



# Bible Bowl Team

## Purpose

To enable participants to enhance knowledge of textual content; to develop quick reference to Bible facts and gain knowledge of Scripture; to bond through team spirit.

## Event Participation

1. It is very important that participants, parents, coaches, and judges watch the Event Training and Judging Videos on the L2L website: <https://www.lads2leaders.com/training/>
2. Teams may participate in the following divisions:
  - Grades 3-4
  - Grades 5-6
  - Grades 7-8
  - Grades 9-10
  - Grades 11-12

Criteria for teams are as follows:

- a. Participants may participate on only one Bible Bowl team.
  - b. Team members may be boys and girls from grades K–12. However, no more than two students younger than third grade should be on one team. The youngest grade division for any team will be 3-4.
  - c. Students may not participate below their grade, but may participate in a division above their current grade.
  - d. A team consists of four participants – no more and no less. If there is an emergency before or during the Bible Bowl event and an alternate team member is necessary, the team leader may select any student from the congregation to fill in as long as the person is age appropriate. The student chosen does not have to be one that took the Bible Bowl test. However, substitution of team members for any non-emergency reason is not allowed once the Bible Bowl event has started. For example, a team that has an extra student serving as an alternate may not substitute that student for another at a break in the event just to have all students participate at the convention. The number of trophies and other awards that are in place are based on four-person teams. Extra awards for alternates may be requested after the convention from the National Service Center. **NOTE:** If a group does not have enough students for a full team, they may complete a request form on the L2L website: <https://www.lads2leaders.com/forms/> to get assistance in completing their team.
  - e. A congregation may have any number of teams.
3. Questions will be worded from the New King James Version, stating the specific chapter and verse. **A majority, but not all, of the test questions will come from the study questions. There will be some new questions made specifically for the test. The Bible Bowl Bundle may be ordered from the [L2L Online Store](#).** Within the bundle are Bible Bowl study questions, in both Word and PowerPoint formats; answer card template; score sheets; and a sample test from a past convention year so the students can see the format of the test.
  4. Rules for Oral Rounds at Convention
    - a. All teams properly registered by the published registration deadline will participate in the oral rounds at convention. The eight “finalist” teams will be determined from the team scores during the oral rounds. The finalist teams will be called by name to the stage during the awards ceremony. The three top-scoring teams will be announced and receive their awards. The remaining finalist teams will receive their awards as they exit the stage. **NOTE:** Questions for the written test and oral rounds at convention may be taken directly from the study questions, rephrased study questions, or completely new questions.
    - b. Questions will be multiple choice and are to be answered by each team member, as follows:
      - A set of answer cards (“A,” “B,” “C,” “D”) will be provided for each team member. Each team member will display their answer card when called by the person reading the questions. Team members may not confer with one another.
      - One point will be assigned for each correct answer.
    - c. Teams must be ready to participate in the final rounds. If all members are not present when called, the team

must participate with those who are present. Late participants will be seated promptly after they enter the room. However, a question in progress is not to be interrupted to seat late team members. An absent team member will receive a score of zero for unanswered questions. If an alternate is used, he/she must remain as part of the team throughout the oral rounds. The late student cannot take the place of the alternate when he/she arrives.

- d. Grades 3-6 will answer 40 total questions. Grades 7-12 will answer 60 total questions.
  - e. The teams and the audience will face the reader and scorekeeper.
  - f. Computer projector(s) will be used to show the questions and answer choices on a large screen. Questions will be read aloud only one time.
5. Instructions for Tie-Breakers: At the end of 40 questions for grades 3-6 teams or 60 questions for grades 7-12 teams, there must be clear first, second, and third place teams. This means that the scores must be different for each of the top four scoring teams. If any of these teams has the same score, a tie-breaker is required. Additionally, the scores for the teams in eighth and ninth places must be different. If they are the same, a tie-breaker is required. The scores for teams in places four through eight may be the same as long as third is different than fourth and eighth is different than ninth. In the event that a tie-breaker is needed, all teams are to remain in place and answer all questions until the tie is broken. However, the answers for the tied teams are the only ones that are taken into account. Do not announce which teams are tied so that teams can be surprised when they are called to the stage during the awards ceremony.
- The tie-breaker will be a “sudden death” rather than a sum total based on a series of questions. The person serving as the “lead judge” over the teams that are tied needs to know which specific teams are tied. As the teams are re-seated for the tie breaker, the lead judge needs to look carefully to know where the tied teams are sitting. There are tie-breaker questions included with the oral round questions, so the reader will continue in the order of the questions in the same way that the other questions were read. When the students are instructed to show their answers, the adult scorers will note the answers at the bottom or side of the score sheets where there is space. When the correct answer is given from the reader, the scorers will hold up their hand indicating the number of correct answers from their teams. The lead judge will look at the judges to see if the tied teams had the same number correct, or if one of the teams got more correct answers. If the tie is broken, the Bible Bowl is over. If the teams are still tied, continue in the same manner until the tie is broken.
6. More information on this event and others, check out the videos on our website here - <https://www.lads2leaders.com/training-videos>

### **Judging**

The following adult roles are necessary to conduct the oral rounds (NOTE: Groups must provide at least one judge per registered team):

1. READER: responsible for reading the questions in the oral rounds; should have a strong voice and feel confident with pronunciation.
2. SCORE KEEPER (one per team): responsible for recording individual responses and calculating team scores; should feel comfortable with math (would be advised to bring a pocket calculator).
3. ROOM MONITOR: responsible for limiting the distractions, either from individuals entering and leaving the room or from the audience. Holds everyone in place until the event is completed.
4. ROOM LEADER: responsible for checking the room prior to the oral rounds to ensure that all materials (score sheets and answer cards) are ready; during the event will help resolve questions which may arise. Verifies team scores and completes the winner’s list.
5. JUDGES: are given the authority to dismiss from the room any adult, student, or audience member who chooses to participate in cheating or inappropriate behavior. WINNING IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.
6. For more information on serving as a judge, check out the informative videos on our website here - <https://www.lads2leaders.com/judges-training>

### **Awards**

First, second, and third place group awards will be given to the winning teams, along with individual awards for members of those teams. Finalist teams not placing in the top three will be recognized and presented with finalist awards. Only active team participants will receive an award at convention. If a team with alternate members wins an award, the congregation may purchase additional awards through the National Service Center for these members after the convention.