Student Convention Guidelines

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Dear Administrator,

A.C.E. fully supports the authority of the local church and does not ask or expect churches or Christian schools to adopt these guidelines as their ministry standard. Furthermore, such standards are not given to imply greater spirituality. It is our privilege to minister to a very diverse group of various denominations, each with particular distinctives. In an effort to show deference to those attending, A.C.E. has set specific standards for our Conventions. We respectfully ask that all sponsors and students maintain good Christian character and graciousness at all times, especially in adhering to and respecting the standards set forth in these guidelines. It's our privilege to serve you and the young people in your educational ministry!

In His service, for the children, for His glory,

Esther Howard
President
Accelerated Christian Education

PURPOSE
The purpose of Accelerated Christian Education Student Conventions is to give Christian young people opportunities to develop leadership skills. God’s Word states that Christian youth should not only be different from the world (Romans 12:1, 2) but should also set a standard of excellence!

Your students will grow and your school will benefit from participation in the Student Convention process. Preparation and competition will develop skills and attitudes that will prepare them for life.

AWARDS
Recognition will be given to the top six places in each category. Awards are for contestants only. Sponsors, coaches, and directors do not receive awards. We will be awarding first-, second-, and third-place trophies to the schools that accumulate the most points for each division of academics, athletics, exhibits, music, and platform. Awards are presented in the evening rallies and the awards ceremony.
Note: Students must be in attendance to receive medals; no medals will be mailed.

PREPARATION
Participation in Student Conventions should be the highlight of months of planning, drill, and practice. Principals and supervisors have a tremendous opportunity to teach character through careful goal setting and preparation for these Conventions. Awards are exciting, but they are not the main focus of Convention.
HOW TO PREPARE

NOTE TO SCHOOL STAFF: It is suggested that you copy this page, along with the rules and judging criteria for the particular event, and distribute them to students preparing for Student Convention.

1. Select Your Event
The A.C.E. Student Convention programs include many events in various divisions. Choose those events that will best develop your talents and gifts for Christian service. (Read Contestant Guidelines very carefully for proper selection.) Your parents and supervisors may also suggest new areas where they see potential in your life.
Note: All vocal and written entries must be in the English language. Any Bible quotes must be from the King James Version (not New King James Version).

2. Plan and Schedule
Consider using an A.C.E. Goal Card to track your preparation. A wise man said, “Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.”

3. Get Input
When you have selected your event(s), seek the advice of Godly adults in your family and church who have expertise in your area. Also, consider contacting professionals in this area for input (photographer, music teacher, and so on).

4. Practice
It is best to practice in a setting similar to actual competition. Consider asking for permission to practice before a group. Not only will this accustom you to performing before a group, it will help you test the effectiveness of your entry.

5. Pray
As you prepare, pray that your performance will bring glory to the Lord. Also, pray that the Student Conventions will be a blessing to you and the others who attend. Pray that lives will be transformed and that many will commit their lives to service.

6. Do Your Best
“Good, better, best, let’s never rest, until our good is better, and our better is best.” The results will never exceed the investment.

7. Have Confidence
Don’t think that you can’t do well in competition. What counts is your commitment to practice. Some of the most outstanding winners have come from homeschools or small schools of only a few high school-age students.
SECTION I
Convention Guidelines and Registration

These Guidelines are the official guidelines for Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.) Regional and International Student Conventions and are implemented to ensure the uniformity of Conventions and equality in competition for all participants.

ABSENTEE entries will not be accepted. Contestants must attend the entire Convention. Rally attendance is required.

A.C.E. requests that ALL VOCAL AND WRITTEN ENTRIES be presented in the ENGLISH LANGUAGE. We apologize that we are not able to grant any exceptions. All Bible quotes must be from the King James Version (not New King James Version).

Note: Throughout this manual where the words “Regional Convention” appear, they refer to Provincial or Regional Conventions that precede the International Student Convention.

QUALIFICATIONS

Contestants may be enrolled in any of the following types of schools in which Accelerated Christian Education material and procedures are implemented by students and staff:

Formal day schools with a campus Learning Center such as:
  ➢ Church School
  ➢ Church Homeschool (homeschool students under the direct control of a day school as outlined in item 9 on the following page)
  ➢ Institutional School
  ➢ Mission School
  ➢ Private School
(Any or all of the above will be referred to herein as a “day school.”)

Parent- or guardian-administered:
  ➢ Homeschool

All of the above must adhere to the following conditions:
  1. Compliance with all appearance and dress code standards.
  2. Compliance with the conduct code.
  3. Compliance with age limitations.
  4. Compliance with all event limitations.
  5. Curriculum is diagnosed and prescribed according to the A.C.E. Procedures Manual.
  6. The student is not enrolled in any other educational program in pursuit of a high school diploma, except for part-time or distance-learning college courses.
7. Each contestant must be currently enrolled and actively studying in a complete course of at least two of the five Accelerated Christian Education core subjects (math, English, social studies, science, or Word Building).
8. Homeschool students from different homeschools may combine for group events, provided they register as a single school, and must adhere to the same event limitations as a day school.
9. Church homeschool students may compete with the church school students, provided:
   a) Church school staff diagnose and prescribe curriculum.
   b) PACE Tests are completed under supervision of church school staff.
   c) Church school maintains academic and permanent records.

A day school or homeschool using the Accelerated Christian Education program qualifies to send a contestant or contestants to an authorized Regional Student Convention for entries listed on the EVENTS LIST (CF13).

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER SCHOOL**

- In events involving more than four students, or in a group elimination event such as PACE Bowl, Basketball, and Volleyball, the limit is one entry per event per school.
- In other elimination events (Checkers, Chess, Table Tennis, and Tennis) a school is allowed three entries per event.
- In One-Act Play and Bible Bowl, a school is allowed three entries.
- In all other events, a school is allowed six entries per event.
- Each contestant may have only one entry in an event. (For example, your school may have two vocal mixed trios, but no student may be entered in both.)

The Regional Convention may not establish policies contrary to the Student Convention Guidelines.

**PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**

1. Students who attain their thirteenth birthday by December 31, prior to ISC, and who have not attained their twentieth birthday by the same date are eligible to attend Student Convention the following spring.
2. Students who graduate or complete their graduation requirements at any time during the current school year may still compete.
3. Students who have graduated from high school prior to the present school year are not eligible to compete at the Convention regardless of their age.
4. Married students, parents, or expectant parents are not eligible to compete.
5. Students may not be recruited from any type school for participation at the Convention.
6. Students not on a Regional Student Convention athletic roster or Events List WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE for any ISC athletic events.
First through third places in elimination events (Exception: TOP FOUR TEAMS IN BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL IN EACH REGIONAL CONVENTION will be permitted to compete at ISC) and first through sixth places in nonelimination events from an authorized Regional Convention are eligible to compete at the International Convention. (Elimination events are any event where a participant plays against an opponent.)

Exceptions and Clarifications: Several official events do not require a particular placement at the Regional level to qualify for International Student Convention. In these Open Competition Events, no matter what place was earned at the regional level or if a student did not compete in this event at the regional level, he/she may enter at the International Student Convention. For specific Open Competition Events, see the current Events List. Note: Even though these are open events, they do count toward the total number of entries submitted/entered for the participant and the school.

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

1. A contestant may enter any six **performance** events with exceptions noted below. (Performance events are events that require the participant to compete during the actual Convention; that is, all athletic events, speech and drama, Bible Memory, and so on.)
2. A student may enter numerous nonperformance events, as approved by his/her parents. (Nonperformance events are events that only require the participant to submit his/her entry.)
3. The total combined number of performance and nonperformance events must not exceed twelve.

**Exceptions and Clarifications:**

1. Each student may enter only two elimination events. (Elimination events are Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Chess, Checkers, and PACE Bowl.) Those who participate in any two of these events may enter only two other performance events that involve four or more contestants.
2. Each contestant may enter no more than three athletic events.
3. A student may not participate in two identical events (that is, two male duets, and so on).
4. Each contestant must be present the entire Convention and must attend all scheduled rallies.

Note: Color Guard and Flag Corps are performance events and count toward the total number of allowed performance events (six).
NO ABSENTEE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Regional Student Convention Exceptions:

• A student may now compete in 8 performance events instead of 6.
• A student may now enter 3 elimination events instead of 2.
• A student may now enter 4 athletic events instead of 3.
• Students who participate in any athletic events must enter at least two nonathletic events.

If a contestant qualifies for the International Student Convention in a performance event involving two or more students (that is, Male Trio, Female Quartet, 400 meter-relay, and so on) and one member of the group does not attend Internationals, a school may substitute a student who had competed at the Regional Convention and is qualified to come to the International Student Convention competition, providing he/she does not exceed the total number of events allowed (twelve).

Exceptions and Clarifications: In nonperformance events involving two or more participants (Radio Program, Scripture Video, Science Exhibits, and so on), entries will be accepted at the International Student Convention as long as one member of the group is in attendance. Only those group members in attendance will receive recognition for the entry—no absentee awards.

ENTRIES

All contestants are required to submit or to perform at the International Convention the same entry with which they won at the Regional Convention. All written entries, outlines, and scripts must be typed (as requirements specify). Please refer to the appropriate section of the Guidelines for specific details. For Regional Conventions, three (3) copies are required. All copies must be in one single clear plastic page protector with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, address, and telephone number clearly visible on the front. For International Convention, submit all events as directed in each category.

All art, sculpture, needle/thread, and photography entries must have a 3” x 5” card with the entry name, student’s name, school name, school customer number, address, and telephone number securely attached to the entry.

A COLOR PHOTO IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PLATFORM EVENTS, MUSIC EVENTS, AND NEEDLE/THREAD (GARMENTS ONLY) ENTRIES.

A color photo (snapshot or Polaroid) of the contestant(s) simulating his/her performance MUST BE provided at the time of competition (that is, student holding puppets, singing, and so on). This is not to be a school picture or portrait. For platform events and music events, this must be a snapshot or Polaroid of the contestant or contestants wearing the outfit or costume in which the event will be performed.
Girls submitting a Needle/Thread entry (garment only) must each include a color photo of the garment being modeled. Please print student’s name, school name, school customer number, and complete address on the back of the photo.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION:

Written Entries, Website Design, PowerPoint Presentations, Radio Program, Scripture Video, and A.C.E. Character Trait Video will be submitted electronically prior to Convention. When you register your school for ISC, you will receive an email with instructions on how to submit your early entries.

All art, science, social studies, photography, and needle/thread entries are to be turned in at Convention. For platform and music performance events, scripts, outlines, music, judging forms, and photos are to be presented to the judges at the time of performance by the contestant. BE SURE TO READ EACH DIVISION’S REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING FORMS. POINTS WILL BE SUBTRACTED FOR NOT PROVIDING PROPER CURRENT JUDGE’S FORMS WHERE REQUIRED.

IMPORTANT:
DO NOT BRING JUDGE’S FORMS TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, NEEDLE/THREAD, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND SCIENCE ENTRIES. JUDGE’S FORMS ARE REQUIRED FOR MUSIC AND PLATFORM EVENTS AND CREATIVE COMPOSITIONS.

The Chief Judge will return two copies of outlines, scripts, speeches, and original music after your performance. Written Entries, Musical Compositions, Musical Arrangements, Radio Programs, Scripture Videos, A.C.E. Character Trait Videos, PowerPoint Presentations, and Website Designs WILL NOT BE RETURNED.
EVENTS OF THE HEART

The Events of the Heart category is designed to allow students who are not able to be competitive on their own in any events (due to mental limitations) to compete at Student Convention and be recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

Qualifications:
1. Contestant must meet all International Student Convention qualifications and register at Regional and International Conventions according to convention guidelines.
2. The Qualification Affidavit must accompany judge’s forms and be properly signed.
3. The contestant may participate in all individual events:
   a. Alone
   b. With the help of another student (not necessarily a student registered as Events of the Heart)
   c. With the help of an adult
4. Events of the Heart students may not compete in any events requiring more than two contestants.
5. During the registration process, the sponsor must complete the Events of the Heart Registration Form, listing all events in which the contestant will compete.

Awards:
1. Events of the Heart contestants will be judged separately in each category.
2. In a category where there is only one Events of the Heart contestant, the student will be awarded a first-place ribbon.
3. In categories where there are multiple Events of the Heart contestants, the entries will be judged, and first- through sixth-place ribbons will be awarded.
4. Ribbons for Events of the Heart will be awarded during an evening rally.
ELIMINATION EVENTS

Elimination events are any event where a participant or team plays an opponent and the winning team plays another winning team until a first-place winner is decided. The ISC elimination events are Basketball, Volleyball, PACE Bowl, Checkers, Chess, Tennis, and Table Tennis. At ISC, these winners will be decided with single-elimination tournaments. The third- and fourth-place winners are decided by taking the losers from the finals (final four teams) and playing a game where the winner is third place and the loser is fourth place. The fifth- and sixth-place winners are decided by taking the losers from the semi-finals (final eight teams) and playing a short, four-team tournament, where the winner is fifth place and the loser is sixth place. Teams and individuals will be seeded based on the previous year’s convention, if information is available. Seeding will not be based on a team’s current year record.

This same format will be used at Regional Student Conventions, unless there is time to play a double-elimination tournament. Seeding should also occur, if information is available from the previous Regional Student Convention.

OPEN COMPETITION

Please note that no Regional Convention qualification is required for the following “official” events. (Students are encouraged to participate in these events at Regional Student Convention; however, it is not a requirement to qualify for International Student Convention.)

NOTE: These events count toward the total number of school and individual entries submitted/entered. (Total combined number of performance and nonperformance events must not exceed twelve.) Only six entries from each school, except for Soulwinning, Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Golden Harp, Christian Soldier, Christian Worker, and Consecutive Word Count.

- Bible Memory (#201)
- Website Design (#223)
- PowerPoint® Presentation—Linear (#224)
- PowerPoint®—Nonlinear (#225)
- Soulwinning (#230)
- Golden Apple (#231)
- Golden Lamb (#232)
- Golden Harp (#233)
- Christian Soldier (#234)
- Christian Worker (#235)
- Consecutive Word Count (#236)
- Metalworking (#313)
- Scrapbooking (#314)
- Pennant Design (#315)
- Formals (#352)
- Coats/Suits (#353)
- Knitting (#360)
- Afghans (#362)
- Color Guard (#461)
- Flag Corps (#462)
- Music Composition (#550)
- Music Arranging (#551)
- Dramatic Monologue (#603)
- Preaching—ages 13-15 (#609)
- Preaching—ages 16 and up (#610)
- Ventriloquism (#624)
- Interpretation for the Deaf (#626)
- Radio Program (#627)
- Scripture Video (#628)
- Group Bible Speaking (#629)
- A.C.E. Character Trait Video (#630)
GAME ZONE EVENTS

This year’s International Student Convention will once again feature a host of “Game Zone” events. These events are open to ALL participants attending International Student Convention and do not require Regional Convention qualification or preregistration. Competitors sign up at the International Student Convention (on site) and compete during “free time.” Competition will be divided by age and gender (when applicable). Game Zone events that have occurred in the past are three-on-three basketball, hotshot basketball, sandpit volleyball, soccer, brain teasers, treasure hunt, Scripture detectives, and bowling. The variety of Game Zone events may vary from year to year based upon the facility availability.

APPEARANCE

The manner of appearance and dress of A.C.E. Student Convention participants reflects an image of Christian modesty, refinement, and self-discipline. Students and sponsors are expected to support the A.C.E. Student Convention image, program, and requirements in appearance and dress. Appropriateness and modesty are the basic principles governing all appearance and dress for the A.C.E. Student Conventions. The principle of showing deference should be the lifestyle of Christian leaders. Students and sponsors are to be dressed completely and according to the guidelines upon arrival and while attending Student Convention.

The dress code, as stated in the guidelines, must be observed by everyone officially associated with Student Convention. Participants, contestants, sponsors, guests (staying on campus) and coaches are to dress in conservative, appropriate, modest attire. Fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be allowed. Participants are asked to show deference to the intent of the appearance guidelines. Violators will be asked to change their clothing or to leave the Convention. Dress requirements will be followed throughout the entire Convention, including ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE. Only those meeting the dress and appearance requirements will be allowed to register and remain on the premises. **It is the responsibility of the sponsor to ensure that all students and parents are informed of the dress and appearance guidelines prior to departing for Convention. THE SPONSOR IS ALSO ACCOUNTABLE FOR ENSURING THAT STUDENTS MEET THE DRESS AND APPEARANCE REQUIREMENTS WHILE AT CONVENTION.**

MALE

Male students, sponsors, and coaches must have a neat, trim, conservative haircut. The hair is to be tapered or blocked and is to be off the collar. It is to be above the ears, with sideburns no longer than the middle of the ears. Dying or coloring the tips of the hair is not allowed. No braided or spiked hairstyles. For boys with curly hair or afros, the cut needs to be short, not to exceed one inch in length. No facial hair is permitted on contestants. Male sponsors may wear neatly trimmed mustaches and/or beards.

