

2008 National Finals

Special Tournament Rules

Team Competition Method

The following method will be used for team competition:

1. Registered teams will be randomly assigned a number prior to the start of competition. This will be done at the coach's meeting Wednesday evening.
2. During the first two days of competition teams will quiz each other team to determine which division they will be placed in for the final day of competition.
3. To put the maximum number of teams together in a head-to-head quiz the first two days of quizzing will be condensed as follows:
 - a. Teams will compete in one 12 minute period.
 - b. The score of the appropriate written quiz will be stated at the beginning of the quiz. If a team has more than four quizzers, the coach must designate which writtens will count for the team competition at the beginning of the quiz, *before* the scores are announced. This will be the starting scores for the teams involved.
 - c. Following the announcement of the written quiz scores the teams will quiz for 6 minutes.
 - d. There will then be an intermission during which teams may make a free substitution.
 - e. Teams can make substitutions during this time. Players who quizzed out in the first half may not return for the second half.
 - f. The remaining 6 minutes of the quiz will be played. It is not necessary for teams to switch sides at the half.
 - g. Each team is allowed 1 time out during the 12 minute quiz. Each time out is one minute.
 - h. The quiz is complete at the end of the 12 minute period.
 - i. A tie score will result in a three-minute overtime, during which all quizzers will be eligible.
 - j. Coaches please check your score against the official score and sign the score sheet after each round. Once the scores are submitted to the stats room there will be NO changes. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure team and individual scores are correct.
4. At the conclusion of the second day of quizzing teams will be ranked based upon the ranking guidelines outlined below and divided into divisions for Saturday.
5. On the third day of quizzing teams will compete in head-to-head quizzes within their division. New random numbers will be assigned at breakfast that day for each division. These quizzes will be full, regulation quizzes with two 12 minute halves (with a written). At the end of the day teams will be ranked based upon the ranking guidelines. *These final rankings will determine the national champion of the tournament, as well as the scholarship distribution for both Division A and Division B.*

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Team Ranking Guidelines

1. Teams will be ranked based upon win/loss record (within their division when appropriate).
2. If two teams have the same win/loss record, the winner of their head to head round(s) would be the higher-ranking team. This only applies if they quizzed each other within that session of competition.
3. If the winner still cannot be determined the team with the higher total points will be the higher ranking team.
4. If the winner still cannot be determined the two teams will compete in a five-minute quiz off (no written); the winning team receives the higher rank. Quiz-offs of this sort will only take place if a team scholarship is at stake.

Team Scholarship Distribution

The Wesleyan Colleges and Universities provide very gracious scholarships for the top teams at the national quiz. The schedule outlines will be determined based on the number of teams participating and should be available in late June. Amounts will be up to \$1000. per individual for the top team of the competition. Each team can win up to, but cannot exceed, six scholarships based upon the number of team members on that team.

Individual Competition Method – Toss Up

The following method will be used for individual competition:

1. All Wesleyan Bible Bowl quizzers are eligible to compete in the individual competition, but they must first register to do so.
2. All registered quizzers will be randomly separated into quiz groups. These quiz groups will rotate throughout Thursday and Friday, quizzing two times with their group for each rotation.
3. Each quiz group will randomly quiz against other quiz groups. Group scores will not be tallied – only individual scores.
4. The following method will be used for individual quizzing:
 - a. Individual quizzes will consist of 20 question sets and will not contain written quizzes or bonuses.
 - b. A question set consists of three questions: A, B, and C. If A is incorrect, individuals will attempt B, except the one will got A wrong. If B is incorrect, remaining quizzers may try C. If C is incorrect, all individuals will move on to the next set.
 - c. Each toss-up question is worth 10 points. Correct answers add 10 points to an individual score; incorrect answers deduct 10 points from an individual score.
 - d. Five correctly answered questions constitute a quiz-out and the quizzer is no longer eligible to answer questions for that round.
 - e. There are no error-outs.
 - f. If a question is answered in incorrectly, the quizmaster will not repeat that question. The incorrect question will not be eligible to be answered by

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- other quizzers. This includes questions that are ruled incorrect due to a successful challenge.
- g. Appeals can be made by the first quizzier recognized by the quizmaster.
 - h. Each quizzier is allowed one coach during the individual competition. Multiple quizzers can have the same coach.
 - i. There will be one 2 minute time-out after 10 questions at which time coaches can confer with quizzers and at which time current scores will be announced.
5. At the end of the second day of quizzing quizzers will be ranked using the guidelines listed below.
 6. Only the top 16 individual quizzers will advance to the individual quizzing finals, where they will compete for new rounds with randomly assigned groups, rotated each round. Quizzers will then be ranked based on the ranking guidelines. *These final rankings will determine the top toss-up quizzers of the national tournament, with scholarships awarded accordingly.*

Ranking Guidelines

1. The quizzier with the highest cumulative score is the top quizzier. Quizzers will be ranked in descending order based upon their scores.
2. If two quizzers have the same cumulative score at a session of quizzing the tie will be broken by total errors during individual quizzing. The quizzier with the least number of errors would be the higher-ranking quizzier.
3. If a tie remains the two quizzers will participate in a five-question quiz off. The winner of the five-question quiz off will be the higher-ranking quizzier. Quiz offs of this sort will only take place if a place in the top ten is at stake.

Scholarship Distribution

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Rank	Individual
1 st	\$3,500
2 nd	\$3,000
3 rd	\$2,500
4 th	\$2,000
5 th	\$1,500
6 th	\$1,000
7 th	\$500
8 th	\$500
9 th	\$250
10 th	\$250
Total	\$15,000

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Individual Competition Method – Written

The following method will be used for individual written competition:

1. Individual written quiz rankings are based upon individual performance during the first two days of quizzing only, including all written quizzes taken during that time.
2. All quizzers will take all writtens during the “written session” at the beginning of Thursday and Friday.
3. These writtens will also apply to team competitions. If a team has more than four quizzers, all quizzers will still take the writtens, but the coach must designate which writtens will count for the team competition at the beginning of the quiz, *before* the scores are announced.
4. At the end of the second day of quizzing, quizzers will be ranked based upon the ranking guidelines outlined below. *These rankings will determine the top written quizzers of the national tournament, with scholarships awarded accordingly.*

Ranking Guidelines

1. The quizzer with the highest cumulative score is the top quizzer. Quizzers will be ranked in descending order based only upon written scores.
2. If two or more quizzers have the same score the tie will be broken by toss-up score. This toss-up score will be based upon the team competition only, and will constitute total points gained in all quizzes from the first two days of quizzing. The quizzer with the higher score will be the higher ranked quizzer.
3. If a tie still remains the quizzers will compete in a 5 question quiz off. The winner of the quiz off would be the higher ranked quizzer. Quiz offs of this sort will only take place if a place in the top ten is at stake.

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9 th	\$250
10 th	\$250
Total	\$15,000