

Here is information regarding individual and team registration for West Coast Region Bible Quizzing:

**1) Quizzer Entry Age**

The entry age for Bible Quizzing in our region is 4th grade, according to public school standards. We adopted the following policy three years ago:

*In the state of Washington the regulation for a 4th grader is age 9 on or before August 31st. In the state of Oregon the rule for a 4th grader is age 9 by September 1st, so we will make August 31st the benchmark date for eligibility. This will be our policy on a go-forward basis as of 1/29/2005.*

**2) Quizzer Retirement Age**

The retirement age for Bible Quizzing is the completion of 12th grade. The rulebook states:

*Quizzers who reach the age of 18 and have not yet graduated from high school are permitted to quiz until the end of that quiz season.*

**3) Individual Quizzer Registration (for the Quiz season)**

I have attached the individual quizzer registration form for your conference and a quizzer list for you to fill out and turn in to me as soon as possible. I need an individual form for each quizzer and one quizzer list from your church that includes the names of all quizzers representing your church. It is a good idea for you to keep a copy of this paperwork as well. Quizzer fees (\$35) for the season are due at the 3rd quiz tournament that a quizzer competes in during the season, as explained on the quizzer list.

**4) Rookie / Veteran Status**

A quizzer that has not quizzed in at least 4 quiz tournaments in a prior season can quiz in a rookie status for the current quiz season. If a quizzer competes in at least 4 quiz tournaments in a season he/she must quiz in future seasons as a veteran. Changes from one division to another (Junior to Young Teen or Young Teen to Senior Teen) does not reset rookie status. For example, a quizzer who quizzed one year in the 6th grade as a Junior Rookie has a Young Teen Veteran status the following quiz season. A rookie can choose to compete as a veteran in individual competition, but a veteran may not quiz in a rookie individual competition. A rookie team may have one veteran quiz member, but not more than one. A team with one rookie and two veterans must quiz in a veteran division.

**5) Divisions**

A quizzer can choose (with the advice/permission of their coach) to quiz in an older division but the typical guidelines for quiz divisions are as follows: The Junior division is for quizzers in 4th - 6th grades. The Young Teen Veteran division is for quizzers in the 7th and 8 grades. Ninth grade is a 'swing' year, when a quizzer can choose to compete in the Young Teen or Senior Teen Division, as needed or desired. The Senior Teen division is for quizzers in the 10th - 12th grades. The FM quiz quizzing rules (which do not allow for 4th and 5th grade quizzers) state the following, regarding quiz divisions:

*Young Teen teams consist of only teens in grades 6 through 9. Senior Teen teams may consist of quizzers in grades 6 through 12, provided at least one quizzer is in grade 10, 11, or 12. It is this last condition that requires a team to compete in the Senior Team division. A young teen team with a 9th grader may have the option of quizzing in senior teen competition.*

(Note: To my knowledge, ours is the only region in Free Methodist Bible Quizzing that allows 4th and 5th graders to quiz.)

## 6) Team Registration

A minimum of two quizzers is required for a team to compete in any level of "team" competition. When possible, try to build teams of at least three quizzers so that a last minute illness to a member doesn't cause disappointment for your team and a disruption to the tournament schedule.

## 7) Registration for the 9-27-08 quiz at Auburn, WA.

Please send an Email message to me at [pnwbiblequiz@yahoo.com](mailto:pnwbiblequiz@yahoo.com) or call me at (253) 833-4614 (home) or (253) 217-2795 with your registration by **Wednesday, 9/17** for the Auburn quiz on 9/27. Your registration should include the following:

- a) Team names and team divisions (Senior Teen Veteran (STV), Senior Teen Rookie (STR), Young Teen Veteran (YTV), Young Teen Rookie (YTR), Junior Veteran (JV) and Junior Rookie (JR).
- b) Names and grades of all quizzers on each team
- c) The names of the coaches for each of your teams
- d) Individual competition division for each quizzer or an indication identifying quizzers that are not competing in Individuals for some reason. Please encourage your quizzers to quiz in Individuals. It's good experience and they might meet a new friend!
- e) Your housing request for Friday night (9/26). **(Send this as soon as possible!)**
- f) The number of operational quiz lights that you will be bringing the tournament.
- g) The names of quizmasters from your church that will be coming to the quiz to quizmaster. We need at least one quizmaster for every two teams from your church.
- h) A count of people from your church that will be eating the lunch provided at the church. The price is \$3.00 per person.

Our quiz tournament day starts at 8:30 am with worship. Please plan to arrive at the church by 8:15 to set up your lights, fill out a name tag and buy a lunch ticket. Here are directions to the Auburn church:

From I-5 (exit 142A) or Highway 167, take Highway 18 east to Auburn Way / Enumclaw exit. (fifth exit on Highway 18 from I-5)  
Go north (turn right) on Auburn Way to 4<sup>th</sup> St. S.E. Turn right.  
Go about a mile to the T (M street). Turn left at the light.  
Take the next right turn (3<sup>rd</sup> Street S.E.).  
The church driveway is 1.5 blocks on the left.  
1312 - 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE.  
Auburn, Wa. 98002  
(253) 833-3530

You can reach me at the Email address, above, or the phone numbers listed above if you have questions regarding registration. It's not a problem for you to register early - prior to 9/17. That would help me with my planning if you have quizzers that are committed to coming. I'll be leaving for Southern California on Tuesday 9/9 for vacation and returning on 9/17, but you can still reach me by Email or my cell phone during that time.

God bless you and your quizzers as you prepare for the quiz at Auburn!

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