Those who require a haircut **will not be permitted to register** until they have located a barber and complied with the Student Convention standards.
Button shirts **with collars** and long conservative trousers are the appropriate attire for Convention. Belts must be worn with trousers that have belt loops. Denim jeans, cargo pants (pockets sewn to the outside), bicycle shorts, swimsuits, or fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be permitted. **Button shirts with collars, ties, and dress shoes (no tennis shoes) are to be worn to all rallies and the evening meal.** Only the top button may be left unbuttoned, when the shirt is worn without a tie at appropriate events. Clean athletic shoes may be worn during the day. **Sandals are not allowed. Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes only.**

For participating in music events and platform events where costumes are not worn, each male contestant is to wear a button shirt with collar (shirt tucked in), sports coat, dress pants or suit, dress shoes, and tie, or school uniforms that meet the Convention standards. Clothing should be clean and neatly pressed; shoes should be shined. Exceptions: Mennonites, Amish, Dunkard Brethren, and other groups that wear their traditional distinctive clothing.

Male students and sponsors must be fully clothed in street attire (with shoes) anytime they are in the residence hall lobby or outside the residence hall room visiting on another floor. Modest sleep attire may be worn in the residence halls while en route to or from restrooms or showers.

**PLEASE NOTE—MALE SPONSORS, STUDENTS, AND COACHES: NO JEWELRY OTHER THAN WEDDING BANDS, WRISTWATCHES, AND CLASS RINGS. NO BODY PIERCINGS ARE ALLOWED.**

**Male (Athletic Wear)**

Male competitors in athletic events must wear loose-fitting, full-length sweatpants, warm-up pants, trousers, or **KNEE-LENGTH** hemmed shorts. (No spandex pants or shorts will be allowed for Male athletic wear.) For Physical Fitness: Track pants must be worn during this event; no shorts allowed. (Exception: A numbered tank top over a T-shirt is acceptable for athletics. T-shirt must match the color of the tank top or be white.) Sleeves must stay draped over the shoulders at all times. Uniformity in dress is mandatory for athletic team events. **Knee-length** hemmed shorts are allowed for **official** athletic competition only. Shoes must be worn to participate in events.

**Full-length sweatpants, warm-up pants, or trousers must be worn over athletic shorts while en route to or from competition.** Athletic participants may wear athletic attire to meals (as described above) if they are scheduled to compete that day. When competition is over for the day, students must change into appropriate Convention attire. Athletic shorts are **NOT** allowed at any time in open competition areas or in any other area on campus.

Only students competing in athletics may wear athletic attire. No jewelry is allowed in athletics. **BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL TEAMS:** **Nonmarking soles are required for all athletic shoes worn on gym floors.**
FEMALE

An image of Christian discretion and modesty is to be portrayed. All female sponsors, coaches, and students must wear dresses, skirts (which are no shorter than the bottom of the knee, standing or sitting), or culottes (see requirements for culottes under Female Athletic Wear).

**Slits must be no higher than the bottom of the knee.** Dresses and blouses must come to the neckline in front (to the clavicle bone) and back (to the bottom of the neck), without see-through material. TIGHT, FORM-FITTING ATTIRE and fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be allowed. Midriffs must be covered at all times in all positions. Denim, cargo, stone-washed clothing, T-shirts, slacks, shorts, swimsuits, bicycle shorts, V-neck, or sleeveless dresses or blouses will not be allowed. Conservative, natural-colored hosiery and dress shoes must be worn to all rallies and while competing in nonathletic events. **Sandals are NOT allowed**—shoes must have a closed toe and closed heel. (No socks may be worn to rallies.) Hosiery or socks must be worn during the day. Makeup and jewelry should be conservative and minimal—only one earring (smaller than a dime in size) per ear, in the earlobe. No other body piercings are allowed.

Girls and ladies must be fully clothed in street attire (with shoes) anytime they are in the residence hall lobby, visiting on another floor, or outside the residence hall room. Modest robes may be worn in residence halls while en route to or from restrooms or showers.

**Female (Athletic Wear)**

Loose-fitting culottes and tops are to be worn for competition in volleyball, archery, tennis, table tennis, and track. Culottes must be full, loose-fitting, and have the appearance of a skirt. When in an upright standing position, culottes must be below the knee. For modesty reasons it is recommended that white athletic clothing, especially culottes, NOT be worn. **(A T-shirt must be worn under V-neck athletic shirts.)** Sleeves must stay draped over the shoulders at all times. Female athletic wear (shirts and undershirts) must stay tucked in during athletic play and running events.

Following are companies that provide culottes that meet the A.C.E. Student Convention standard at reasonable prices. When ordering, ask for box pleat culottes and be sure the length is acceptable (no shorter than the bottom of the knee).

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For sources and visuals of approved culottes, please reference additional information on the ISC webpage under **Miscellaneous Links**.
Guidelines for Appropriate Dress During Platform Events:

**Gentlemen:** Dress shirts, ties, and jackets should be worn for all platform events with the following exceptions:
1. School uniforms or a tuxedo with either a vest or cummerbund without a jacket may be worn to perform.
2. Jackets are not required for PACE Bowl or Puppets.
3. Jackets and ties are not required in the following categories:

**Ladies:** Nice church outfits should be worn for all platform events with the following exceptions:
1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. Formal attire that meets the modesty requirements for Student Convention may be worn.
3. Formal attire or church outfits are not required in the following categories:

Guidelines for Appropriate Dress During Music Events:

**Gentlemen:** Dress shirts, ties, and jackets should be worn for all music events with the following exceptions:
1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. A tuxedo with either a vest or cummerbund without a jacket may be worn.
3. Choir robes may be worn over shirt, tie, and pants.

**Ladies:** Nice church outfits should be worn for all music events with the following exceptions:
1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. Formal attire that meets the modesty requirements for Student Convention may be worn.
3. Choir robes may be worn to perform over dresses, skirts, and blouses.

**APPEARANCE CHECK**

All athletic competition clothing (male and female) will be checked at the beginning of scheduled competition by the athletic staff. No coach or team member in violation of the dress code will be allowed to participate.

Appearance will be checked at registration, prior to all rallies, and before the evening meals. **To avoid embarrassment, please abide by the dress code.**

Here are some checklists for the staff to use with the dress code:
Is your school ready for Registration Dress-Check?

Use this checklist to make sure ALL of your students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) are ready for dress-check. Convention Appearance Guidelines will be enforced. Consult your Student Convention Guidelines for ISC appearance standards. The following checklist covers areas most frequently addressed.

FEMALES

Appearance is to be conservative, modest, and neat.

□ Hair:
  • Hair must be a natural color—no fads.

□ Jewelry:
  • Jewelry must be conservative and minimal.
  • Only one earring per earlobe (smaller than a dime in size) is permitted.

□ Blouses/Tops:
  • No form-fitting tops are permitted.
  • Necklines must come to the clavicle in the front and to the bottom of the neck in the back.
  • Midriffs must be covered at all times and in all positions.
  • No see-through tops, denim, or stone-washed clothing is permitted.

□ Dress, Skirt, or Culottes:
  • No form-fitting dresses, skirts, or culottes are permitted.
  • Slits may not extend higher than the bottom of the knee.
  • Hemlines of dresses, skirts, or culottes must be no shorter than the bottom of the knee (when standing or sitting).
  • Skirts with see-through fabrics must be lined or worn with slips.
  • No cargo (pockets sewn to the outside of skirt), denim, or stone-washed clothing are permitted.

□ Shoes:
  • Only closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are to be worn. No sandals or flip-flops are permitted.
  • Shoelaces are to be neatly tied.

Please evaluate each of these areas before you enter registration. Schools may not finish registration until all students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) have successfully completed dress-check. I have checked each of my students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus). They each meet the convention dress guidelines and are ready for dress-check.

__________________________________  ____________________________________
Female Head Sponsor’s Signature          School Name
Is your school ready for Registration Dress-Check?

Use this checklist to make sure ALL of your students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) are ready for dress-check. **Convention Appearance Guidelines will be enforced. Consult your Student Convention Guidelines for ISC appearance standards. The following checklist covers areas most frequently addressed.**

**MALES**

Appearance is to be conservative, modest, and neat.

- **Hair:**
  - Men must have neat, trimmed, conservative haircuts—no fads.
  - The hair is to be tapered or blocked, not touching the ear or collar.
  - Sideburns may be no lower than the middle of the ear.
  - Neither dying nor coloring the tips of the hair is allowed.
  - No braided or spiked (if in doubt, comb it down) hairstyles are permitted.
  - Extra curly or afro hair is not to exceed one inch in length.

- **Facial Hair:**
  - No facial hair is permitted on students.
  - Male sponsors may wear neatly trimmed mustaches and/or beards.

- **Acceptable Jewelry:**
  - One watch and one ring is permitted.
  - All other jewelry must be removed.

- **Shirts:**
  - Button-up shirt (polos are acceptable) with a collar and sleeves is appropriate.
  - Only top button may be left unbuttoned.
  - Shirts with tails are to be tucked into pants.

- **Pants:**
  - Slacks, dress pants, or long, conservative trousers are appropriate.
  - Denim jeans, cargo pants (pockets sewn to the outside), bicycle shorts, swimsuits, or fad extremes are inappropriate and are not permitted.
  - Pants are to be worn properly (at the waistline).
  - Belts must be worn with pants, slacks, or trousers that have belt loops.

- **Shoes:**
  - Dress shoes or sneakers with matching socks are appropriate.
  - Only closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are to be worn. No sandals or flip-flops.
  - Shoelaces are to be neatly tied.

Please evaluate each of these areas before you enter registration. Schools may not finish registration until all students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) have successfully completed dress-check. I have checked each of my **students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus)**. They each meet the convention dress guidelines and are ready for dress-check.

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Male Head Sponsor's Signature    School Name

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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT

RALLY ATTENDANCE

Sponsors and students must attend all rallies. All students must sit with their own sponsors during the rally. Sponsors are also expected to PROHIBIT students from booing or using flash attachments at inappropriate times. Students who are too ill to attend scheduled activities are to remain in the care of their sponsors.

CONDUCT

“Abstain from all appearance of evil” must be the guiding principle of all interaction between the young men and the young ladies attending the Convention. Maintaining the highest possible standard of behavior is a God-given responsibility. Sponsors and staff should be constantly alert and should not hesitate to correct any behavior that is “unseemly.”

The “six-inch” rule must be followed at all times. Couples should not isolate themselves from the group and should be properly chaperoned at all times. At no time are students allowed in cars, buses, vans, or in dimly lit areas without a sponsor. It is the sponsor’s responsibility to ensure that all students comply with Convention curfews. These guidelines are applicable to all Convention attendees. Remember: Contestants need rest to do their best in competition.

SPONSORS

Sponsors are the key to good attitudes among the students and a cooperative spirit at the Convention.

Each student must be directly responsible at all times to a specific sponsor. There must be one male sponsor for every one to eight boys and one female sponsor for every one to eight girls. Sponsors must be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of Convention. Parents may serve as the sponsor for their children (father/daughter, mother/son) if staying off campus.

In exceptional cases, a school may assume responsibility for students from another school, provided this does not exceed the one-to-eight ratio. In such cases, both schools must pay the school registration fee. Sponsors must reside with their students. Sponsors must meet the appearance dress code. Only those conforming to these requirements will be allowed to register and to remain on the premises. Sponsors are responsible for enforcing the dress and conduct guidelines with all students in their care.

Sponsors will be accountable for damaged or missing items belonging to the host campus or other contestants.

Each church, school, or organization must complete a Student Convention Screening Form (CF16) prior to Convention. All sponsors must also complete a Sponsor Registration Form (CF5) at both the Regional and the International Student Conventions.
SPECTATORS AND GUESTS
Guests are welcome to attend Convention and are encouraged to meet the age and appearance standards. Spectators are welcome to attend events and rallies. Children under the age of six are not allowed in competition rooms. Guests must register upon arrival and may purchase individual meal tickets at the Information Center. No students under the age of thirteen will be allowed to stay on campus (when campus housing is available).

OTHER GUIDELINES

CHECKLIST OF PERSONAL THINGS TO BRING:

- Bible
- Notebook
- Camera
- Athletic equipment
- Musical instrument
- Competition entries/paperwork
- Appropriate clothing
- Toiletries
- Robe, slippers
- Prescription medicines (to be kept by sponsor)
- Money for activities/snacks/souvenirs

Please check the A.C.E. website at www.acestudentprograms.com or the Accelerator for specifics on bedding. At most Convention facilities, bedding is NOT provided.

NOTE: Each sponsor should bring a lockable suitcase for valuables such as watches, rings, awards, and prescription medicines. It is imperative that ALL items be labeled. A.C.E. is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Things NOT Permitted on Campus:

- Tobacco
- Firearms/weapons
- Toy guns of any kind (except those used for competition props)
- Alcohol
- Narcotics
- MP3 Players
- CD players/CDs (except those used for competition)
- Video games
- Fireworks
- Television sets
- Clock radios
- Secular magazines and books
- Skateboards/roller blades
- Sneaker skates
- Scooters

NOTE: ONLY SPONSORS are allowed to have radio/walkie-talkies.
**MEDICAL**

A.C.E. does not provide an infirmary or medical staff for the Convention. Sponsors should be prepared to deal with minor problems, such as headaches and small scratches. All schools must be responsible for their own first-aid supplies for athletic competition.

Each student registered must submit a Consent to Emergency Health Care and Indemnification Form (CF8). Each person must provide his/her own medical and accident insurance. The Consent to Emergency Health Care and Indemnification Form includes a statement releasing A.C.E. from responsibility and liability for any medical expenses incurred during the Convention or travel to/from the Convention area.

Students with a history of a particular medical problem requiring special treatment must note such problems on the CF8. They should also wear an identifying bracelet or other I.D. that would alert medical personnel to the existence of a particular problem.

**JUDGING**

Decisions of the judges are final. Judge’s forms will be returned (when possible) to the contestants or sponsors following the Regional Student Convention. Time permitting, Convention judges will make suggestions and comments for contestants’ improvement. If you are qualified with post-graduate training or life experience and are interested in serving as a paid judge, please contact the Convention Office (**Studentconventions@aceministries.com**) for a Judge’s Application. You will be notified if selected. Judges will receive instructions and a packet of forms at the Convention site.

**DEFERENCE**

In order to show deference to those who practice denominational distinctives at their local churches, sponsors and/or contestants are asked to refrain from discussing denominational distinctives with anyone outside their own group during Convention.
REGISTRATION AND PROCEDURES

REGIONAL REGISTRATION

Visit the A.C.E. website at www.acestudentprograms.com or see your Accelerator for contact information, dates, and locations of authorized Regional Student Conventions. The School Registration program is available through the A.C.E. website.

School registration is nonrefundable, but individual fees are refundable. All contestants and sponsors must be registered on the School Registration program. Each contestant is required to have three (3) judge’s forms for each event in which he/she is to compete. Judge’s forms automatically print from the School Registration program and are also available with these Student Convention Guidelines (See Section X – Convention Forms Index).

In addition to the information required on the School Registration program, each sponsor must submit a Sponsor Registration Form (CF5). Each school, church, or organization must complete a Student Convention Screening Form (CF16) prior to Convention. All Convention Forms are included on the School Registration Program, and a sampling of Convention Forms is included in these guidelines.

All participants, sponsors, guests, and contestants attending an A.C.E. Convention must provide their own medical and accident insurance.

Summary—Submit these items for Regional Registration.

1. Complete online convention registration program at studentprograms.aceministries.com
2. CF5—Sponsor Registration Form (one per sponsor)
3. CF6—Permission for Participation (one per student)
4. CF8—Parent/Guardian Consent to Emergency Health Care for Minor/Indemnification (one per student)
5. CF16—Student Convention Screening Form (each school, church, or organization)

NOTE: For International Registration, you may use the same School Registration program. Simply indicate “International Student Convention.”

All remaining forms and paperwork should be submitted upon arrival at Convention. Entries in Essay Writing, Poetry Writing, Short Story Writing, Website Design, Linear PowerPoint®, Nonlinear PowerPoint®, Music Composition, Music Arranging, Scripture Video, and A.C.E. Character Trait Video require a Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) and a judge’s form for each of the three (3) copies of entry.
INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION

For International Convention Registration, you may use the same Convention Registration website that was used to register for the Regional Student Convention; simply indicate “International Student Convention.”

School registration is nonrefundable, but individual fees are refundable.

Preregistration is required for participation in the International Convention. Schools whose contestants qualify for the International Convention must register the school, sponsor, and contestants with the International Convention Registrar as soon as possible. Watch the A.C.E. website at acestudentprograms.com and the Accelerator for the registration deadline. The school registration fee and all appropriate material must be included with registration.

All information should be sent to:

MAILING ADDRESS:
  Attn: ISC
  A.C.E.
  P.O. Box 2707
  Hendersonville, TN 37077-2707

SHIPPING ADDRESS
  Attn: ISC
  A.C.E.
  130 Maple Drive North
  Hendersonville, TN 37075

Summary—Submit these items for International Registration.

