



Oral Bible Reading

This is a non-competitive event.

Purpose

To emphasize the fundamental importance of Bible reading and to strengthen the foundation for public speaking. Bible reading is an important skill for young students to develop – the younger the better. Beyond the fundamental importance of reading the Bible, the skill of oral reading is also a foundation for other public speaking.

Event Participation

1. Students in Pre-K through sixth grade may participate.
2. Students in Pre-K through second grade will not be rated.
3. Since Oral Bible Reading is an entry-level event to get students accustomed to being in front of a group of people, there will now be a one-time exception made for students older than grade 6 who are part of a new group or are new to the program themselves. Each request for a student older than grade 6 needs to be sent to the L2L National Service Center by email at l2l@lads2leaders.com for review and approval. Only the National Service Center staff will be able to register students older than grade 6 for Oral Bible Reading. All students older than grade 6 will participate in the event room assigned for grade 6 in the convention program.
4. Lesson 7 in the *Field Book of Leadership: Revised* provides basic instructions on Oral Bible Reading. The *Field Book of Leadership: Revised* may be ordered from the [L2L Online Store](#).

Event Rules and Guidelines

1. Readings may be taken from either the Old Testament or the New Testament. Any standard translation may be used. No paraphrase Bibles may be used. Reading may be done from electronic handheld reading devices.
2. The Scripture reading may not be less than one minute nor more than two minutes in length.
3. No males will be allowed in the rooms where girls are participating in Oral Bible Reading. See page 95 of this rulebook for more information on this L2L policy. This policy does NOT restrict a mother from bringing her infant or toddler son into a girls' event room. Filming is allowed for this event so that family members and others may view them later. L2L reserves the right to withhold permission of filming in certain cases such as sensitive debate topics where the participant is giving the negative argument. Use of camera or cell phone cannot be disruptive to the event. Filming of other participants is prohibited unless permission is granted beforehand from the parents/guardians of the participant.

Judging

1. The reading of Scripture will be judged on a one-to-three basis of: Excellent (3); Good (2); and Needs Improvement (1).
 - Rating Sheets completed by the judges will be given to the participants.
 - Ratings will be: AAA, 14-15 points; AA, 11 to 13 points; and A, 10 points and below.
2. Participants will be evaluated on the following criteria (see Evaluation Forms section of this rulebook for the rating sheet to be used at convention):
 - The Scripture reading may not be less than one minute nor more than two minutes in length. Students will be penalized one point for one to 30 seconds under one minute or over two minutes; two points for 31 to 60 seconds under one or over two minutes; etc.
 - The reader will be judged as to neatness and appearance. "Sunday dress" is expected for this event. However, no stringent dress code has been adopted. A boy will not be penalized for not wearing a coat or tie. Grooming and neatness are important in appearance.
 - Poise and posture while reading will be rated.
 - Enunciation, voice, and articulation will be rated.
 - The effectiveness of the participants in the identification of the passage and translation will be rated.
 - The appropriate voice volume for the room used will be rated.

Awards

1. Rating sheets and certificates of participation will be given to each participant based on the above ratings.
2. Readers below third grade will not be rated but will receive a certificate of participation.