible verses, Start Here, Explore, and Definitions.

B. All Quizzes

1. Quizzes in Mission Grace in Action, Mission Evidence of Grace and Mission Agents of Grace may include material from the respective Start Zones.
2. The quizmaster prefaces each question with the word “question.” No talking is allowed after the word “question” until the answer is given.
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4. If the quizmaster reads a question improperly, the question may be discarded and a new one selected.
5. Any portion of Bible verses must be quoted word perfectly according to the latest edition of the AWANA handbook in the translation used by the team. If requested, the quotation must include the complete reference. In cases in which a verse contains additional explanatory information within parentheses, that additional information is not required in order for an answer to be correct.
6. During the first five minutes of the quiz, the audience is permitted to record the event. After the opening five minutes the quizmaster will announce that all recording devices must be turned off. “Recording devices” include cell phones, video cameras, tablets, etc.

Use of Handbooks, Bible, etc.

Once the Bible Quiz event has begun, no further studying of handbooks, Bibles, or other materials is permitted.

Interfering with the quiz by providing answers to questions will result in the question being discarded and the person providing the answer being removed from the quiz room.

Time-outs

The quizmaster or judges are the only officials who may declare a time-out.

Coaches

1. Each team is allowed only one official coach during the quiz. The coach's name will be listed on the team roster that is submitted the day of the event.
2. The team coaches may talk to their teams while the teams rotate for their quiz or during team substitutions.

Appeals

- Only the official coach (that person listed on the team roster) may appeal a question or an answer. The coach does that by calling out "question." The immediate preceding question is the only one that may be appealed by the coach.
- All appeals are directed to the head judge. When recognized, the coach will confer privately with the head judge. After the coach voices the question, the coach must return to his or her seat while a decision is being made.
- The head judge may consult with the quizmaster and quiz judges before making a decision. In all cases the decision of the head judge is final.

Schedule

8:30 a.m.	AWANA coordinator, head judges, and quizmasters arrive
8:45 a.m.	AWANA coordinator meets with head judges and quizmasters
9:00 a.m.	All remaining volunteers arrive
9:00 a.m.	Coaches meet
9:15-9:30 a.m.	Coaches check in their teams
9:15 a.m.	Head judge leads meetings for judges and scorekeepers in the quiz rooms for each division
9:30 a.m.	Opening ceremony and welcome take place
10:00 a.m.	Bible quizzing in all divisions begins
At conclusion of all Divisions (about noon)	Gospel is presented Offering is taken for AWANA missionary Awards are announced

Rules on the Two Quizzing Formats

Individual or Team Multiple-Choice Quizzing

1. All Divisions: As many as four quizzers from each division may participate.
2. Paddles should remain in the case when not raised.
3. Questions and possible answers will be read twice. There will be three answers from which to choose.
4. During the reading of the question, quizzers should look down at their paddles. Looking any other place may result in disqualification from that question.
5. After the second reading of the question and possible answers, the quizmaster will say, "Select your answers." That begins an approximately five-second period during which each individual quizzing or team should determine the answer they believe to be correct.
6. When the five seconds are up, the quizmaster will announce, "Paddles up." At that call, all quizzers will raise their paddles simultaneously. After the "Paddles up" call has been made, no paddle may be exchanged for another paddle. Raising a paddle late may result in the quizzing's disqualification from the question.
7. Paddles must remain raised until "Paddles down" is called. Lowering a paddle before the "Paddles down" call is made may result in the quizzing's disqualification from the question.
8. Paddles are to be lowered and returned to the case when "Paddles down" is called.
9. A series of 10 questions will be asked. Each correct answer is worth 10 points.
10. Three additional questions will be asked, to be used in the event of a tie at the conclusion of the quiz. Tie-break questions are worth 10 points. The points for tie-break questions will only be considered if a tie exists at the conclusion of the quiz. The points awarded for all three tie-break questions will be considered (i.e. there is no "sudden death").

Team-Written Quizzing

1. As many as four quizzers from each division may participate.
2. Questions will be read twice.
3. The team is allowed approximately 30 seconds to confer quietly and come up with one answer.
4. After 20 seconds the quizmaster will announce “10 seconds.”
5. When the final 10 seconds are up, the quizmaster will call out “Boards up.” At that call, all teams are to raise their boards simultaneously. Raising a board late may result in the team’s disqualification from the question.
6. Boards must remain raised until “Boards down” is called. Lowering a board before the “Boards down” call is made may result in the team’s disqualification from the question.
7. If the question asks for a certain number of responses, please coach your teams to provide only that number of responses. Boards that contain incorrect answers, even if the requisite number of correct responses are provided, will be scored as incorrect.
8. A series of 15 questions will be asked. Each correct answer is worth 20 points. There is no deduction for blank boards or incorrect answers.