1. Complete online convention registration program on the A.C.E. website.
2. CF5—Sponsor Registration Form (one per sponsor)
3. CF6—Permission for Participation (one per student)
4. CF8—Parent/Guardian Consent to Emergency Health Care for Minor/Indemnification (one per student)
5. CF16—Student Convention Screening Form (each school, church, or organization)

All participants, sponsors, guests, and contestants attending an A.C.E. Convention must provide their own medical and accident insurance.
EARLY ENTRY SUBMISSION

REGIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION:
To help facilitate judging, the following event entries must be submitted before Convention. These entries will be judged prior to Convention, and winners must be present to receive medals. For example, if the third-place winner in Essay Writing is not present, his/her name will be removed from the winners’ list and the subsequent winners will move up.

- Essay Writing
- Poetry Writing
- Short Story Writing
- Website Design
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Music Composition
- Music Arranging
- Radio Program
- Scripture Video
- A.C.E. Character Trait Video

Please watch the A.C.E. website at acestudentprograms.com and the Accelerator for early entry deadlines. **NOTE:** Early entries must include all paperwork. None of these entries will be accepted on site at Convention.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION:

Written Entries, Website Design, PowerPoint Presentations, Radio Program, Scripture Video, and A.C.E. Character Trait Video will be submitted electronically prior to Convention. When you register your school for ISC, you will receive an email with instructions on how to submit your early entries.

STUDENT CONVENTION SCREENING FORM (CF16)

A.C.E. realizes the awesome responsibility and trust your educational ministry and the parents you serve are placing in our ministry by allowing the most precious earthly treasures—children—to attend an A.C.E. Student Convention. The times in which we live today require us to take greater precautionary measures in protecting lives and ministries. In an effort to ensure the safety of all who attend and to retain the integrity of the Student Convention program, A.C.E. respectfully requests (requires) each school, church, or organization to complete a Student Convention Screening Form (CF16) prior to Convention. Please be assured that the information provided will remain confidential. The Student Convention Screening Form (CF16) is included on the School Registration program and is also included in Section X.

SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM (CF5)

Each sponsor must complete a Sponsor Registration Form (CF5). Be sure to include all information. Remember: A sponsor cannot be responsible for more than eight students. A female sponsor must sponsor only female students, and a male sponsor must sponsor only male students. (Exception: A father may sponsor his daughter(s) and a mother may sponsor her son(s), providing they stay off campus.) If you are sponsoring students from another school, be sure to indicate their names and the name of the school. If another school is sponsoring your students, please make a note giving the name of the sponsoring school and the name of the sponsor. All
students must be properly sponsored. The Sponsor Registration Form (CF5) is included on the School Registration program.

**PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION (CF6)**

Each participant and contestant must submit a Permission for Participation Form (CF6) signed by his/her parent or guardian to attend the Convention. Contestants will not be permitted to compete if their CF6 has not been received. The Permission for Participation Form (CF6) is included on the School Registration program.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT TO EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE FOR MINOR/INDEMNIFICATION FORM (CF8)**

Every student registering must have his or her parent or legal guardian complete a Parent/Guardian Consent to Emergency Health Care for Minor/Indemnification Form (CF8). This form includes a statement releasing A.C.E. from responsibility for any expense incurred by anyone during his/her stay at the Convention or travels to/from the Convention area. All participants, sponsors, guests, and contestants attending an A.C.E. Convention must provide their own medical and accident insurance. The Parent/Guardian Consent to Emergency Health Care for Minor/Indemnification Form (CF8) is included on the School Registration program.

**FEES**

Each school (including homeschools) must pay a school registration fee. In addition, all contestants, participants, and sponsors must pay a participation fee. The school registration fee is nonrefundable.

**Watch the A.C.E. website at www.acestudentprograms.com and the Accelerator for registration deadlines, times, and fees.**
COMMUNICATION AND POTENTIAL LEADERSHIP (C.A.P.)
C.A.P. EVENT

Communication and Potential Leadership (C.A.P.) is designed to encourage students to broaden their scope of communication and leadership abilities. C.A.P. is not a specific event that students enter but rather a culmination of all points earned.

Requirements—Contestants enter at least one event in each of the four following categories:

1. Music Performance (Instrumental or Vocal)
2. Speaking Performance (e.g., Preaching, Poetry Recitation, Dramatic Monologue, One-Act Play)
3. Writing (Poetry, Essay, Short Story, Science or Social Studies Projects, Website Design, or PowerPoint)
4. Art, Photography, or Needle/Thread

One-Act Plays having up to five participants may be included in the C.A.P. qualifying events. Other group events will qualify as C.A.P. events if they have four or fewer members (e.g., quartet, trio, duet).

Radio Program, Musical Composition, Scripture Video, A.C.E. Character Trait Video, and Music Arranging will not qualify for C.A.P. events.

A student may enter more than one event in a C.A.P. category (e.g., piano solo and vocal duet). The event with the highest place will be used to calculate the C.A.P. score. It is not necessary to declare which events are C.A.P. provided there is at least one entry in each of the four categories.

Winners will be determined in the following manner.
Entries with the highest place in each of the four categories will earn points based on their place.

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Please note: ALL Scripture references must be King James Version (not New King James Version).
First through sixth place winners in C.A.P. at Regionals may enter their events at Internationals. At Internationals, every student with at least one entry in each of the four C.A.P. categories will be considered a C.A.P. contestant.

**BIBLE MEMORY**

**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

Contestants will be asked four types of questions about Scriptures from the list beginning on page II-3. The contest will be conducted in writing and will have a time limit. All contestants are to abide by the dress codes listed in the APPEARANCE SECTION (beginning on page I-8) of these guidelines.

The four types of questions are as follows:

- **Give the Verse**—The contestant will be given a reference and will be expected to choose the correct verse.

- **Give the Reference**—A verse will be quoted, and the contestant will be expected to identify the book, chapter, and verse.

- **Choose the Category**—The contestant will be given a reference and will be asked to identify the specific category (e.g., Salvation, Prayer, Soulwinning, etc.) to which that verse belongs.

- **Quote**—The contestant is given a reference and will be expected to write the verse.

**General Rules**

1. Only one type of question will be used at a time.
2. The King James Version only (not New King James Version) will be used.
3. There is no penalty for punctuation errors.
4. When a response requires a specific verse, the verse must be verbatim.
5. All Scripture references used must be from the official list.
6. Students will have **ninety minutes** to complete the test.

**NOTE:** Bible Memory does not require a Judge's Form.
## OFFICIAL BIBLE MEMORY LIST

### GOD
- Psalm 86:15
- Psalm 145:3
- Jeremiah 23:24
- Jeremiah 32:27
- John 4:24
- Romans 11:33
- II Corinthians 9:8
- II Thessalonians 3:3
- I Peter 1:15
- I John 4:10
- Deuteronomy 33:27
- II Samuel 22:31
- Job 36:26
- Isaiah 25:1
- Isaiah 42:8
- Jeremiah 9:24
- Jeremiah 10:10
- Micah 7:18
- I Timothy 1:17
- Revelation 1:8

### JESUS CHRIST
- Luke 2:52
- Luke 19:10
- John 1:14
- John 1:18
- I Corinthians 15:3
- I Corinthians 15:20
- Hebrews 1:3
- Hebrews 1:8
- Hebrews 4:15
- I John 3:2
- Matthew 5:17
- John 5:39
- John 17:23
- John 18:37
- Acts 3:18
- II Corinthians 8:9
- Galatians 4:4
- Colossians 1:16
- I John 4:9
- I John 5:20

### THE HOLY SPIRIT
- John 14:26
- John 16:13
- Romans 8:9
- I Corinthians 2:4
- I Corinthians 12:3
- I Corinthians 12:11
- Galatians 4:6
- Galatians 5:16
- Ephesians 5:18
- I Thessalonians 1:5
- Ezekiel 36:27
- Matthew 3:11
- John 6:63
- John 14:17
- John 16:7
- I Corinthians 2:14
- Ephesians 4:30
- Acts 2:38
- I John 2:27
- I John 5:6

### SALVATION
- Isaiah 53:6
- John 1:12
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 10:9
- Romans 10:10
- II Corinthians 5:21
- Ephesians 1:7
- Ephesians 2:8
- II Timothy 1:9
- Titus 3:5
- Hebrews 9:27
- I Peter 2:9
- I Peter 2:24
- I Peter 3:18
- Isaiah 45:22
- Isaiah 55:7
- Zephaniah 3:17
- John 3:18

### PRAYER
- I Samuel 12:23
- Jeremiah 33:33
- Matthew 6:6
- Matthew 7:7
- Matthew 7:8
- Matthew 9:38
- Matthew 21:22
- Mark 1:35
- John 15:7
- Ephesians 3:20
- Philippians 4:6
- I Thessalonians 5:17
- Hebrews 13:15
- I John 5:14
- I Chronicles 16:11
- II Chronicles 7:14
- Psalm 32:5
- Matthew 6:7

### VICTORY
- Psalm 37:31
- Romans 6:12
- Romans 6:13
- Romans 8:5
- Romans 8:6
- Romans 13:14
- I Corinthians 15:57
- II Corinthians 2:14
- II Corinthians 10:4
- Ephesians 6:10
- James 4:7
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**CHECKERS**

**ELIMINATION/PERFORMANCE EVENT**

A.C.E. will provide a board and set of checkers. All contestants are to abide by the dress codes (beginning on page I-8) listed in the APPEARANCE SECTION of these guidelines.

The object of play is to capture all of the opponent’s men or to reduce the opponent to immobility. The loser is the first one who is unable to move in regular turn, either because all his men have been captured or because all his remaining men are blocked. A game may be terminated as a draw when neither player holds an advantage sufficient to force a win.
A player whose position is apparently inferior may call upon his opponent to win the game or show an increased advantage within forty of his own moves; failing to do such, the game is drawn. The following rules will also be observed:

1. Black has the first move. The younger player receives black.
2. A piece that is touched by a player must be moved, if possible; if a playable piece is moved over any angle of its square, the move must be completed in that direction.
3. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes for each move, except when a player is confronted with a compulsory jump in only one direction; then he must make his move within one (1) minute.
4. All jumps must be completed. When this rule is violated, the player must retract his illegal move and make the capture instead.

Checkers is a one-game-only elimination match with a possibility of losers selected for playback. At the discretion of the Chief Judge, contestants may be asked to play 2 of 3 matches for quarter-finals, semifinals, and finals.

**CHESS**

**ELIMINATION/PERFORMANCE EVENT**

A.C.E. will provide board and chessmen. All contestants are to abide by the dress codes listed in the APPEARANCE SECTION (beginning on page I-8) of these guidelines.

Players designated “white” and “black” sit on opposite sides. Each player has 16 pieces, which are placed on the board at the beginning of the game. The following rules will apply:

**Object of Play**—The game is won by capturing the adverse king. The capture is never consummated; when the king is attacked and cannot escape, he is said to be “checkmated” and the game ends. Many games end by resignation of a player who sees that he cannot escape eventual defeat.

**Drawn Games**—A game may be abandoned as drawn for any of the following reasons: insufficient force, stalemate, perpetual check, agreement by both parties, or the 50-move rule.

**NOTE:** The 50-move rule may be called at any time by a player who is at a disadvantage, but the 50-move rule is canceled if any piece is captured or if any pawn is moved.

**Other Rules to Remember**

1. White moves first; thereafter the players move alternately. The younger player will have first choice of white or black.
2. A player may not touch a piece without asking his opponent, unless he plans to play that piece.
3. After three (3) minutes, time will be called; the player has one (1) minute to finish his play or forfeit the game.
4. A player should not disturb his opponent or allow those watching to do so. There shall be no talking by players or spectators in the competition area.
5. The tournament will be conducted according to the rules of the International Chess Federation, whose address is given below.
6. Chess is a one-game-only elimination match with a possibility of losers selected for playback. At the discretion of the Chief Judge, players may be asked to play 2 of 3 matches for quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals.

**REMINDERS:** Competitors must be available to play at designated times. Chess clocks may be used in the quarterfinal rounds or at the discretion of the Chief Judge. Once used, chess clocks must apply to all contestants thereafter.

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Official Rules of Chess
David McKay Company, Inc.
2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016

(These rules may also be ordered through your local bookstore.)

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**SPELLING**
**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

All contestants are to abide by the dress codes listed in SECTION I of these guidelines.

Each contestant is given an answer sheet and is assigned a desk. A.C.E. will provide pencils or pens. The judge will pronounce each word twice and give a definition for the word. Contestants will then write the word. Each contestant will write all words. Following the final word, judges will collect all papers. Winners will be selected according to accuracy. Judges shall give at least two practice words before starting competition.

Words are provided by A.C.E. and must be spelled exactly as they appear on the official A.C.E. list. Alternate or British spellings will not be allowed. A.C.E.’s list is compiled from the preferred spelling found in *Scott Foresman, Thorndike Barnhart Advanced Dictionary*, Glenview, Illinois, 1997.
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PACE BOWL
ELIMINATION/PERFORMANCE EVENT

All contestants are to abide by the dress codes listed in the APPEARANCE SECTION (beginning on page I-8) of these guidelines.

Each school may enter only ONE TEAM consisting of four students. Teams compete against each other in regular tournament elimination procedure. Competition order will be arranged prior to beginning the match according to the bye system. The team earning the most points in each round of competition shall move to the next round until first through sixth places are determined.

Each school team must consist of four students proficient in math (including Algebra I and II, Geometry, and Trigonometry), English and literature (through PACE 1144), science (through Physics), social studies (world geography, American and world history, civics, and economics), and electives. Each team will designate a spokesperson or captain.

IMPORTANT: For toss-up questions, each team member chooses two categories in which to answer questions. He/she may only answer questions in these categories. Everyone may answer elective questions. If an unqualified team member answers the questions before the judge realizes he was not qualified, then his team loses the toss-up and the points even if the answer was correct. Questions are taken from PACEs starting with PACE 1073. Questions may be visual (such as pictures, maps, etc.).

Competition will consist of two types of questions:
1. Toss-up questions
   a. For toss-up questions, each team member chooses two categories in which to answer questions (math, English, science, or social studies). He may only answer questions in these categories. Everyone may answer elective questions. If an unqualified team member answers the question, then his team loses the toss-up and the points even if the answer was correct.
   b. A subject area (“Math Toss-up,” “Science Toss-up,” etc.) and the point value of the Bonus question to follow (“With a fifteen point bonus question”) will be announced before reading each toss-up question.
   c. There is a thirty second maximum time limit to “buzz in” with no discussion, written or verbal. If there is discussion among the team members, five points will be deducted from the team’s score.
   d. Time starts as soon as the question is read once. Repeated questions count against the thirty seconds.
   e. If a player hits the buzzer before the question is read completely, the reader will stop and the player must answer.
   f. Any undue hesitation after “buzzing in” is a wrong answer.
   g. A player should wait until he is recognized by the reader before giving the answer to the toss-up question. He may not have been the first to “buzz in” as he thought. If an answer is given before he is recognized, the question is tossed out and the team loses five points.
2. Bonus questions
   a. If the contestant responds to the toss-up question correctly, his team earns the opportunity to try a bonus question.
   b. Bonus questions have varying point values and time allotments. A repeated question counts against the allotted time for the question.
   c. Communication among team members is permitted. However, the answer comes from the team spokesperson or captain, unless he designates another team member to give the answer (e.g., if the answer is too long or too complicated to easily communicate to the spokesperson).
   d. Allow the full allotted time and then ask for one response.
   e. No points are deducted if the team responds incorrectly.

Questioning continues until there are ten correctly answered toss-up questions. The team with the highest score is declared the match winner. If there is a tie after ten correct toss-ups, then an additional toss-up question is asked to determine a winner. In the event a team misses the tie-breaker toss-up and loses five points, the match **DOES NOT END** but continues until a toss-up is answered correctly. The team that correctly answers the tie breaking toss-up will be permitted to answer the accompanying bonus question.

A.C.E. provides the following: tables, chairs, and stopwatch; pads, pencils, and buzzers for each table. A.C.E. provides all PACE Bowl questions. Each round will be supervised by the moderator, timer, and scorekeeper.

**BIBLE BOWL**
**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

Teams may consist of **three to five players from the same school or homeschool group.** (Teams may consist of all males, all females, or both.) All members must be eligible to compete based upon the *Student Convention Guidelines.* Three teams may enter per school or homeschool. Bible Bowl will be a closed-door competition. Each team will have three (3) minutes to answer as many questions as possible. Each player will have (5) seconds to answer each question. All questions will be directed to individual team members, not answered as a group. Each correct answer will earn a point value. Teams will race against the clock, not an opponent. In the event of a tie, a sudden death round will be played sometime on Wednesday. Each team in the qualifying round will be given the same group of questions. New group questions will be presented in the semifinals and in the finals.

