

SBQ Rules

Overview

1. Summit Bible Quizzing is a non-profit Bible Quizzing organization based in Belton, MO. We are part of a larger quiz organization, Bible Quiz Fellowship. Each year, our local season goes from August to February, and we bring teams to various regional Tournaments and BQF Nationals from February to March.
2. Our mission statement can be found at <http://summitbiblequizzing.org/mission.html>
3. SBQ is mostly comprised of local groups that practice together and form teams, and quizzers will sign up to quiz with one of these groups when they start practicing in early August. Teams practice with their local group throughout the regular season. The local group leader will submit team rosters to the SBQ Quiz Director prior to the first quiz meet.
4. Rules for each quiz follow the rules of Bible Quiz Fellowship, as outlined at <http://biblequizfellowship.org/downloads/>
5. Any differences to BQF rules that we use are outlined in this document. The SBQ committee reserves the right to change any of these rules at any time. Any additional details about events throughout the quiz season will be sent to local group leaders and posted on the official SBQ website, <http://summitbiblequizzing.org/>

Who Can Quiz?

1. Teams will include at least 5 quizzers. Teams may include more than 7 quizzers, but if a team has more than 7 quizzers, only 7 quizzers are allowed in each individual quiz. The coach must announce at the beginning of the quiz who these quizzers are. Quizzers on a team must be at least 10 years old at the end of the quiz season and must not be 20 years old.
2. Junior Quizzers must be at least 8 years old at the end of the quiz season and must not be 12 years old. Juniors quiz over less material, and aren't on teams. They only compete in the first five regular season events.
3. Some exceptions can be made at the discretion of the SBQ Quiz Director.

The Regular Season

The regular season lasts from September to February. All regular season events will be held at Open Door Bible Church in Belton, MO.

1. Five regular season events will be held from September to January.
 - a. There will be seven total rounds at each event. Each team will quiz six of those.

- b. In the first four quizzes, each team will play some of them against teams of a similar ranking, and some against other teams.
 - c. The last two quizzes will be a miniature bracket, seeded by bracket points from the results of the quizzes earlier in the day.
 - d. Junior quizzers will quiz three rounds in the middle of the day.
 - e. New material is introduced each month. After the first month, every quiz will have 60% of the questions from the new material, and 40% of the questions from old material (previous months). By January, the full material will be quizzed over.
 - f. Quizzers may be added to rosters during the season if necessary. In rare cases, a quizzer may move from one team to another, if it is needed to keep rosters full.
2. Statistics will be announced after each local season event. Team rankings will be published, ordered by the team's placement from the end of each quiz. In the published individual scores, 10 points are deducted from the score for each error.
 3. The local tournament will be in January, in which all teams from the regular season will compete. This will be a bracket, similar to the final bracket at Nationals. It will culminate in a championship, where a team must win two quizzes to win the tournament. Starting with this event, every quiz is over all the material, not weighted at all.
 4. Local season awards will be given out at the local tournament. Quizzers will receive awards for the material they learned, as well as for being the top scorers. The top three teams at the local tournament will also receive awards.
 5. Quiz Offs is an individual tournament in February.
 - a. Any team quizzer from the regular season may compete, and attendance is mandatory for all quizzers wishing to qualify for postseason teams.
 - b. Quizzers will be seeded in around six rooms and will quiz individually. After each round the best performers will move up, and the worst performers will move down. The exact formula to determine this will be announced prior to the event.
 - c. There is no official "winner". Quiz Offs is an opportunity for quizzers to not be held back by the team a quizzer was on during the regular season, and a way to generate more information to determine postseason teams.

The Postseason

SBQ brings teams to the Iowa Invitational in February, the KC Regional in March, the Midland Regional in March/April, and BQF Nationals in April. These events have their own fees separate from the regular season.

1. Quizzers that quiz at the Iowa Invitational will quiz on their local teams. Since not every quizzer will attend, some shuffling will happen. SBQ does not regulate teams going to this tournament.
2. Teams for Nationals and the KC and Midland Regionals will be formed shortly after Quiz Offs.

- a. Because our eligibility rules are less strict than Nationals and some regionals, some quizzers may not be eligible to compete in these tournaments.
 - b. We try to take as many teams as possible to these events, but not every quizzer who wishes to participate will qualify.
 - c. Postseason teams include quizzers across all of SBQ, regardless of which local group the quizzers are from.
 - d. The SBQ quiz committee will determine the teams, not based on numbers or formulas. They will consider what happened during the regular season, previous years' events, Quiz Offs, and material coverage, to form the best and most fair teams possible.
3. Two Nationals practices will be held. All national and regional teams will participate at the first one, and all dues and medical forms will be turned in at this event. The second Nationals practice will be after all the regional tournaments, so only Nationals teams will attend it. Some teams may host additional practices for themselves, or some optional practices may happen, but these events are unofficial.
4. Each national and regional tournament will be held in different locations, and will have slightly different schedules that will vary from year to year. Thus, those schedules and formats will be announced throughout the quiz season.