

# National Invitational Bible Drill Tournament



## General Guidelines

## Important guidelines: Please read

### TIES:

Each state or convention is only allowed to send **one participant in each category** (*youth, high school, speaker*). In the event of a tie at the state level finals in any category, each state or convention **must determine** which **one** participant will represent their state/convention at NIT. (*No ties to NIT*)

In the case of a tie **at** the N.I.T., a drill off will occur if there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, to determine 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. If a tie occurs for 2<sup>nd</sup> place there will be a drill off to determine 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

If there is a tie **after** the drill off, N.I.T. will purchase an additional trophy for the added winner using funds in the N.I.T. budget.

An individual may only participate in each category **ONCE** at the N.I.T. level. No individual can return to compete in N.I.T. at same level.

# Drill/Speakers Tournament Attire Guidelines

The State Discipleship Leaders Network NIT procedural team feels that the level of competition at the national level requires specific attention to appropriate attire. Each state sets the requirements for dress at their individual state competitions, but at the NIT, a “business/casual” or “business” attire is required for both drillers and speakers.

These guidelines were put into place in 2003 and have been updated to reflect current styles in dress. The following guidelines state the definition of business/casual and business attire. NIT participants can choose from the selections stated.

Because of the high visibility of this event, observers are also highly encouraged to choose appropriate attire.

Tee-shirts, cut-offs, jeans, flip-flops, etc. are **not** appropriate.

## Drillers:

**Boys:** Shirt with a collar. Slacks (no jeans)

**Girls:** Dress, skirt & blouse, pantsuit. (No tee-shirts, flip-flops, etc.)

## Speakers:

**Boys:** Shirt and tie with slacks or suit

**Girls:** Dress, skirt & blouse, pantsuit or suit

# SUMMARY of BIBLE DRILL PROCEDURES AND MISTAKES

## PROCEDURES FOR THE DRILL:

1. Remember to look at the Caller until the call "Start" is given.
2. Be sure your finger is on the reference BEFORE you step out and keep your finger motionless.
3. A driller must STEP out, not hop, jump, or lunge out.
4. If you have started to step out and time is called, don't hesitate, step out. It will be up to the judges to decide whether you had started your motion before "time" was called.
5. After you have found the reference and stepped out, eyes must be on the Bible or caller.
6. Do not move your finger from one reference to another after you have stepped forward.
7. If you step out with the wrong reference, do not step back. Raise your hand until you have been recognized by the caller.
8. When one person is called on to read, everyone else should follow along silently in his/her own Bible or keep their eyes on the caller.
9. If the driller gives an incorrect response, they may have an opportunity to start over. If he/she still cannot give the correct response, drillers will be called on until one responds correctly.

## TYPES OF MISTAKES:

1. Failure to step forward within 8 seconds.
2. Giving an incorrect response (*includes any driller who raises a hand indicating an error*)
3. It is an error to step out, then step back, then step out again even if it is in the allotted time. (*A driller may cross the line only once.*)
4. Failure to stand straight; failure to keep eyes on the caller until the command "Start" is given.
5. Beginning any movement before the command "Start" is given.
6. Stepping forward before the index finger is on the correct response.
7. Failure to handle the Bible according to instructions or abusing the Bible. (*The Bible should be held parallel to the floor with one hand flat on the top and one hand flat on the bottom with no fingers or thumbs folding over the edges.*)

\*\*\*A Participant will not receive any points (*regular or bonus*) for any call that has an error.

## Extra notes:

- Each call will be given once.
- If a driller did not hear/understand what the caller said, they may ask for it to be repeated (*however, make sure this is done immediately after the call and not as start is being called.*)
- Bibles must remain motionless between the commands of "Present Bible" and "Start." Verses must be quoted verbatim.
- **Bible Check**-After stepping out on a call, please tilt Bibles down so judges can see if your finger is on the correct verse.

## **Special Needs Policy for National Tournament**

Notify the host State immediately if you anticipate that there could be the possibility of a student (from your state) who will need special accommodations to participate in the National Tournament. This will allow us to work in advance with your State Convention, that Student, and the judges in such a way that will best meet the needs of that individual through the structure of Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament. It is often difficult to provide the best format for the student and judges when we are notified on the day of the event. Special accommodations could include learning disabilities, hearing impairment or deafness, vision impairment or blindness, being in a wheelchair, etc.

You will need to send an e-mail to the attention of the host of the tournament as soon as you know. In the e-mail, you will need to state the student's name, the State Convention name and contact person, contact information for that individual at the State Convention, the nature of the special need and how your state will accommodate that need at the State Tournament Level.

You will also need to state how you envision that the student could participate in the National Tournament. Feel free to share any other information that you feel may be vital to us in working with the student. Once you have held your State Tournament, please contact the host state to confirm or remove this student's name and special accommodation from the National Tournament information for your state.

If other special accommodations arise closer to the drill, such as a broken arm or leg, please inform the host state at the earliest possible date and let us know of these last minute circumstances. It will allow us to be prepared for the needs of your students.

It is our desire that all students, inasmuch as is possible, be able to participate in the spiritual growth opportunity that Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament provide. We will honor each State's System for Students with special accommodations as much as is possible, providing it does not penalize Students at the National Tournament following the written guidelines for Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament. The national tournament was established for state winners to compete against each other as the written rules state. In the event a student cannot meet those stated guidelines the national Bible Drill Leadership Team will attempt to accommodate this student in a category that does not penalize him or the students who are competing according to the stated guidelines. If the needed accommodation calls for a change in how the student is scored, then he will be scored with the criteria established by the sponsoring state convention and recognized as a winner in the special accommodations category if he meets the state's pre-determined standard. The state sponsoring the special accommodations student will be responsible for covering the expense of the award.

At the beginning of the National Tournament, any special needs/exceptions for a driller or speaker and the system for their participation will be explained to the judges and the audience with the details that each group needs to know to understand how this special need will be handled in the context of the National Tournament.

## **Forms to be completed/read prior to NIT:**

In an effort to help make the tournament run in a fun, smooth and fair environment we ask that parents/leaders/students read all the guidelines, the code of conduct and video/photo/photograph agreements. These forms can all be found on the NIT website at [www.nationalbibledrill.com](http://www.nationalbibledrill.com).

- 2019 Bible Drill Guidelines
- Dress Guidelines
- Youth Speaker's Tournament Rubric-NEW for 2019!
- Code of Conduct (sign and return)\*
- Photo/Video Release for Minors (sign and return)\*

*\*Every participant and participant's parent must sign the "Code of Conduct" and "Photo/Video Release for Minors" in order to participate.*