**Please note:** Bible Bowl questions will not be released before competition. Bible Bowl will be in English only.

The following chart lists the books of the Bible where the questions will be drawn from each year. This list will repeat itself starting with Year 1.
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**SCIENCE**

**NONPERFORMANCE EVENT**

Science projects may be done by one or two contestants and must have been started after the completion of the previous International Student Convention.

**Types of Entries**

1. **Collection**—classification and display. Examples: rocks, insects, and leaves. Man-made objects such as coins, stamps, and arrowheads are not allowed.
2. **Research**—Develop a hypothesis, perform an experiment, record results, write your conclusion, and prepare a display to exhibit your work (e.g., how light helps a plant grow). This event is not a library research paper.
3. **Engineering**—Build electronic equipment, optical devices, solar energy converter, etc., using scientific principles to perform a task. Exhibit should include plans, diagrams, schematics, parts list, etc., so that another person could take your plans and duplicate your project. Do not use commercial kits.
4. **Theoretical**—An exhibit displaying a discussion of a scientific principle, concept, technique, or theory using charts, graphs, diagrams, photographs, audio-visual, or other visual aids.

**Checklist for Science:**

1. Contestant or contestants may enter one exhibit in each event.
2. Each entry must be fully completed and ready for exhibition.
3. A list shall be submitted identifying any work included in the display that is not the work of the contestant (such as a specially machined component or electronic test equipment). Experiment notebooks and other supporting data should be available for the judges. Photos which include people must adhere to contestant dress standards.

4. Exhibits must occupy a table or floor area no wider than 48 inches.

5. If electrical power is required, 120 volt AC will be available. All switches and cords must be U.L. or C.S.A. approved. The exhibit must be wired in a safe manner.

6. No entry creating a safety hazard will be allowed. Dangerous chemicals; offensive odors; explosives; open flames; or live animals, reptiles, or insects must not be exhibited. Exhibits requiring running water are not permitted.

7. Contestant or contestants will set up their exhibit and then leave the area.

8. A.C.E. is not responsible for loss of or damage to any exhibit.

9. Attach the following forms:
   a. Judge’s Forms (CF24). Three (3) copies with name, school name, customer number, address, and entry filled in. These are required for Regional Convention only.
   b. Experiment notebook and other supporting data.

10. Entries must have a 3” x 5” card securely attached to each piece of project with the following information neatly printed or typed: entry, student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, city, state, and ZIP Code.

11. Entries involving computers should have self-booting and menu driven or self-running software.

CRITERIA

Originality—Creative approach is given to the project.

Scientific thought—Accuracy is exhibited in displaying a scientific fact or principle. Consideration is given to probable amount of effort and study that went into the project.

Workmanship—Quality is shown in the construction of the exhibit including the neatness of labels and descriptions.

Thoroughness—The project is presented completely and carefully.

Clarity—The average person can understand the exhibit clearly.

Degree of difficulty—Consideration is given to the level of difficulty involved and time spent to prove the project.

On your accompanying paper:
1. Have you stated your purpose, hypothesis, or reason for your project?
2. Have you written down the process or steps used in solving or approving the problem (or hypothesis) or included an illustration of how your project works?
3. Have you written out the conclusion or what has been proven or illustrated?
4. Have you used references and quotes, in your own words, that have expressed what has taken place?
5. Have you given a Scriptural application or reference for your project?
6. Have you given a brief history of the discovery/invention or the hypothesis/facts you are using in your project? Have you shown how the discovery/invention has advanced to today’s use? What (in your opinion) is its future use?
7. Have you done your very best, using all resources available, to make your display eye-catching and interesting?
8. Does your display clearly agree with and illustrate what your paper discusses?
9. Does your project provide useful information or is it only amusing?

**HINTS FROM THE SCIENCE JUDGES**

The local public library often has books on the subject of science projects or Science Fairs. These books will give the student many helpful ideas, but the student still must be creative in his project. Labels that are neatly lettered and attached will enhance the project.

**SCIENCE JUDGING CRITERIA**

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SOCIAL STUDIES
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

Social studies projects may be done by one or two contestants and must have been started after the completion of the previous International Student Convention.

Types of Entries

1. **Collection**—classification and display. Examples: aboriginal artifacts (arrowheads, spear heads, tools, etc.), coins, stamps, battlefield artifacts (bullets, buttons, canteens, etc.), and flags. A collection project consists of both a display and a paper. The display for a collection represents the bulk of the work and is the more important part of the project. The paper for a collection project may be a paper or it may be a notebook with pictures, diagrams, list of sources for a collection, etc. This documentation for a collection could be likened to the signs posted on the wall next to a display in a museum, putting the display into a context, explaining from where the collection came, how it came to be, a description of exactly what it is a collection of, and so on.

2. **Research**—Choose a topic that is directed to the development of a thesis or the answering of a question. Topics may be from local, regional, national, or world history, economics, geography, or political science. Research projects from the disciplines of sociology, psychology, and anthropology are not acceptable. Do the necessary research, write your conclusion, and prepare a display to exhibit your work. (e.g., *My Family Tree, Immigration: An Oral History, Economic Impact of the Cotton Gin, Quebec and the Seven Years War*). The paper for a research project should be a true research paper that follows all the procedures for such a paper (e.g., bibliography or a list of works cited, footnotes or endnotes, an outline, a title page, etc.) For a research project, the bulk of the work is in the paper. The display is there to augment, support, and illustrate the research contained in the printed document. It could be a reinforcement for the text of the paper.

Checklist:

1. Contestant or contestants may enter one exhibit in each event.
2. Each entry must be fully completed and ready for exhibition.
3. A list shall be submitted identifying any work included in the display that is not the work of the contestant.
4. Models, notebooks, scrapbooks, and other supporting data should be a part of the exhibit. Photos that are not historical and include people must adhere to contestant dress standards.
5. Exhibits must occupy a table or floor area no wider than 48 inches.
6. If electrical power is required, 120 volt AC will be available. All switches and cords must be U.L. or C.S.A. approved. The exhibit must be wired in a safe manner.
7. No entry creating a safety hazard will be allowed. Dangerous chemicals, explosives, or open flames must not be exhibited. Exhibits requiring running water are not permitted.
8. Contestant or contestants will set up their exhibits and then leave the area.
9. A.C.E. is not responsible for loss of or damage to any exhibit.
10. Attach three (3) copies of Judge’s Form (CF24) with name, school name, customer number, address, and entry filled in. These are required for Regional Convention only.
11. Entries must have a 3” x 5” card securely attached to each piece of project with the following information neatly printed or typed: entry, student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, city, state, and ZIP Code.
12. Entries involving computers should have self-booting and menu driven or self-running software.

**CRITERIA**

**Originality**—Creative approach is given to the project.

**Thought**—Accuracy is exhibited in displaying facts, answering a question, or supporting the thesis. Consideration is given to probable amount of effort and study that went into the project.

**Workmanship**—Quality is shown in the construction of the exhibit including the neatness of labels and descriptions.

**Thoroughness**—The project is presented completely and carefully.

**Clarity**—The average person can understand the exhibit clearly.

**Degree of Difficulty**—Consideration is given to the level of difficulty involved and time spent to prove the project.

**On your accompanying paper:**

1. Have you clearly stated your purpose, theme, or thesis for your project?
2. Have you written out the conclusion or what has been proven or illustrated?
3. Have you documented your research and cited all sources used?
4. Have you given a Scriptural application or reference for your project?
5. Does your display clearly agree with and illustrate what your paper discusses?
6. Can viewers walk away having learned something new, thinking how interesting and informative the project was, and seeing the connection between the stated topic and what they read and saw?
CREATIVE COMPOSITION

Themes for essays, short stories, and poetry may be evangelistic, inspirational, Biblical, Christian growth, patriotic, or historical. Please write the THEME of the essay, short story, and poetry on the Judge’s Forms where indicated.

ESSAY WRITING
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

Refer to the HINTS FROM THE ESSAY WRITING JUDGES before beginning your essay.

A contestant chooses a topic and writes a paper. (Suggested topics are listed on page II-25.)

1. A good essay will use facts, arguments, examples, and illustrations that allow the reader to persuade himself of the truth he is reading.
2. The essay must have been written after termination of the previous International Student Convention and must be the original work of the student.
3. The essay must be accompanied by a written outline that the student used to organize the essay. (For suggested outline format, please reference English PACE 1097, pages 25–31.)
4. Plagiarism of any kind will automatically disqualify the entry. Any borrowed material (statements and/or ideas) must be properly noted.
5. A significant portion of the essay must be written during school hours to verify authenticity.
6. One entry per contestant.

Understanding Essay Writing

An essay is a written composition governed by one controlling idea called the thesis. This thesis should be supported by at least three main points. In order to make the essay interesting and persuasive, each main point should be explained with specific examples, illustrations, facts, quotations, etc. Give careful attention that the essay includes an interesting introduction, with the thesis given in the last sentence of that introduction. The essay should end with a clear note of finality, with the conclusion reiterating the main points covered in the composition. All sides of the argument must be handled, not just the writer’s opinion. For tips on Essay Writing, reference English III PACE 1126, pages 25 and 26.
Regional Convention Checklist for Essay Writing:

1. Length—500–700 words (The outline for an essay does not count against word limit.)
2. Format—Should be double-spaced on plain white paper; one full inch margin on all sides. Use 10- to 12-point type and a letter-quality printer. Recommended fonts: Times New Roman, Helvetica, or Arial. No heavy, bold, or fancy fonts.
3. Outline—Submit essay outline (typed) with entry.
4. Copies—Three (3) copies of essays must be submitted as an early entry. Each copy is be inserted in a separate, clear, gallon-sized, zippered plastic bag with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, and school telephone number clearly visible on the front of EACH copy. At Regional Student Convention, TWO COPIES OF THE ESSAY AND JUDGE’S FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.
5. Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) is attached to entry and properly signed and submitted. You will need three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit form; attach one copy to each copy of your essay.
6. Three (3) JUDGE’S FORMS (CF25) required for Regional Convention.

International Student Convention Checklist for Essay Writing:

1. Essay Writing entries are to be submitted electronically to A.C.E. prior to Convention. When your school registers for ISC, an email will be sent with instructions for submitting early entry documents including:
   2. The essay.
   3. The outline used to organize the essay.
   4. Once Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) filled out.
   5. One Judge’s Form filled out. Include the title and theme of your essay on the Judge’s Form where indicated.

Topics

COMPOSITIONS ARE NOT LIMITED TO THESE TITLES; these are merely ideas.

1. America Needs Christian Education
2. Repentance, Revival, and Reformation
3. What Is a Christian School?
4. The Fear of God: Antidote to Humanism
5. America Needs Godly Leadership
6. Biblical Requirements for Christian Leadership
7. The Character Qualities of a True Leader
8. What One Man Can Do for His Country
9. Duties of Responsible Christian Citizenship
10. Christians Need Biblical Convictions
11. What Is Success?
12. The Cost of Christian Discipleship
13. Do We Have Rights or Responsibilities?
14. Keys for a Reformation
15. Determining America’s Course
16. Freedom’s Last Choice
17. Christian Political Responsibility
18. Why Sit We Here Until We Die?
19. Essential Traits of Christian Leadership
20. Three Ways to Bring Reform to America
21. Theistic Education: How to Reach America
22. New Laws or New People
23. Freedom Is ...
24. Can You Legislate Morality?
25. The Change Has Begun: We Must Finish the Fight
26. The Umbrella of Parental Authority
27. Meekness Is Strength
28. Purity—Motives, Values, Principles, Character, and Habits
29. A Christian Response to Abortion
**HINTS FROM THE ESSAY WRITING JUDGES**

Read over the Judge’s Form before writing. Judges look for organization and persuasiveness in essays. Begin your entry with a strong thesis clearly stated in the first paragraph; then follow through logically, smoothly, and persuasively to support that thesis. Use your own idea and **avoid clichés or generalizations that are not supported by examples or illustrations**. Quotes are a good way to support a thesis but should be used sparingly; the judges are interested in what you have to say. Careful attention should be given to organization, and your outline will be a valuable tool to keep ideas flowing in the proper order. Judges also look at the technical merits of the piece. Writing should be in the **third** person unless you have a specific reason for using first or second person. **PROOF YOUR WORK!** The essay should be neat and free of typing, spelling, grammatical, and punctuation errors. Watch for pronoun/antecedent agreement, wordiness and redundancies, parallelism, and point-of-view shifts. Be careful not to go over the length limit. It would not be equitable for judges to allow you more space than they allow your competitors. Finish with a strong, closing statement. Refer to English PACEs 1126 and 1127 for suggestions.

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**ESSAY WRITING JUDGING CRITERIA**

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**Note:** As many as 10 points may be subtracted if essay is not between 500 and 700 words in length.
POETRY WRITING
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

The contestant writes an original poetry composition with a Christian, patriotic, Biblical, evangelistic, persuasive, or historical theme. The contestant should keep in mind his purpose for the poem—why it is being written and what effect is being achieved.

1. The poem may be narrative or discursive with an assumed or personal point of view. All poems are lyrical, though usually not written to be sung. You may, however, specifically choose to craft your poem as lyrics to be set to music.
2. The poem must have been written after the termination of the previous International Convention and must be the original work of the student.
3. Plagiarism of any kind will automatically disqualify the entry.
4. A significant portion of the poem must be written during school hours to verify authenticity.
5. One entry per contestant.

Regional Convention Checklist for Poetry Writing:

1. Format—At least eight (8) typewritten lines (double-spaced) and no more than thirty (30) typewritten lines on plain white paper. (Variations from these line limitations must show evidence of very careful attention to word choice and structure, plus strong thematic basis.) On a computer, use 10- to 12-point type with Times New Roman, Helvetica, or Arial font.
2. Copies—Three (3) copies of the poem must be submitted as an early entry. Each copy is be inserted in a separate, clear, gallon-sized, zippered plastic bag with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, and school telephone number clearly visible on the front of EACH copy. At Regional Student Convention, TWO COPIES OF THE POEM AND JUDGE’S FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.
3. Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) properly signed and submitted. You will need three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit form; attach one copy to each copy of your poem.
4. Three (3) copies of the JUDGE’S FORMS (CF26) are required for Regional Convention.

International Student Convention Checklist for Poetry Writing:
Poetry Writing entries will be submitted electronically to A.C.E. prior to Convention. When your school registers for ISC, an email will be sent with instructions for submitting early entry documents including:
1. The poem.
2. One Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) filled out.
3. One Judge’s Form filled out. Include the title of your poem on the Judge’s Form where indicated.
HINTS FROM THE POETRY WRITING JUDGES

Judges look for poems that are neat in appearance, complete in thought, and effective in message and impact. The true purpose of a poem is to transmit in words a complete thought and, at the same time, to move emotions. A poem must have a reason for existence; the emotional impact and a resultant change in attitude is that reason. If your poem is correct in form, yet is not logically correct or emotionally stimulating, the poem will not score well. A poem must DO something, not merely talk about something. The theme, then, becomes of utmost importance; for, if the poem is to do something, it must do something worthwhile. Second, but still important, is the form of the work. If the form is weak or inconsistent, it will not fall correctly on the ear, causing the message to be lost to the reader. Poems should also have a lyric quality, though they may not be intended for music. Remember, a poem can only do ONE thing, not several. Strive for unity of purpose and skill of execution. Technical errors of any sort, especially those that might be thought of as minor, such as a misplaced comma or misspelled word, often represent major weaknesses in aspects that are less obvious to the trained eye and ear. A scrupulous writer always attends carefully to the smallest and most obvious detail. What is said is always at the mercy of how it is said. When this principle is ignored, the reader will not be guided by the writer’s thoughts but by his own. These thoughts may be counterproductive to the writer’s subject and intention and become an unconscious use of stock responses, formulaic phrases, hackneyed expressions, irrelevant associations, and sentimentality rather than honesty. A poem that effectively treats a subject moves the reader to a place where he has never been before. Refer to English PACEs 1105 and 1106 for ideas.

POETRY WRITING JUDGING CRITERIA

Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

Theme Evangelistic, inspirational, Biblical, Christian growth, patriotic, persuasive, or historical theme. Poem has one central idea; unity in viewpoint.
A. Unity and coherence (1-10)
B. Clarity (1-10)

Use of poetic material
A. Sentiment and emotion—sincerity (1-10)
B. Vocabulary—exact, colorful, and concrete (1-10)
C. Meter—established and effective (1-10)
D. Sounds—rhyme, assonance, consonance, alliteration, etc. (1-10)
E. Poetic devices—figures of speech, symbolism, and patterns (1-10)
F. Creativity—originality and freshness (1-5)

Mechanics
A. Format and general appearance (1-5)
B. Usage, punctuation, and spelling (1-15)

Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

Note: As many as 10 points may be subtracted if poem is not 8 to 30 lines in length and is not printed/typed on plain white paper.
SHORT STORY WRITING
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

The contestant writes and submits a fiction composition. The story may be based on real experience; it may be purely imaginary; or it may be a fictionalized report of an historical happening.

