

CHURCH TOURNAMENT PACKET* REQUESTS

Church Leader: To request a church tournament packet, go to www.louisianabaptists.org/bibledrill or call 800.622.6549 / 318.448.3402.

NOTE: When a packet is requested, it will be mailed three (3) weeks prior to the suggested Church Tournament date found in the brochure. Please indicate the number of youth participating in your Tournament. Tournament packet contents: certificates and seals for **EACH** participant and one copy of the score sheet (which may be reproduced).

TOURNAMENTS & AWARDS

CHURCH TOURNAMENT

The church tournament will be conducted at the church, before an audience of interested persons. A certificate & a church seal is presented to **ALL** participants in the Church Tournament. The church may send the **top 2 winners with MINIMUM SCORES of 65 points from each age bracket** to the District Bible Drill Tournament. The person in charge of the church drill should completely fill out and send the "Church Report Form" to their **District Bible Drill Consultant** - NOT the State Office **no later than March 19**. See District Tournament assignments, locations, and contact information at www.louisianabaptists.org/bibledrill.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

The district tournament is held at a time & place set by YOUR District Bible Drill Consultant. District Seals will be presented to **ALL** participants and will be affixed to the certificate previously awarded at the church drill. The district may send **the top 2 winners with MINIMUM SCORES of 75 points from each age bracket** to the State Tournament. The District Bible Drill Coordinator should completely fill out and send the "District Report Form" to the Youth Strategist Office at the Louisiana Baptist Convention, including each youth who qualifies. **This report must be postmarked no later than April 14**. Please remember to indicate three, six, and nine year participants.

STATE TOURNAMENT

EACH participant will receive a **state seal** to be affixed to the certificate previously awarded at the church level. The **first place** winner of each group in 10th – 12th grade Youth Speakers' Tournament will receive a state winner's certificate. All speakers should send three (3) copies of their speech **ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the state competition to the Youth Ministry Strategist, Louisiana Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 311, Alexandria, LA 71309. **Only those speakers who score a MINIMUM of 85 points will be eligible for State Awards and/or scholarships.**

STATE AWARDS

10th Grade:

The first place winner with a **minimum score** of 85 points will receive a medal.

11th Grade:

Winners will receive a Louisiana College scholarship. Louisiana College offers Scholarship Awards to Youth Speakers' Tournament Winners with a **minimum score** of 85 points:

1st Place Winner: \$4,500/year 2nd Place Winner: \$3,500/year

3rd Place Winner: \$2,500/year

Winners will receive a medal. A Youth Speakers' Tournament Scholarship cannot be combined with any other Louisiana College academic scholarship. Students can accept the scholarship that is of greater value. Please contact the Louisiana College Office of Admissions for more information. Students may participate in all Bible Drill programs, but may receive **only one scholarship per student.**

12th Grade:

The First (1st) place winner of the 12th grade Youth Speakers' Tournament with a **minimum score** of 85 points will receive a medal, and will present his/her speech during the Youth Celebration on Saturday, April 24th, and will represent Louisiana at the National Competition in June.

A **special tenure medallion** will be presented to any youth who has participated in the State Drills (including Children, Youth, or High School Bible Drills, Speakers Tournament for 3, 6, or 9 years.

3 year participant **Bronze Medalist**

6 year participant **Silver Medalist**

9 year participant **Gold Medalist**



Youth Speakers' Tournament Cycle 1 2021

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The enclosed information is only available on-line at: www.louisianabaptists.org/bibledrill
A Cooperative Program Sponsored Event

Drill Dates

Church Drill (Suggested Date).....March 14, 2021
District Drill (Required Date).....April 11, 2021

**STATE TOURNAMENT
for
YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL
& YOUTH SPEAKERS'
Saturday, April 24, 2021
Kingsville Baptist Church
3911 Monroe Hwy
Ball, LA 71405**

Youth Speakers' Tournament

Cycle 1

The Youth Speakers' Tournament is a project designed for youth in grades 10-12. Older Youth may participate in Youth Speakers' Tournament and High School Bible Drill.

PURPOSE

Youth Speakers' Tournament is designed to stimulate growth toward Christian maturity by asking youth to think seriously about their Christian commitment. Participation in the tournament also assists youth in developing skill and confidence in expressing their commitment verbally.

Speakers in the tournament are judged on the composition and delivery of their speeches. Youth Speakers' Tournament demands serious time and effort. Youth grow spiritually when engaged in the research, study, prayer, and practice of preparing a speech.