Disqualification from a Question

1. Disqualification from a question is the decision of the head judge. The head judge may confer with the other judges or quizmaster.
2. Disqualification from a question may result from: looking at another quizzers’ paddles during multiple-choice quizzing, raising a paddle late during multiple-choice quizzing, lowering a paddle before the “Paddles down” call is made, raising a board late during team-written quizzing, lowering a board before the “Boards down” call is given.
3. If disqualification of a question occurs, the head judge will notify the scorekeepers so that it can be noted on the score sheet.
4. If the disqualification of a question is because of an answer being given by anyone in the audience, an announcement will be made by the quizmaster reminding the audience: *“To maintain the integrity of the quiz event, no one in the audience is permitted to give answers to a competing team. Providing answers will result in that team’s disqualification from the quiz event, and the person providing the answer will be asked to leave the quiz room.”*
5. Disqualification from the quiz meet will occur if the head judge determines that there has been more than one occurrence of a quizzers looking at another Quizzers’ paddles or a team looking at another team’s board.

6. If disqualification from the event occurs, the head judge will notify the scorekeepers so that it can be noted on the score sheet. In order to not shame the quizzers, no announcement about the disqualification will be made to the audience.
7. If a quizzer is disqualified from the event during the multiple-choice segment, the coach will be notified, and the quizzer will not be permitted to participate in the team-written segment.

Chain of Command

- South Tampa Fellowship AWANA Coordinator
- Head Judge
- Quizmaster
- Judges
- Scorekeeper
- Team Coaches
- Team Check-in

Quizzing Staff

Each church must provide at least two **adult** volunteers per division. Volunteers may serve as head judge, quizmaster, judge, or scorekeeper. Team coaches may not serve in any other capacity during the quiz event and are not included in the volunteer requirements listed above. The online registration includes fields to provide the names and contact information of the volunteers. Head judges and quizmasters should be attired in AWANA uniform and be well versed in the AWANA materials. Once the volunteer positions have been assigned, volunteers will receive confirmation emails with their job descriptions. All volunteers (other than team check-in) must arrive at the meet by 9 a.m.

Volunteer Responsibilities

AWANA Coordinator

1. Ensures that the facility and equipment are ready for the quiz
2. Lines up and confirms volunteers
3. Lines up teams within divisions and sends acceptance to the church representative with information on the Bible quiz time, place, and other details

Head Judge

Each division will require one head judge

1. Arrives by 8:45 a.m. for meeting with the AWANA coordinator
2. Examines quiz room with the quizmaster to ensure that everything is in order and reports any issues to the AWANA coordinator by 9:15 a.m.
3. Maintains full authority over the quiz division
4. Ensures that the quizmaster reads each question correctly and clearly
5. Determines whether a quizzers' answer is correct or incorrect, and communicates to the scorekeepers following each question by announcing the team name and whether the answer was correct or incorrect
6. Confers, if needed, with the quizmaster and/or other judges
7. Entertains only appeals presented by the team coach
8. Makes the final decision concerning any questions or answers that are appealed

Quizmaster

Each division will require one quizmaster

1. Arrives by 8:45 a.m. for meeting with the AWANA coordinator
2. Examines the quiz room with the head judge to ensure that everything is in order and reports any issues to the AWANA coordinator by 9:15 a.m.
3. Conducts the quiz according to program guidelines
4. Reads the quiz questions
5. Assists the head judge in making any decision concerning contested questions or answers

Judges

Each division will require one judge per four teams competing

1. Ensures that the quizmaster reads each question correctly and clearly
2. Assists the head judge in making any decision concerning contested questions or answers

Scorekeepers

Each division will require two scorekeepers per four teams competing

1. Records the points of those teams assigned to him or her
2. Ensures, following each question, that scores exactly match those of his or her partner scorekeeper
3. Notifies the quizmaster when scoring is complete so that he or she may call for “Paddles down” or “Boards down”
4. Submits score sheets to the head judge at the conclusion of the quiz

Team Check-In

Ideally there will be one check-in volunteer for each division; however, a minimum of two volunteers will be required

1. Receives team rosters from coaches and ensures that the roster is complete
2. Arrives at South Tampa Fellowship no later than 9 a.m.

Awards

The Awards Committee is composed of the AWANA coordinator and the head judges.

The head judges will bring the score sheets for their divisions to the assigned room.

In any division, if there is a tie in first, second, third, or fourth place at the conclusion of the quiz, those teams that are tied will participate in a sudden-death tie break.

Bible quiz awards will be given to quizzers and the designated team coach as follows:

- First-place: medallions for each team member and designated coach, and a church plaque
- Second-, third-, and fourth-place: ribbons for each team member and designated coach
- All quizzers: participation patch: Mission Evidence of Grace – red; Mission Grace in Action – blue; Ultimate Challenge 1 – green; Ultimate Challenge 2 –yellow
- High Achievement Ribbon: in Mission Grace in Action and Ultimate Adventure Book 2 for quizzers who answer all 10 multiple-choice questions correctly; in Ultimate Challenge Books 1 and 2 for a single-person team if all 10 multiple-choice questions are answered correctly
- Perfect Score Ribbon: awarded to all team members if the entire team has a perfect score of 600 points in Mission Grace in Action and Ultimate Adventure Book 2 or 400 points in Ultimate Challenge