1. The story MUST have an evangelistic, Biblical, Christian growth, patriotic, or historical theme.
2. The story must have been written after the termination of the previous International Convention and must be the original work of the student.
3. Plagiarism of any kind will automatically disqualify the entry.
4. A significant portion of the story must be written during school hours to verify authenticity.
5. One entry per contestant.

Regional Convention Checklist for Short Story:

1. Length—600–1,000 words
2. Format—Should be double-spaced on plain white paper; one full inch margin on all sides. Use 10- to 12- point type and a letter-quality printer. Recommended fonts: Times New Roman, Helvetica, or Arial. No heavy, bold or fancy fonts.
3. Copies—Three (3) copies of the short story must be submitted as an early entry. Each copy is be inserted in a separate, clear, gallon-sized, zippered plastic bag with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, and school telephone number clearly visible on the front of EACH copy. At Regional Student Convention, TWO COPIES OF THE SHORT STORY AND JUDGE’S FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.
4. Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) properly signed and submitted. You will need three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit form; attach one copy to each copy of your short story.
5. Three (3) copies of JUDGE’S FORMS (CF27) are required at the Regional Convention.

International Student Convention Checklist for Short Story Writing:
Short Story Writing entries will be submitted electronically to A.C.E. prior to Convention. When your school registers for ISC, an email will be sent with instructions for submitting early entry documents including:
1. The short story.
2. One Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) filled out.
3. One Judge’s Form filled out. Include the title and theme on the Judge’s Form where indicated.
HINTS FROM THE SHORT STORY JUDGES
Judges look for stories that are original and imaginative yet believable. It is important that your Short Story contain a balance of all the elements of narrative fiction: plot, setting, characterization, conflict, and resolution. It should not overemphasize one to the detriment of the others. Because of space limitations, it is important that you develop each facet of your story carefully and thoughtfully, paying particular attention to your choice of words. Use words economically, that is, do not use several trite, colorless words when one strong, imaginative word could replace them and enhance the tone of your story. Neither should you waste good words. Make each one count. Consider it carefully. Is it there for a reason? Is it used accurately? Does it tell the reader exactly what you want him to know, or does he have to guess at your meaning? When you are satisfied that your story says what you want it to say, check it carefully to eliminate errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Also check the word count, since judges will subtract points if you exceed the limits.

SHORT STORY WRITING JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

The story
A. Characters consistent, plausible, and motivated (1-15)
B. Details of setting (place/time) woven into the action of the story (1-10)
C. Well-planned plot, with incidents that build to a main conflict (1-15)
D. All incidents build to a climax that resolve the conflict (1-10)
E. Story demonstrates an evangelistic, inspirational, Biblical, Christian growth, patriotic, or historical theme (1-10)
F. Story indicates creativity on the part of the author (1-15)

Mechanics
A. Neatness and general appearance (1-5)
B. Spelling (1-5)
C. Punctuation (1-5)
D. Grammar is correct, tenses are consistent, subjects and verbs agree, and pronouns and antecedents agree (1-5)

Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

Note: As many as 10 points may be subtracted if story does not come within 600 to 1,000 words and is not printed/typed on plain white paper.
SOULWINNING AWARD
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

Students who share Jesus Christ with lost persons and win them to Christ have an opportunity to attend the Regional Convention and the International Convention. The top six winners will receive an award as in the other Convention categories.

1. The Soulwinning PACE must be completed. (Item #42001 in the Product Catalog.) PLEASE FILL OUT THE SOULWINNING PACE COMPLETION FORM (CF29B).
2. The student must fill out a CF29B and turn it in with the CF29A Affidavits. (This affidavit may be reproduced from the Guidelines.)
3. The student must win at least five (5) persons to Christ after the termination of the previous International Convention to qualify for Regional Convention.
4. The new converts must be introduced to a fundamental pastor in whose church the convert makes a public profession of salvation in Christ.
5. Encourage converts to attend church regularly.
6. Bring the affidavits to the Regional Convention. After the Regional Convention, students can continue to win souls and collect affidavits.
7. Upon arrival at the International Convention, the affidavits will be turned in at the Exhibits area on registration day. (PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THE AFFIDAVITS FOR YOUR RECORD.)

CHRISTIAN SOLDIER, CHRISTIAN WORKER, GOLDEN APPLE, GOLDEN LAMB, or GOLDEN HARP AWARD
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

Christian Soldier Award: Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians
Christian Worker Award: Colossians; I and II Thessalonians; I and II Timothy; Titus; Philemon; Hebrews; James; I and II Peter; I, II, and III John
Golden Apple Award: Proverbs
Golden Lamb Award: John
Golden Harp Award: Psalms
Students who earn these awards qualify to attend the International Convention and will automatically be awarded a first-place medal by A.C.E. if they attend the Convention.

1. Students may enter these events each year they are eligible to attend the Student Convention.

2. The student must quote the book(s) from memory (between June 1 and the registration deadline for the International Student Convention). Regional Student Convention participants must quote the book from memory between June 1 and registration day at the Regional Student Convention. No prorating allowed at Regionals. International students must quote the book(s) from memory in the nine months prior to Regional Student Convention or in the 12 months prior to International Student Convention.

3. The student must recite a minimum of one chapter at each hearing. All recitation for Christian Soldier, Christian Worker, Golden Apple, Golden Harp, and Golden Lamb must be done to a school staff member.

4. Psalm 119 may be divided into five parts.

5. No more than three errors or prompts may be allowed per chapter.

6. An Affidavit (CF30) must be submitted to the Exhibits area on registration day to verify entry.

CONSECUTIVE WORD COUNT
PERFORMANCE EVENT

Using the KJV Bible, contestants may begin at any point in Scripture and recite, word-perfect, as many consecutive words as possible. A misquoted verse signifies the end of the recitation. The competition will be conducted orally and will have no time limit. All contestants are to abide by the dress code listed in the APPEARANCE SECTION (beginning on page I-8) of these guidelines.

General rules:
1. Scripture verses must be recited in English.
2. The King James Version (not New King James Version) will be used.
3. Participants are allowed one prompt per chapter, either upon request or after a one-minute pause.
4. Word count will be performed by a computer program.

Note: Consecutive Word Count does not require a Judge’s Form.

WEBSITE DESIGN
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

Websites can serve many purposes. They may support existing customers, give information, or promote products, services, or ideas.
SOME GUIDELINES

The Website will be judged real-time over the Internet, so it is more than an academic exercise. It is to be a fully functioning site that must have a clear, practical purpose, which it pursues with creativity and skill.

Students are free to use any platform, tools, programs, computer languages, other available resources, or their own development tools. Remember, however, there are a variety of browsers that may attempt to access the site.

REQUIREMENTS

1. The site must have been developed since the conclusion of the last International Student Convention.
2. No more than two students may participate in the design and development of the site.
3. Site must consist of more than a home page. It should include more than one webpage and the viewer should have the ability to navigate between those pages.
4. Site address must be included on the Judge’s Form.
5. Any Scripture reference listed must be from the King James Version. All subject matter (photos) must meet the A.C.E. dress and appearance guidelines.

Possible project areas (These are not limits.)
Informational—Offer or provide information.
Promotional—Promote a school and/or church.
Service—Offer a service to meet the needs of individuals or groups.

CRITERIA

STRUCTURE

Navigation of Site—The site should be easy to use and navigate. The user should know where he is and have the ability to get to another location in the site with ease.

Creativity—The site will be evaluated for creativity in the areas of uniqueness, content, approach to the material, and the method of engagement. Students should be encouraged to design their own graphics and content, limiting the use of professional templates. Consideration will be given to technology usage (HTML, CSS, etc.).

Logical Connections—The site must be logical and make sense to specific users. What may be logical to one user may leave another totally lost. For example, a site developed for teens would be very different from one for retirees, just as one for travel is very different from one on finance.

Engaging Appearance—The site should be attractive, pleasing, interesting, and beneficial. The time an average user will give a site is a matter of seconds unless it engages the viewer visually and mentally.
Elements (Variety and Appropriateness)—The site should contain enough variety to hold interest while maintaining an overall consistency that reflects the purpose and desired image of the site. It should conform to the Biblical values and overall Convention guidelines regarding appropriateness of subject matter, substance, graphics, etc.

Browser-Friendly—The site should be fully functional on multiple browsers and viewable on as many computers as possible. Several browsers are in wide use; however, the older the browser is that can access your site, the less robust the elements are and the more limited the creativity can be.

Graphic Design—The site should follow generally accepted Internet standards regarding presentation. Some of these regard font style, spacing, overlay, and other aspects of the presentation. There are helpful sites on the Web to learn about these items.

CONTENT

Clear—For the site to be effective, the content must be clear in its presentation, navigation, functionality, and purpose.

Appropriate—The content of the site should meet the convention guidelines and standards and be appropriate for its intended purpose. Any Scripture reference listed must be from the King James Version. All subject matter (photos) must meet the A.C.E. dress and appearance guidelines.

Accomplishes Goals—The user should be able to understand and receive benefit from the purpose of the site as intended by the developer. If this doesn’t happen, the user will probably leave quickly and products will not be sold, information will not be imparted, and ideas will not be communicated.

Regional Convention Checklist for Website Design:
1. Copies—Three (3) copies of a CD must be submitted as an early entry. Each copy is to be inserted in a separate, clear, gallon-sized, zippered plastic bag and must have the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, and school telephone number clearly visible on EACH copy.
2. Three (3) Judge’s Forms (CF32) are required for Regional Convention.
3. Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) is properly signed and submitted. You will need three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit form; attach one copy to each Judge’s Form.

International Student Convention Checklist for Website Design:
Website Design entries will be submitted electronically to A.C.E. prior to Convention. When your school registers for ISC, an email will be sent with instructions for submitting early entry documents including:
1. The website design.
2. The title and web address of the website design.
3. One Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) filled out.
4. One Judge’s Form filled out. Include the title of the entry on the Judge’s Form where indicated.
### WEBSITE DESIGN JUDGING CRITERIA

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### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**NONPERFORMANCE EVENT**

The PowerPoint competition entry is to be a user-directed, stand-alone presentation using no live Internet links. The student is free to use any element that PowerPoint will support, as long as the presentation does not violate the A.C.E. standards of dress, appearance, and conduct as presented in these guidelines.

### TYPES OF ENTRIES

1. **Linear**—Presentation begins and runs through to an end. In a linear presentation, there is a set sequence to the presentation, starting at the beginning and continuing to the conclusion. No navigation is required.
2. **Nonlinear**—User is given navigational control and can wander through the content at will. The key difference between a linear and nonlinear presentation is that the user can pick and choose, using a random route through the nonlinear presentation. *Navigational choices are required.*

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. The presentation must have been developed since the last International Student Convention.
2. No more than two students may participate in the design and development of the presentation.
3. While there are a number of presentation products on the market, Microsoft PowerPoint is required for Student Convention competition.
4. It is required that the presentation be available on a CD.
5. Designers must give proper credit for any copyrighted material.
6. Any Scripture referenced must be from the King James Version. All subject matter (photos) must meet the A.C.E. dress and appearance guidelines.

**CRITERIA**

**Navigation of Site** (applicable to nonlinear presentations)—The presentation should be easy to use and navigate.

**Creativity**—The presentation will be evaluated for creativity in the areas of uniqueness, content, approach to the material, and method of engagement.

**Connectivity**—Each step in the process must successfully relate the user to where he has been and where he is going. The user should understand throughout the presentation the relationship of the parts to the whole.

**Engaging Appearance**—The presentation is visually attractive and interesting. It creates interest and effectively conveys information to the user in a memorable fashion.

**Elements**—The presentation should contain enough variety to hold the interest of the user while following Convention guidelines and standards of appropriateness. All the elements contribute to the presentation’s effectiveness in meeting its objective. Presentations may include copied folders from websites (live Internet links are not acceptable), video clips, sound bites, photographs, etc.

**Please note: All elements of PowerPoint presentations must meet A.C.E. standards.**

**Graphic Design**—The project should follow generally accepted media standards regarding presentation. Some of these regard font styles, spacing, overlay, and other aspects of the presentation.
CONTENT

Clear—If the content is not clear, the presentation is ineffective. It should be clear in its presentation, navigation, and purpose. Since this is a user-directed presentation, clarity is indispensable.

Appropriate—The presentation should fit the convention guidelines and standards and be appropriate for its intended purpose.

Useful—The presentation should be designed to serve a useful purpose.

Accomplishes Goals—The presentation should have a clearly stated goal so the user is able to understand what the developer intended.

Regional Convention Checklist for PowerPoint Presentations:

1. Copies—Three (3) copies of a CD must be submitted as an early entry. Each copy is to be inserted in a separate, clear, gallon-sized, zippered plastic bag and must have the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, and school telephone number clearly visible on EACH copy.
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3. Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) is properly signed and submitted. You will need three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit form; attach one copy to each Judge’s Form.

International Student Convention Checklist for PowerPoint Presentations:
PowerPoint entries will be submitted electronically to A.C.E. prior to Convention. When your school registers for ISC, an email will be sent with instructions for submitting early entry documents including:

1. The PowerPoint.
2. One Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) filled out.
3. One Judge’s Form filled out. Include the title of the entry on the Judge’s Form where indicated.

HINTS FROM THE JUDGES
Size is not part of the judging criteria! More is not necessarily better. Balance good content and a visually attractive presentation. For help with graphic design there are a number of helpful sites on the Web. Be sure that all elements in your presentation meet the A.C.E. standards (background music, video clips, photos, etc.).
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SECTION III
Art Division

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Entries must be the sole work of the student and must have been started after the completion of the previous International Student Convention. Students are encouraged to draw from their own ideas for subject matter and composition. It is recognized that copying other artwork is one method of learning but should not be presented as the original work of the student. No use of transparencies/projectors is permitted. All artwork must be free-hand.

Entries must meet ALL A.C.E. standards as far as dress codes and suitable subject matter are concerned. Violations of such standards will prevent the entry from placing. All entries must be done in realistic style—no abstract, surreal, or cartoon styles. No artwork should attempt to portray the face of Christ. No color-by-number paintings will be accepted.

Note: In ALL art categories, male and female contestants are judged together.

Checklist for Entries:
1. Entries must arrive for judging in satisfactory exhibition condition. (See framing.)
2. Judge’s Forms (CF35, CF36)—Three (3) copies for each entry must be completed and submitted with the entry. THESE ARE FOR REGIONAL CONVENTION ONLY.
3. Entries must have a 3” x 5” card securely attached to the back with the following information: category, student’s name, school name, customer number, school address, city, state/province, ZIP/Postal Code.

Note to Sponsor: Be sure the contestant enters the correct category. Review the judging criteria to see where points are given, and make sure the entry includes each point.

A.C.E. IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN, OR DAMAGED ENTRIES.

Framing

All artwork must be enclosed in some type of frame except sculpture, woodworking, and metalworking. Mat board may be used in conjunction with a frame but is not considered a frame itself. ARTWORK MUST BE READY TO HANG WITH A HANGER THAT IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED (e.g., screw eye picture hangers with picture hanging wire or sawtooth hangers nailed to the frame).

Packing

All contestants are responsible for the packaging, transporting, and proper handling of their own artwork. Minor touch-ups are permitted. No entry may exceed 40 pounds in weight or three feet in length, width, or height.
*TYPES OF ENTRIES*

1. Oil
2. Watercolor
3. Acrylics
4. Sketching—any monochromatic sketching medium
5. Colored pencils
6. Pen and Ink—monochromatic pen or brush work
7. Pastels
8. Scrapbooking
9. Sculpture
10. Metalwork
11. Wood Construction
12. Wood Turning
13. Woodcarving
14. Marquetry
15. Pennant Design

*Please note that there is NO Mixed Media category

**BRUSH/PEN JUDGING CRITERIA**
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SCRAPBOOKING (Female Only)
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

GENERAL GUIDELINES
1. ALL entries must be the student’s sole work and must have been started after the completion of the previous International Student Convention. Contestant is limited to one entry.
2. Layout may be 8" x 8" or larger and must be a scrapbook layout. Cards and other craft projects cannot be submitted as the entire entry. The final entry should not be entirely digital.
3. Use a clean, simple layout that tells a story, portrays a theme or event, or illustrates a character trait. Arrangement should make a visual impact without being cluttered or too busy.
4. All items including photos in the entry MUST conform to A.C.E. Student Convention dress standards and guidelines.
5. Entries must be a minimum of two pages but not exceed twelve pages. (For Scrapbooking, each plastic cover counts as 2 pages if artwork is on both sides.)
6. Three (3) copies of the JUDGE’S FORMS (CF34) are required for Regional Convention.
7. Entry must have a 3" x 5" card securely attached to the back with the following information neatly printed or typed: category, student’s name, school name, customer number, school address, city, state/province, ZIP/Postal Code.
8. Each page must be in a plastic page protector within a standard nondecorative binder. Binder will not be judged.
9. A.C.E. is not responsible for entries lost or damaged.
10. Entry must have a clearly stated theme.