Today's speakers will be prepared to stand for Christ in their churches, at school, in their work places, and in their communities. They will develop the skills to articulate truth in a way that people will hear and can understand.

PARTICIPANTS

Youth in 10th through 12th grades who are sponsored by a Louisiana Southern Baptist Church or who are sponsored by an adult church member may participate.

GUIDANCE FOR PARTICIPANTS

- 1 Each speaker must compose his own speech. With proper credit, it is permissible to use quotations from any source. In the written speech, quoted material should be footnoted. When the speech is delivered, the speaker should indicate that the material used is being quoted but is not required to give the complete source of the quotation.
- 2 **Each speaker is required to provide three (3) copies of a typed (double spaced) manuscript of his/her speech to the chairman of each tournament (church, district, and state).**
- 3 Each speaker will have 4-6 minutes. Speeches shorter or longer will be penalized 2 points for every 10 seconds over or under the allotted time.
- 4 Speakers will be judged on the basis of 100 points. Content/composition will count 20%, and delivery will count 80%.
- 5 A speaker is disqualified only for such major reasons as not being of the eligible age, using a speech that is not his own, or not being a member of his church's Bible study program. (If his church does not have a Discipleship program, an interested adult can work with him.)
- 6 No props of any kind will be used. Notes are **NOT** permissible.
- 7 Music and drama are not considered "speech". It is appropriate to quote part of a song, poem, or play, but not to perform or sing these.
- 8 As you present your speech for competition, be sure to dress professionally and modestly.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Balance your weight with your feet slightly apart.
- Use only those gestures that are natural.
- Support the voice from the diaphragm.
- Keep the jaw loose and the throat relaxed.
- Learn your speech so that you will not need notes.

PREPARING THE SPEECH

1. Well in advance, thoughtfully choose your subject from the list provided.
2. Determine your aim or objective. Do you want to interest, inform, stimulate, convince, or persuade?
3. Think and read extensively before you begin the construction of your speech. (Caution: Think about the subject before you start reading, or you will be overcome with many ideas or at least more than you can use.)
4. Ask yourself questions about the subject. These questions could help form the skeleton outline of your speech.
5. Consult your church, school, public libraries, and safe sources online for resource material.
6. Take notes on what you read.
7. Observe and talk with others.
8. Consider the audience. Will they be interested in the subject? What will they know about the subject? What will be their attitude toward the subject?
9. In one sentence, state the main purpose or idea.
10. Outline your speech. Consider the introduction, the body, and the conclusion.
11. Select words that express exactly what you mean. Include quotations, questions, illustrations, comparisons, and contrasts.
12. Rehearse your speech at least twice with notes and several times without notes in front of different audiences.

JUDGING CRITERIA

WRITTEN CONTENT/COMPOSITION (20%):

Structure / Grammar

Does the participant use complete sentences? Are the sentences grammatically correct? Are the words spelled correctly? Are paragraphs used properly?

Uses of Resources / Proper Credit for Quotations

Is there adequate usage of scripture and outside resources? Do the resources used clearly help the audience understand the topic and the speaker's point? Do the resources reflect an adequate understanding of the various facets of the subject? Is proper credit given to scripture and resources used? Footnotes OR endnotes and bibliography are **REQUIRED for National Competition as of 2009.**

DELIVERY (80%):

Organization / Logical Sequence

Does the speech flow logically and are ideas and information properly sequenced? Is the speech's core belief or idea clearly evident to the audience? Are the speech's opening and closing effective?

Originality / Related to Subject

Does the speech give evidence of original and creative thinking by the participant? Does the content appear to be the original work of the speaker? Does the speech deal with the subject? Does the content connect to the title of the speech?

Eye Contact with Audience

Does the speaker maintain good eye contact with the audience? Does the speaker look at persons in all parts of the audience?

Articulate / Expressive Voice

Does the speaker use good vocal energy and enunciate clearly? Does the speaker speak with passion without being overly emotional? Does the speaker speak loudly enough for everyone in the audience to hear clearly?

Poise / Confidence

Does the speaker appear to be relaxed and in control? Does the speaker appear to be confident? Is the speaker convincing, interesting, and understandable?

Posture / Movement / Gesturing

Does the speaker use good posture and appropriate body movement? Does the speaker use effective hand and arm gestures? Does the speaker smile and use appropriate facial expressions?

Delivered from Memory

Purpose Accomplished

Does the speech do what it is intended to do as evidenced by the subject and content?