SCRAPBOOKING JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation          POSSIBLE POINTS
1. Appropriate theme                (1-5)
2. Good choice of clear photos with sharp images (1-10)
3. Meets Convention Guidelines      (1-5)
4. Focal point with photos cut into pleasing sizes and shapes (1-10)
5. Mats and frames proportioned to layout size and design (1-10)
6. Composition and well-designed layout consistent to theme (1-10)
7. Journaling with title appropriate for composition (1-10)
8. Color in the layout to complement photos and color scheme (1-10)
9. Embellishments arranged well and complementing the photos (1-10)
10. Creativity evidencing effort and use of techniques and craftsmanship (1-10)
11. Craftsmanship is neat and orderly (1-10)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

HINTS FROM THE SCRAPBOOKING JUDGES
1. Photos—Choose photos with clean, sharp images. Check background and number of subjects in photo. All people in photos must be appropriately dressed according to A.C.E. Student Convention dress standards.
2. Paper Color and Design—Select paper or cardstock to complement photos.
3. Crop—Cut or trim photos using templates or decorative-edge scissors to add interest.
4. Mat or Frame—Use single or layered mats; may be torn or cut with scissors. Templates, punches, and decorative-edge scissors create unique shapes.
5. Layout—Arrange photos with a focal point depicting the theme. Overlap photos or create a collage for added variety.
7. Decorative embellishments – Use creativity over purchased embellishments
SCULPTURE (Male/Female)
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

Entries in this category must be entirely hand built and can be made of any CLAY OR POLYMER CLAY. The use of slip molds or greenware available from ceramic or craft houses is not allowed. Slip molds may be used if the mold is made by the student, in which case, the mold must be submitted as part of the project. (NOTE: Some clay sculptures may require kiln-firing to protect the entry.) The entry may not exceed two feet in any direction (length, width, or height).

METALWORKING (Male/Female)
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

Entries in this category must be made of METAL ONLY. Items may be made from any type of metal. The student may use any type of power tool needed (nippers, welders, grinder, etc.) to form the entry. Items may not exceed three feet in any direction (length, width, and height). Craft items such as book ends, belt buckles, penholders, etc., are not acceptable. Weapons are not acceptable (knives, swords, maces, axes, guns, etc.).

Adding a scrapbook of pictures/diagrams showing the progress of your project as it evolves shows extra effort and will help your score in this event.

METALWORKING AND SCULPTURE JUDGING CRITERIA
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WOODWORKING (Male/Female)
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

TYPES OF ENTRIES
- Wood Construction
- Wood Turning
- Woodcarving
- Marquetry

GENERAL GUIDELINES
1. Projects must be made of wood. Any appropriate screws, hinges, fasteners, locks, slides, glass, etc., that are required to bring the project to a functional completion are acceptable.
2. Any added mechanical parts (hinges, locks, slides, glass, etc.) will not be judged, but the fitting of them to the project will be judged.
3. ALL work must be the sole work of the student, and projects must have been started after the completion of the previous International Student Convention.
4. All entries must be accompanied by a pattern and a typed project report (double-spaced) listing the steps of construction and tools used. Any variation from the pattern must be explained in the report.
5. Any project wired for electricity must meet UL standards.
6. Projects may not exceed three feet in any direction (length, height, or width).
7. All projects must comply with Biblical standards of modesty and behavior. No weapons of any kind are acceptable. No work should attempt to portray the face of Christ.
8. Craft items such as miniature toys or models or pre-cut kits are not acceptable.
9. Adding a scrapbook of pictures/diagrams showing the progress of your project as it evolves, shows extra effort and will help your score in this event.

WOOD CONSTRUCTION
Projects in this category must display at least two joinery techniques (Mortise-Tenon, Dovetail, Butt, etc.). Contestants may use hand tools, power tools, or a combination of both. Some examples of wood construction are a table, a chest, a shelving unit, etc. See Wood Construction judging criteria.

WOOD TURNING
In this category, contestants must use a wood-turning lathe and any other associated tool. Any method or combination of methods is acceptable. Projects may be one piece (e.g., bowl), multiple pieces that are assembled (e.g., kitchen stool), or several pieces that form a set (e.g., desk set). A project that has several pieces assembled must be at least 80 percent lathe work. See Wood Turning judging criteria.

WOODCARVING
The use of power tools for cutting or roughing a piece is acceptable, but at least two-thirds of the project must be hand carved. Projects may incorporate more than one form of woodcarving. See Woodcarving judging criteria.
MARQUETRY
Marquetry is inlaid work of various colored thin woods (veneers) to make a picture or design. All wood must be cut by hand for this event. Marquetry on other projects is acceptable, but only the marquetry will be judged, and the piece may only be entered in one category. See Marquetry judging criteria.

WOOD CONSTRUCTION JUDGING CRITERIA
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PENNANT DESIGN  (Male/Female)
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

The Pennant Design competition entry is to show a creative graphic design of the ISC theme for the given year. The student is free to use any graphic design program. The entry must not violate the A.C.E. standards of dress and appearance as presented in these guidelines.

REQUIREMENTS
1. The entry must have been created since the last International Student Convention.
2. Only one student may participate in the design of each entry.
3. Any graphic design program may be used in the creation of the entry.
4. Color submissions only—no larger than 9" x 12".
5. Scripture must be in the King James Version.

PENNANT DESIGN CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation                        POSSIBLE POINTS

Overall design and creativity
A. Visual impact that immediately draws you with interest. Appealing and eye catching (1-5)
B. Images and graphics clearly convey the intended theme (1-5)
C. Typefaces chosen clearly convey the intended theme (1-5)
D. Colors chosen clearly convey the intended theme and mood (1-5)
E. Typeface changes are used effectively to prioritize, direct, and give visual interest (1-5)
F. Scripture verse fits and is represented well by the other design elements chosen (1-5)

Composition
A. Layout priority causes you to see the main subject first and then directs you through all other information in order of priority (1-5)
B. Visual balance is achieved by the way the weight of each element (images, text, color, empty space, etc.) is distributed over the design (1-5)
C. Visual connection of the elements to each other by their placement. Related items are set together so that they are viewed as a group (1-5)
D. Proximity—All the parts “fit together.” Nothing placed randomly without purpose (1-5)
E. Construction of subject is confidently expressed (1-5)

Effectiveness
A. Target audience is visually engaged through the presentation (1-5)
B. Excitement about ISC is expressed in the presentation (1-5)
C. Desire to attend ISC is created through the presentation (1-5)

Presentation
A. Accurate information of locations, dates, times, Scripture verse, etc. (1-5)
B. Information management is correct in spelling, punctuation, and grammar (1-5)
C. Print is clear, free of flaws, flat, clean, and correctly mounted (1-5)
D. Frame is in harmony with and enhances the image, and has a hangar (1-5)

Degree of difficulty (1-5)
Proper documentation submitted

TOTAL POINTS (100)
HINTS FROM THE PENNANT DESIGN JUDGES

The most important elements in a Pennant Design entry are the accuracy of the information and your creativity. Use your own work and create an original presentation related to the ISC theme. Think outside the box and present something unique. Note that creativity is 10% of your total score in this event. Be sure all elements meet A.C.E. standards (photos, Scripture verses in KJV, etc.).
SECTION IV
Photography Division

GENERAL GUIDELINES

TYPES OF ENTRIES
There are two classifications: Color and Monochromatic (black and white, sepia, and grayscale). Contestants may enter any of the classifications in the following categories.

Note: Monochromatic (black and white, sepia, and grayscale) Plants and Animals is a combined event, whereas Color Plants and Color Animals are two separate events. Contestants may use any camera for all categories.

1. Scenic—A picturesque outdoor setting.

2. Still Life—A picturesque indoor arrangement of objects.

3. Animals—A picture of living animals, birds, insects, etc., taken in their natural or unnatural habitat (zoo pictures permitted).

4. Plants—A picture of living flowers or plants taken in their natural or unnatural habitat (botanical gardens are permitted).

5. Special Effects—(color only) TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY using objects, lighting, lenses, or other equipment to create an illusion or unusual effect. Include a detailed description on the Photography Report (CF37) of how you created your special effect. Computer software (Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, CorelDRAW®, etc.) may not be used.

6. Character Trait Picture—A picture that portrays one of the ninety character traits listed below. The Character Trait must be listed on the 3" x 5" card attached to your entry.

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Optimistic  Prudent  Resourceful  Sincere  Tolerant
Orderly   Punctual  Respectful  Steadfast  Trustworthy
Patient   Pure       Responsible  Submissive  Truthful
Peaceful  Purposeful  Reverent  Tactful  Understanding
Perseverant Ready    Righteous  Temperate  Virtuous
Persuasive Rejoiceful  Secure  Thorough  Wise
Prepared  Repentant  Self-Controlled  Thrifty  Zealous

7. Computer Photo Enhancement (Color Only)—a photographic image (picture) taken with a film or digital camera and enhanced with computer software programs (such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, or CorelDRAW®). Anything may be done to enhance the photographic image as long as it meets A.C.E. guidelines.

COLOR AND MONOCHROMATIC RULES
1. Entries must have been taken after the completion of the previous International Student Convention and must not have been entered in any other contest.
2. Entries must be the sole work of the student.
3. Entries should be approximately 8” x 10” mounted with a mat approximately 11” x 14” (no frames).
4. Entries must arrive for judging in satisfactory exhibition condition.
5. A.C.E. is not responsible for entries lost or damaged.
6. Subjects in entries MUST conform to A.C.E. Student Convention dress standards.
7. Each photo may be entered in only one event.
8. Students may use any camera for all entries.
   Computer software (such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, or CorelDRAW®) may be used for red eye, cropping, rotating, color balance and tonal adjustment (lightness, darkness, and contrast—not enhancement), and printing only. No other enhancement allowed in these categories.

COMPUTER PHOTO ENHANCEMENT ADDITIONAL RULES
1. Computer Photo Enhancement is a photographic image (picture) taken with a film or digital camera and enhanced with computer software programs (Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator, Corel Draw, or other image enhancing programs). Anything may be done to enhance the photographic image as long as it meets A.C.E. guidelines.
2. All photographs used as background or added materials must be taken by the student.
3. Objects may be added or deleted from the image (picture). For example, an object may be removed and added to a new environment, or objects can be added to create a new environment. Text may be added to make a poster, church bulletin, greeting card, etc.
4. The student must attach the original photographic image (picture) on the back of the enhanced photo for comparison purposes.
Checklist for Photography:

1. For Regional Convention and International Convention:
   a. Each entry must be labeled with a 3" x 5" card securely attached to the back of the mat with the following information: entry (Character Trait portrayed if entering Character Trait picture), student’s name, school name, customer number, school address, city, state, ZIP/Postal Code.
   b. Photography Report (CF37) is only required for Special Effects (securely attached to the back of the entry).
2. For **Regional Convention** ONLY: Judge’s Forms (CF38)—Three (3) copies with name, school, customer number, address, and entry.

| Note to Sponsor: Be sure the contestant enters the correct category. Review the Judge’s Forms to see where points are given and make sure that the entry includes each point. |

CRITERIA

**Meets A.C.E. Guidelines**—The subject matter or topic treated must conform to A.C.E. standards of what is acceptable in behavior, dress, etc.

**Composition**—The visual process of organizing the elements and individual details of a scene into a balanced and pleasing arrangement.

**Mounting**—The color, texture, and permanence of the material on which the photograph is exhibited.

| HINTS FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES |

Judges will pay close attention to the technical qualities of your work. Next to content comes composition. This includes the number of subjects, their arrangements, and the background of the picture. When composing, keep your photography simple. Too much symbolism or clutter is distracting to the viewer. Avoid placing the main subject “dead center.” This produces a dull, static effect, which is not very pleasing to the eye. After composing the photo, carefully check the background for distracting, objectionable elements. Many fine shots have been ruined by ugly telephone wires or distracting blotches of color that detract from the main subject. Nothing in the photo, even though in the background and out of focus, should violate the A.C.E. standard of dress, behavior, etc. Finally, pay close attention to the finishing touches. Your photo should be clean and free of scratches, dust specks, or wrinkles, and should be matted attractively. Often these are the factors that are used to break ties.
## PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING CRITERIA

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### IMPACT

- **Uniqueness** – Selection of subject shows creative effort (1-5)
- **Perspective** – Angle and distance between camera and subject is ideal (1-5)
- **Intensity** – Immediately captures the viewer’s attention (1-5)
- **Resonance** – Evokes an emotional response (1-5)
- **Memorability** – Creates a lasting impression (1-5)

### COMPOSITION

- **Positioning** – Subject location(s) within the composition is pleasing and balanced (1-5)
- **Isolation** – Subject is obvious within its setting (breadth and depth) (1-5)
- **Insulation** – Subject is captured in a manner that eliminates distractions (1-5)
- **Orientation** – Choice of portrait or landscape format is ideal (1-5)
- **Difficulty** – Capturing this image required extra physical effort (1-5)

### EXPOSURE

- **Focus** – The focal point and depth of field capture the entire subject (1-5)
- **Brightness** – Whites are not “blown away” and darks are not without definition (1-5)
- **Contrast** – Full dynamic spectrum ranging from highlights to shadows (1-5)
- **Clarity** – Strong resolution free from noise, pixilation, artifacts, and dust spots (1-5)
- **Color** – Correct white balance with good saturation and appropriate vibrancy (1-5)

### PRESENTATION

- **Color** – Choice of mount enhances image rather than detracting from it (1-5)
- **Texture** – Print paper choice and mount texture complement the composition (1-4)
- **Quality** – Print and mount are flat and well adhered to one another (1-4)
- **Condition** – Print and mount are free of scratches, stains, and scuffs (1-4)
- **Conformity** – Subject matter conforms to A.C.E. Guidelines (1-5)

### PROPER DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED

- **(1-3)**

| TOTAL POINTS | (100) |
# PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING CRITERIA (CHARACTER TRAIT)

## Areas of Evaluation

### POSSIBLE POINTS

#### IMPACT
- **Uniqueness** – Selection of subject shows creative effort (1-4)
- **Perspective** – Angle and distance between camera and subject is ideal (1-4)
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- **Clarity** – How obvious is the chosen trait (1-5)

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SECTION V
Needle and Thread
Division

All categories are for FEMALE contestants only. Contestants must make girls’/ladies’ garments (except in crochet and knitting). No children’s garments are permitted, as well as other projects, except in crochet and knitting. No full-size afghans are permitted in these two categories. Contestants are allowed to submit one entry per category and must not receive help on their projects other than instructions.

All fashions must meet A.C.E. dress requirements. Do not submit miniskirts, slacks, pantsuits, shorts, bathing suits, sleepwear, or garments with low necklines. Slits in skirts/dresses must meet the A.C.E. dress standard—slit no higher than the bottom of the knee. These rules also apply to the subjects used in Needlework entries. Thin or “see-through” fabrics must be fully lined WITH OPAQUE MATERIAL; LACE MATERIAL IS SEE-THROUGH.

No Needle/Thread entry should attempt to portray the face or image of Christ.

Please note: Latch-hook is not allowed. Projects must be completely finished to be eligible. The contestant is encouraged to be creative and vary from the pattern. If this is done, the differences should be explained on the Needle/Thread Report (CF49). Points are given for originality.

ALL NEEDLE/THREAD ENTRIES MUST HAVE BEEN STARTED AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, and work on the project must be done entirely by the student. Exception: Quilts – see Quilts under NEEDLEWORK for more information.

Checklist for Needle and Thread:
1. Pattern (only those pieces used).
3. Judge’s Forms—Three (3) copies with name, school, customer number, address, and entry (FOR REGIONAL CONVENTION ONLY).
4. A 3" x 5" card MUST be attached to each piece of the entry with the following information: print or type the student’s name, school name, customer number, school address, city, state/province, ZIP/Postal Code, and category entered.
5. Plastic bag to hold pattern, Needle/Thread Report, and Judge’s Forms. (JUDGE’S FORMS FOR REGIONAL CONVENTION ONLY.) Attach bag to hanger of garments. Attach with safety pin to Needlework entry, or secure to back of frame as applicable.
6. A COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF GARMENT BEING MODELED. (This does not apply to Needlecraft items such as sweaters.)
Note to Sponsor: Be sure the contestant enters her project in the correct category. Review the Judge’s Forms to see where points are given and make sure that the entry includes each point. Seam finishes are judged according to the work involved as well as neatness. Christian appearance is a must in all entries.

GARMENTS
1. **Coordinates**—Two pieces only. Select one of the combinations: skirt and blouse; jumper and blouse; two-piece dress; or culottes and blouse. **Use appropriate fabric for coordinates.**
2. **Dresses**—church dresses, casual dresses, tailored dresses one piece only, materials used must meet A.C.E. guidelines.
3. **Formals**—full-length (to the shoe top) dress or fancy blouse and skirt combination. No uneven hems. The hems may be altered after competition to tea length or uneven hems if the student prefers those styles. (Materials used must be A.C.E. guidelines.)
4. **Coats/Suits**—raincoats and overcoats must be three-fourths (3/4) or dress length (NO JACKETS) and fully lined. The three-fourths length coat is to be just below the fingertips when the arms are held straight down at the sides. Suits (2-piece minimum) should meet A.C.E. dress requirements and be fully lined. A portion of the lining on all garments in this category must be left open for judging.

**NO SERGED SEAMS** on garments. There is no way to judge a serged seam against a hand/machine finished seam. **NOTE:** Serging may be used to finish a seam, as you would use a zig-zag stitch. See Hints from the Needle/Thread Judges.

COORDINATES/DRESSES/FORMALS JUDGING CRITERIA
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COATS/SUITS JUDGING CRITERIA
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POSSIBLE POINTS

Pattern and photograph submitted (1-5)
Creativity—Pattern changes, color changes, originality (1-10)
Overall beauty—Coordination of colors and accessories (such as buttons and bows), matching of plaids, etc. (1-10)
Stitching—Machine and hand (1-10)
Seam finish (1-10)
Buttonholes, zippers, or fastenings (1-10)
Sleeve set and detail (1-10)
Collar/neckline detail (1-10)
Hem detail (1-5)
Lining and interfacing (1-10)
Proper documentation submitted (1-5)
Meets A.C.E. Guidelines (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

NEEDLECRAFT

1. **Counted Cross-Stitch**—No stamped cross-stitch will be accepted. Pictures must be framed without glass. The back of all work must be accessible for judging. Example: tablecloths, place mats, pictures, samplers.

2. **Embroidery**—Decorating fabric with embroidery floss or thread. The back of all work must be accessible for judging. Pictures must be framed without glass. No counted cross-stitch, see “Counted Cross-Stitch” category. “Punch and sew” embroidery will not be accepted. Only regular “needle and thread” embroidery will be judged. Examples: scarves, pillowcases, tablecloths, hand towels, borders for skirts, pillows, pictures, samplers.

3. **Crochet**—Examples: baby afghans (no dimension smaller than 36 inches and no dimension larger than 48 inches), shawls, tablecloths, bedspreads, dresses, sweaters, baby garment sets (sweater, cap, mittens, or booties).

4. **Knitting**—**Machine knitting not allowed.** Examples: baby afghans (no dimension smaller than 36 inches and no dimension larger than 48 inches), shawls, tablecloths, bedspreads, dresses, sweaters, baby garment sets (sweater, cap, mittens, or booties).

5. **Afghans**—Afghans may be either crocheted or knitted. No baby afghans in this category. **Minimum size is 50" x 70".**

6. **Quilts**—May be machine or hand constructed. (Hand constructed quilts will receive higher points.) **Minimum size is 50" x 70". Quilts must have been started and completed within fifteen months of Regional Convention.** See Hints from the Needle/Thread Judges.
COUNTED CROSS-STITCH AND EMBROIDERY
JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

Pattern submitted (1-5)
Creativity—Pattern changes, color changes, originality (2-20)
Overall beauty (1-15)
Technique—Difficulty and variety of stitches (1-15)
Uniformity of stitches (2-20)
Finishing—Thread ends secured, preferably no knots (1-10)
Blocking (1-10)
Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

CROCHET, KNITTING, AND AFGHANS
JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

Pattern submitted (1-5)
Creativity—Pattern changes, color changes, originality (1-10)
Overall beauty (1-10)
Technique—Difficulty of stitches, variety of stitches (1-15)
Uniformity of stitches (1-15)
Gauge (1-10)
Finishing—Thread ends secured, preferably no knots (1-10)
Blocking (1-10)
Proper documentation submitted (1-10)
Meets A.C.E. Guidelines (1-10)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

QUILTS JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

Pattern submitted (1-5)
Creativity—Pattern changes, color changes, originality (1-15)
Overall beauty (1-15)
Quilt top

Quilting stitches—Uniformity, size, hand- or machine-stitching goes through all layers of quilt

Size—Meets Convention Guidelines

Finishing for presentation

Proper documentation submitted

TOTAL POINTS (100)

HINTS FROM THE NEEDLE/THREAD JUDGES
The qualities the judges look for are originality and careful attention to details. High points are given for neatness, cleanliness, uniformity, and precision (finishing for presentation).

GARMENTS: Be creative. Fit your pattern to meet your body shape and size, and the color should be appropriate for your personal color palette. It is very important to be modest. Pay close attention to where seams, buttons, decorations, necklines, and hemlines are positioned.

Use the right size and type needle for your chosen material. Remove all gathering and stay-stitching. Grade all seams and top stitch facings. Blind hemstitch all hems, hiding as much of the stitching as possible. Attach hooks and eyes as smoothly as possible (no bulky stitches). Smooth sewing adds points in two areas, “Hand Stitching” and “Overall Beauty.” Finish seams, even those under your lining. (A portion of the lining must be left open for judging).

Higher points will be received for the more difficult seam finishes. A proper seam finish should be used according to the type of material. Wools are usually bound, crepes need French seams. Zigzag and pinked seam finishes are the easiest and will receive the least points. Serging is only allowed for finishing. Pressing as you sew is very important. Even though a garment is slightly wrinkled en route to the Convention, the correct pressing of each part as it is assembled will be evident to the judges. Bound buttonholes, where appropriate, will receive higher points than machine buttonholes. Cover all shoulder pads. Try to stay away from “key hole” openings. Replace them with buttons and buttonholes or a zipper. Choose appropriate fabric and pattern for the category.

NEEDLEWORK: It is best not to have any knots or loose ends. When working with an even number of threads, you may cut your thread twice the length needed, fold in half, thread loose ends through eye of needle, bring needle up from back side of fabric, go down and catch loop end of thread with needle. Now you have started your work without knots or loose ends. To tie off without knots, simply hide ends in same color thread as previous stitches.

When framing your needlework picture, DO NOT PUT GLASS in the frame. The glass distorts stitches and makes judging difficult.

QUILTS: Quilting stitches (the stitches that go through all layers of the quilt) are what the judges are looking for. “Tying” is very easy, and cannot compare to actual “quilting.” Hand-quilting will receive higher points than machine-quilting.
SECTION VI
Athletic Division

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL ATHLETIC COMPETITION

Implementing a sports program can be of tremendous benefit to the Christian school. Godly coaches can use sports to teach character and self-control. Sports can also be used as an instrument to create and promote school spirit. On the other hand, a sports program has the potential of becoming an end in and of itself. Students and staff who hold sports above all else do themselves a disservice and do not honor the Lord.

Regional and International Student Conventions are not intended to be tournaments to determine state and national championships. Schools that enter regional competition solely to compete in sports are missing a tremendous opportunity for their students to broaden their talents and abilities in other areas.

Regional and International Student Conventions may refuse to accept teams or individuals:
1. Who are only interested in sports competition.
2. Whose coaches or players have demonstrated a disrespect for A.C.E. leadership, officials, and/or other teams and coaches.
3. Who have repeatedly displayed a negative attitude.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT PENALTY – DISQUALIFICATION
A.C.E. desires to assist schools in training young people to respect authority and conduct themselves in a Christian manner at all times, including stressful or demanding situations. Many times “Christian testimonies” are tarnished by public displays of unsportsmanlike conduct. Remember, God is not necessarily concerned with who wins the game but rather how the game was played. Any participant, player (on the court or on the bench), or coach who conveys and/or displays any attitude of disrespect, disgust, and/or disagreement could be disqualified from athletic competition.

Athletic Dress Check
The athletic judges will conduct dress check each day before every athletic event. Students will not be allowed to compete until dress corrections are made. (See athletic dress guidelines on pages I-9 and I-10.)

First Aid
Each school is responsible for providing their own first-aid supplies and assisting their own students for athletic competition.
TRACK (Male and Female) AND FIELD (Male Only)

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR TRACK AND FIELD
1. Appropriate athletic clothing must be worn. Boys must be clean shaven to compete. (See athletic dress code in Section I of these guidelines.)
2. A contestant may enter no more than three events (four events at Regionals) in Track and Field.
3. It is the responsibility of the contestant to be present when his event is run. He will be disqualified if he misses his event.
4. Substitutions in relay teams are allowed only in cases of sickness or family emergency.
5. All substitutions must be approved by the Meet Director.
6. Contestants must compete with shoes on both feet.
7. In all field events, it is the contestant’s responsibility to check in with the Chief Judge before competition begins.
8. Any contestant performing in both field events and running events must immediately report to the starting place for his race when his running event is announced over the P.A. system. However, he must tell the field event Chief Judge of his whereabouts and report back to the same judge when his running event is completed; each contestant shall resume field competition where he left off.
9. Qualifiers for the final heats will be the eight contestants or teams with the fastest qualifying times. Twelve (12) contestants qualify for fastest times for the 1600-Meter Run and twelve (12) for the 800-Meter Run.
10. A heat shall consist of up to eight runners with each runner assigned his own lane.
11. Winners of heats shall be placed in lanes accordingly:
   a. Fastest Time Lane 4
   b. Second fastest time Lane 5
   c. Third fastest time Lane 3
   d. Fourth fastest time Lane 6
   e. Fifth fastest time Lane 2
   f. Sixth fastest time Lane 7
   g. Seventh fastest time Lane 1
   h. Eighth fastest time Lane 8
12. In the 100-Meter Dash, the 200-Meter Dash, the 400-Meter Dash, the 400-Meter Relay, and the first lap of the 1600-Meter Relay, a runner shall run within his assigned lane and shall not step over his lane line for three or more consecutive steps with either or both feet.
13. In the 800-Meter Run, the 1600-Meter Run, and the second lap of the 1600-Meter Relay, a runner must be one full stride ahead of another runner before he can cut over to the latter’s course.
14. A.C.E. International Student Convention Track and Field Records may be set during preliminaries at the A.C.E. International Track Meet.
15. All field measurements are to be recorded to the nearest 1/4 inch except in the high jump where the measurements will be recorded, by the judges, to the nearest 1/2 inch. Times are to be recorded to the nearest 1/10 second.

16. Starting blocks may be used for any race. It is the responsibility of a fellow teammate to remove the blocks immediately after the race has begun.

17. In all events that involve measuring (except high jump), ties by identical measurements shall be separated by the second best performance of the tying contestants. If a tie still exists, it shall be decided by the third performance.

18. Spectators and coaches are not allowed on the track field.

19. Contestants may wear watches during competition.

20. IMPORTANT: The Regional Convention reports the winning time and distance for each contestant at the Regional Convention on CF52 to the International Convention Office.

For more specific rules for Track and Field, please refer to the Track and Field Rule Book published by:

National Federation of State High School Associations
NFHS Customer Service
P. O. Box 361246
Indianapolis, IN 46236-5324
(800) 776-3462
Fax: 317-899-7496
Email: nfhsorder@sportg.com
Website: www.nfhs.com

In case of a conflict of rules, the A.C.E. guidelines have precedence.

**TRACK AND FIELD ORDER OF EVENTS**

100-Meter Dash
1600-Meter Run
400-Meter Dash
200-Meter Dash
800-Meter Run
400-Meter Relay
1600-Meter Relay

This order is given for your information in selecting your participation in Track events.

**RELAYS (400-, 1600-Meter) (Male and Female)**

**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

1. Each relay team must consist of four members.
2. Relay runners must be dressed in uniformity; all four runners must be dressed alike.
3. Each member must run at least one, and no more than one, leg of the relay.
4. A baton must be carried and passed, not thrown, in succession to each runner.
5. In each relay, a runner must pass the baton to the next runner inside the 20-meter passing zone. Passing of the baton before the baton reaches the zone or after it goes beyond the zone,
disqualifies that team.
6. After passing the baton, runners must continue in their lane so as not to interfere with others.
7. The baton must be carried by hand.
8. If any member of a relay team runs any part of the race without a baton, his team shall be
   disqualified.
9. A dropped baton must be recovered by the runner who dropped it, without interfering with
   other runners. If a baton is dropped in the passing zone, either runner of the same team in the
   zone may recover the baton. Disqualification occurs for interfering with another runner.
10. A member of a relay team may not run outside the passing zone to take the baton from a
    fallen member.
11. A runner who is to receive the baton may start his running no more than 10 meters outside
    the 20-meter passing zone. A runner may also start his running anywhere inside the 20-meter
    passing zone.
12. In the 400-Meter Relay, the runners must remain within their lanes throughout the race.
13. A 400-Meter Relay team shall consist of 4 runners, each running approximately 100 meters.
14. A 1600-Meter Relay team shall consist of 4 runners, each running approximately 400 meters.
15. In the 1600-Meter Relay, one lap must be completed before any runner may move to an
    inside lane. The curve judge of the final leg of the race shall arrange the runners from the
    inside lane out according to the order of the upcoming runners as they round the curve.

   Contestants should select events carefully so they will not be competing in a back-to-
   back situation; i.e., 400-Meter Relay followed by 1600-Meter Relay.

HIGH-JUMP (Male Only)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

1. Before competition, each contestant may take one trial jump at the starting height (4’ 6”)
   for all contestants. Each contestant is allowed three (3) attempts at each height to clear that
   height. A third failed attempt eliminates the contestant.
2. A successful jump is one in which a jumper clears the crossbar without knocking the crossbar
   off the uprights. An unsuccessful attempt is one in which the contestant knocks the crossbar
   off with any part of his body or clothing.
3. A legal jump is one in which the jumper takes off or jumps from one foot.
4. Contestants reporting late will have to begin jumping at the present bar height.
5. A high jump crossbar shall be raised two inches at a time until the height of 4’ 10” is reached.
   From then on, the height shall be raised one inch at a time until six contestants remain. At
   that point, the height shall be raised one-half inch at a time.
6. A contestant may pass at any height. Once he has begun his jumping at any height, he may
   not pass that height.
7. A record of failures and successes shall be marked for all contestants. A zero will stand for
   a miss, an X will stand for a successful attempt, and a P will stand for a pass. (See example
   below.)
Example:

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<tr>
<th>5' 0&quot;</th>
<th>5' 2&quot;</th>
<th>5' 4&quot;</th>
<th>5' 6&quot;</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>J. Michael Kindhart</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>0 0 X</td>
<td>P</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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8. A try at a height shall be scored when any contestant touches the crossbar, upright supports, or landing area on any official run.
9. The winner shall be the person who has made the highest jump. In the case of a tie, the person with the least number of misses shall be declared the winner. If any contestants still remain tied, a jump-off shall occur and be judged again on fewest misses or highest height.
10. After all other contestants have failed, the one contestant left has the right to continue jumping until he has three consecutive misses.

RUNNING LONG JUMP (Male Only)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

1. Each contestant is allowed three jumps.
2. Before competition starts, each contestant is allowed two practice jumps.
3. A foul jump occurs when the take-off extends past the scratch line. The edge of the take-off board nearest the landing pit shall be the scratch or foul line.
4. A foul jump occurs if the contestant touches any area outside the landing pit during his jump or if he runs through or past the pit after having begun his approach.
5. Measurements shall be made at right angles to the scratch line from the nearest break in the landing pit made by the contestant’s feet, hands, body, or clothing.
6. The landing pit must be raked smooth by an official following each jump.
7. All jumps are to be recorded by the Chief Judge.

SHOT-PUT (Male Only)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

1. Athletic Director will provide the twelve-pound shot.
2. Before competition starts, each contestant is allowed two practice puts.
3. The contestant with the longest put shall be declared the winner.
4. Each contestant is allowed three puts. They are to be taken in succession or in rotation with the other contestants. The contestant may choose one of these two ways.
5. A legal put must be made with one hand. During the attempt, the shot must not drop to the shoulder and must be kept in close proximity to the jaw.
6. A legal put must land in the designated area. The contestant’s foot must not touch the out-of-bounds circle or, if using a stop-board, the top surface area of such stop-board. Any area outside the circle is also illegal until the put has been marked by the officials.
7. All puts by each contestant are to be recorded.
8. It is not a foul if any part of the contestant swings outside the circle without touching the ground.
9. See the National Federation Handbook for Track and Field for the correct way to measure a put. (For complete address, see page VI-3.)
**DISCUS (Male Only)**

**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

1. Athletic Director will provide the standard size (3 lb. 9 oz. and 8 1/4” to 8 5/16” diameter) rubber discus.
2. The contestant is allowed two practice throws.
3. The contestant with the longest of three throws will be declared the winner.
4. The contestant may not leave the designated throw circle during his event.
5. Items 6, 7, 8, and 9 under “Shot-Put” as applicable.

**SOCCER KICK (Male Only)**

**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

Soccer Kick competition will be conducted as an elimination event in a similar manner as High Jump.

**Rules**

1. A standard #5 soccer ball must be used by all contestants. The Convention Director shall provide a regulation ball and net.
2. The ball must be properly inflated and will be checked by the Event Director.
3. Athletic shoes without hard toes are required.
4. A kicking tee must not be used.
5. A successful kick is one that passes into the net without touching the ground. It must be in flight when it passes over the goal line.
6. Contestants are permitted two “warm-up” kicks.
7. Contestants can take no more than two approach steps.
8. Contact with the ball constitutes a kick.
9. A group of contestants will start at 10 yards.
10. Contestants must report at the scheduled time and continue until eliminated. Contestants reporting late for competition will begin where the ball is currently placed.
11. Each contestant is allowed three tries at that distance. They may pass if they so desire.
12. After all contestants have either passed or attempted the kick, the ball is moved back 5 yards. Rule #11 then applies again.
13. Continue the above process until a winner has been determined.
14. A record of failures and successes shall be marked for all contestants. A zero will stand for a miss, an X will stand for a successful attempt, and a P will stand for a pass. (See example below.)

Example:

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<th>Distance</th>
<th>20 yds</th>
<th>25 yds</th>
<th>30 yds</th>
<th>35 yds</th>
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<tr>
<td>Racer Loyalton</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0 X</td>
<td>P</td>
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15. The winner shall be the person who has made a successful kick from the longest distance. In the case of a tie, the person with the fewest misses shall be declared the winner. If any contestants still remain tied, a kick-off shall occur and be judged again on fewest misses or longest kick.
16. After all other contestants have failed, the one contestant left has the right to continue kicking until he has three consecutive misses.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD** (Male Only)
**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

**Pull-Up**
1. Standing with the bar adjusted to at least eight (8) inches beyond extended arm, grasp bar with back of the hand toward the contestant.
2. Flex arms, raise body, touch chin to bar; return to starting position.
3. Move upward and downward with body in extended position.
4. The contestant will be allowed five minutes to perform as many pull-ups as possible without stopping.

**Pushup**
1. Front lying, palms of hands flat on floor and approximately one (1) foot from ears directly to side of head.
2. Straighten arms to lift body.
3. Chest must touch floor for each completed movement.
4. Body must remain in a rigid position during the upward push and downward motion.
5. The contestant will be allowed five minutes to complete as many pushups as possible without stopping.

**Sit-Up**
1. Back lying, legs bent at least 90° angle, feet together flat on floor, arms folded across the abdomen without holding shirt.
2. Sit up and touch the knees with the folded arms without holding shirt.
3. Keep arms folded, hands on opposite biceps, resting on your chest in the down position and extended to touch the top of the knee on the upward movement. Buttocks must stay in contact with ground.
4. The Event Judge will assign a “buddy” who will hold the contestant’s feet against the floor.
5. The contestant will be allowed ten minutes to perform as many sit-ups as possible without stopping.

**Rules**
1. The contestant must do the exercises in the following order (1) pull-ups, (2) pushups, and (3) sit-ups.
2. The student will be required to reach a standard in the first two stations of physical fitness in order to continue in the event: 6 pull-ups and 25 pushups.
3. Only 60 seconds will be allowed between exercises.
4. A judge will count the number of correct exercises performed. The judge will “warn” the contestant of the first improper movement; count will stop at the second improper movement or when time is up.

**Scoring**

- Pull-Ups - 1 point each
- Pushups - 1/2 point each
- Sit-Ups - 1/3 point each

The contestant with the highest total points shall win first place. Subsequent places will be determined by total points of each contestant.

Physical Fitness competition is counted as one of the three athletic events in which a male contestant is allowed to compete.

**BASKETBALL (Male Only)**

**ELIMINATION/PERFORMANCE EVENT**

**Team**

A team shall consist of five (5) players minimum to ten (10) players maximum. A team will not be permitted to start a game with less than 5 members. Only players, two coaches, and one statistician are allowed on the team bench.

**Uniform**

Each team is to be in a standard uniform (every member dressed alike). Each player’s shirt is to be numbered on both front and back with a solid color number contrasting with the color of the shirt. The number on the back shall be at least six inches (6”) high and the number on the front shall be at least four inches (4”) high. Teams with similar colors will wear pullovers.

NOTE: Any number, one or two digits, cannot exceed “5.” (Please refer to SECTION I for guidelines on attire.)

**Choice of Ends**

The team representing the smaller school (age 13 and older students) shall have the first choice of ends. Teams shall change ends at the half. Benches will be assigned by the Director.

**A Game**

A game shall consist of two, eight-minute periods separated by a five-minute half time. A game shall be won by the team having scored the most points by the end of sixteen minutes of playing time. Winning teams advance. Winning team coach takes game report, with score of game, to the check-in table for the next assigned game time. Losing teams are eliminated, unless needed to determine third through sixth place. Regional Conventions may play double elimination, if time permits. The time rules are to be used for the entire tournament, even championship games at International Student Convention and Regionals.
Warm-Up Time
Each team will have at least five (5) minutes of warm-up time, unless it is game time; then present team may take the court to warm-up.

Time-Outs
Each team is given two (2) full one minute time-outs and two (2) thirty second time-outs per game.

Overtime
Three (3) minutes duration, each team will be allowed one additional time out.

Fouls
Three personal fouls per game disqualify a player. Bonus (1 and 1) foul shots on 4th through 6th team fouls in each half. Double bonus, shoot 2 foul shots on the 7th and subsequent team fouls in each half.

Technical Fouls
Technical fouls are also counted as personal fouls and team fouls. Bad language will result in a technical. Coaches and/or players will be removed for the rest of the half for a negative attitude technical. If a coach or player receives a second technical foul, then he is eliminated for the rest of the game and tournament.

Rules
For general rules, see the National Federation of State High School Association’s Basketball Rules Book (contact information on page VI-3). ISC rule states that any team that is 45 minutes or more late for their scheduled game will forfeit their match.

Table Help
Each team must provide one person to help with the score table for each game played.

Cheering
Teams are not permitted to have cheerleaders.

TABLE TENNIS SINGLES (Male-428) (Female-450)
ELIMINATION/PERFORMANCE EVENT

Table Tennis Uniforms
Male and Female - Appropriate athletic clothing must be worn for all games. (See athletic dress codes in SECTION I of these guidelines for male and female requirements.)

The Racket
The racket may be any commercially produced paddle with rubber sheets. The rubber sheets must completely cover the side or sides being used to strike the ball. There can be no holes or damaged portions on the rubber sheets. (Sandpaper, cloth, or bare wooden surfaces are not allowed.)
The Choice of Ends and Service
The choice of ends and the right to be server or receiver in the first game of every match shall go to the younger player, provided that, if he chooses the right to be server or receiver, the other player shall have the choice of ends, and vice versa. Following the first game, the players then switch sides, and the first server of the first game becomes the first receiver of the second game. If a third game is required, the procedure will be the same as the first game.

Warm-Up
Because of a limited time schedule, warm-up may be no longer than two (2) minutes on the game table.

Game and Match
Games will be played to 11. A match is best two-of-three games. After each 2 points have been scored, the receiving player shall become the serving player and so on until the end of the game, unless both players score 10 points. When the score is tied at 10, the serve will alternate after each 1 point until a player wins by 2 points. From quarterfinals on (if time permits), a match may consist of the best three-of-five games.

Rules
During the course of a match, coaching is not permitted during a game but can be done between games, if it does not delay the next game. Because of the time limitations, play should be continuous. In the final match, play should likewise be continuous throughout, except that either opposing player is entitled to claim a repose period of not more than five minutes duration between the second and third games of a three-game finals match. Any other circumstances requiring a delay in play, be it injury, equipment problems, or other, shall be considered and ruled on by the Chief Judge.

Judge will call score before each serve. A serve made prior to score called will be a let and will be played over again. Contact with the ball must be above the table level and behind the end line (not sides) on a serve. The judge must be able to see the ball at all times. The server must hold ball in OPEN PALM and toss ball up during the serve. If a player fails to strike the ball after it has been tossed up for service, the receiver gets the point. The player shall lose a point IF his free hand or body disrupts playing surface. Instruct the players to check with the head judge before leaving the room after each match.

For general rules, you should consult those adopted currently by USA Table Tennis (USATT, formerly USTTA). For a current copy of USATT rules, contact USATT at the following address.

USA Table Tennis
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Phone: (719) 866-4583
FAX: (719) 632-6071
Email: usatt@usatt.org
Website: www.usatt.org
TENNIS SINGLES (Male-431) (Female-454)
ELIMINATION/PERFORMANCE EVENT

Tennis Uniforms
Male and Female - Appropriate athletic clothing must be worn for all games. (See athletic dress code in SECTION I of these guidelines.)

The Racket
The racket may be any commercially produced racket.

The Choice of Ends and Service
The choice of ends and the right to be server or receiver in every match shall go to the younger player, provided that, if he chooses the right to be server or receiver, the other player shall have the choice of ends, and vice versa.

A Game
It takes four (4) points to win a game unless the game reaches deuce, in which case play continues indefinitely until one player gets two (2) points ahead.

A Set
A regular set shall consist of six (6) games. A short set begins play at two (2) games all. The 12-point tie breaker will be used in all sets that reach six (6) games.

A Match
A match shall consist of two (2) of three (3) short sets, except for finals. Finals matches shall consist of the best of two (2) out of three (3) regular sets.

The 12-Point Tie Breaker
Player A, having served the first game of the set, serves the first point from the right court. Player B serves points 2 and 3 (left and right). Player A serves points 4 and 5 (left and right). Player B serves point 6 (left) and, after players change ends, point 7 (right). Player A serves points 8 and 9 (left and right). Player B serves points 10 and 11 (left and right). Player A serves point 12 (left). A player who reaches 7 points during these first 12 points wins the game and set. If the score has reached 6 points all, the players change ends and continue in the same pattern until one player establishes a margin of two (2) points, which gives him the game and set. Note that players change ends every six (6) points. For a following set, the players change ends and player B serves the first game.

Rules
For general rules, see the U.S. Tennis Associations Rule Book. It may be ordered from the following address or through your local bookstore.
VOLLEYBALL (Female Only)
ELIMINATION/PERFORMANCE EVENT

It is recommended that teams learn to play “power volleyball” as opposed to an open-handed “beach ball” type of game. The Volleyball Rules Book, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, gives more precise rules and regulations. You must obtain the latest edition of these rules as they are subject to change each year. To order, call or write to the address given on page 3 of this Section.

Players
A team must have a minimum of six (6), maximum of twelve (12) members to compete. A team shall consist of six (6) players to begin a match. Only players, two coaches, and one statistician are allowed on the team bench.

Uniforms
Each team is to be in a standard uniform (every member dressed alike). Each player is to be identified by a number on the uniform top that is not a duplicate of a teammate’s number. It is recommended that a 2-inch number be placed on each sleeve near the shoulder seam. A 4-inch number shall be located on the upper front of the uniform top and placed so that the top of the number is no more than 4-inches down from the shoulder seam. The number on the back of the uniform top shall be at least 6-inches high. (See female athletic dress codes in SECTION I of guidelines for requirements.)

Game and Match
Rally scoring is to be used to keep score. Points are awarded on each play regardless of which team serves. The let (net) serve shall be allowed, and play shall continue provided net contact is entirely within the net antennas. Matches are two (2) out of (3) games. The 1st two games are played to 25 with a cap of 30 (this means if a game is tied 29-29, the next point wins). The 3rd game is played to 15 (with no cap and the first to 15 wins).

Playing Area
Before a match begins (and before the third game of a match if necessary to determine the winner of a match) the team from the least total pupil enrollment (age 13 and older students) shall have the choice of serving/receiving or from which court they will serve.
Table Help
Each team must provide one person to help with the score table and provide one person to line judge for each game played.

Warm-Up Time
Each team will have at least five (5) minutes of warm-up time, unless it is game time; then present team may take the court to warm-up.

Substitution
The coach may make a request for substitution when the ball is dead. The referee will report the change to the scorer and then signal the substitute to enter the game. The incoming player must take the position in the serving order of the player replaced.

Correct substitution procedure is covered in Rule 10 of National Federation’s Volleyball Rules Book. It includes the number of entries a player is allowed; substitution for an injured/ill player before and during a game; and illegal, improper, and abnormal substitutions.

Rotation
When a team loses its serve, the team receiving the serve rotates one position, clockwise.

Player Actions
Pass A play in which the ball is hit into the air so that another player can get into position to contact the ball.
1. Forearm pass – a controlled skill, generally used as a team’s first hit in which the ball rebounds from the forearms of the receiver to a teammate.
2. Overhead pass (setting action) – two-hand finger action directing the ball to a teammate.
3. Set – two-(or one-) hand finger action directing the ball to an attacker.
4. Dig – an underhand or overhead defensive saving skill in which the ball is contacted by the forearms, fists, or hands.

Attack Any play adding force and/or direction to the ball with the intention of returning the ball to the opponent. A team’s third hit is always considered an attack.
1. Spike – an attack play in which the ball is forcibly hit into the opponent’s court with a one-hand overhead motion.
2. Tip/Dink – a fingertip attack on the ball which directs the ball into the opponent’s court.
3. Dump – a fingertip attack most commonly used by a setter on the second hit.
4. Overhead pass – two-hand finger action directing the ball over the net.

Block A play approximately arm’s length from the net in which a player, whose hand is raised above the head, contacts the ball near the top of the net in an attempt to:
1. Prevent the ball from crossing the net, including a served ball.
2. Return the ball immediately.
3. Deflect the motion of the ball.
A block may involve wrist action provided there is no prolonged contact. (Sometimes more than one player is involved in the play as described above.)
Time-Outs
Requests for time-out shall be made by the coach or playing captain only during dead balls but not after the referee has signaled for the next serve.

Charged time-outs shall not exceed 60 seconds, and each team is limited to two time-outs per game. Requests for additional time-outs shall not be honored and shall be penalized by point or side-out. Time-outs may be taken consecutively without play between them. A time-out requested prior to the start of the game shall be honored.

An additional time-out shall be permitted each team when the score is 25-25.

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<td>Remember that, although the matches at Internationals will be scheduled for a precise time, you should keep in close contact with the competition in case of unexpected schedule changes.</td>
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Read the latest edition of the National Federation’s Volleyball Rules Book carefully; many helpful situations are discussed (contact information on page VI-3).

ARCHERY (Male and Female)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

Classes
- Unlimited Free Style (Male-436) (Female-445)
- Limited Free Style (Male-437) (Female-446)
- Bare Compound Bow (Male-438) (Female-447)
- Traditional Instinctive (Male-439) (Female-448)

(No student may enter more than two archery events.)

Unlimited Free Style
This class will be reserved for the top archers. To compete in this class at Internationals, a student must score a minimum of 160 points out of a possible 240 at the regional level. Verification of this score, signed by the local Convention Coordinator, must accompany the student to International Student Convention. This must be presented to the Chief Judge on the day of competition.

Equipment for this class may vary as listed. A bow (compound or recurve) may be used. This bow must meet all general guidelines for equipment. A release aid, adjustable sights (with nonmagnifying dot, cross hair, or pins), stabilizer over twelve inches, and wings will be allowed. Sights may be adjusted at will; however, no extra time will be allowed for setting sights. Any one
or all of these added to a bow will move it to this class.

**Limited Free Style**
Equipment for this class is as listed. A bow (compound or recurve) may be used. This bow must meet all general guidelines for equipment. Sights on this bow must be fixed pin sight. Archers will not be allowed to adjust their sights at the shooting line. Any stabilizer used must be twelve (12) inches or less. Wings are not allowed. Arrows must be released by fingers without the help of any mechanical device (no release aid).

**Bare Compound Bow**
This class is restricted to compound bows. Bows must meet all general guidelines for equipment. No sights, stabilizers, or wings allowed in this class. An arrow rest and nock are the only items allowed on a bow.

**Traditional Instinctive**
This class is restricted to recurve, long bows, and self-made bows. Bows must meet all general guidelines for equipment. No sights, stabilizers, or wings allowed in this class. An arrow rest and nock are the only items allowed on a bow. The bow may be shot off the shelf.

**Equipment**

**Bows**
All bows must be in good condition with no frayed strings or cracks in the riser or limbs. No bow will be used that is considered unsafe. No overdraws or bows with a built-in overdraw will be allowed. The maximum draw weight for any bow will be sixty (60) pounds. All compound bows will be checked for proper draw weight at equipment check. No shooter will be allowed to compete with a bow set over sixty (60) pounds. (Please read Safety section on page VI-16.) The minimum draw weight will be twenty (20) pounds. **Crossbows are not allowed.**

**Arrows**
Arrows must be selected that match the draw weight of the bow. Arrows should be used that will spine correctly and weigh at least five (5) grains for each pound of draw weight. (Example: a 50-pound bow should use at least a 250-grain arrow.) Your local archery shop will be glad to help with arrow selection and setup.

Arrows will be equipped with target or field tips only. No hunting tips or broadheads of any kind are permitted. A contestant should take at least eight (8) arrows to the shooting line. Seven (7) arrows will be shot at each target. The Chief Judge will mark one of the seven arrows with a “P” indicating a practice arrow. The score for the practice arrow will not be counted. The eighth arrow will be used as a spare should an arrow be lost or damaged. All arrows shall be of identical length and weight. Arrows can be made of aluminum, carbon, or aluminum/carbon composite. Good wood arrows can be used in the traditional class. Wood arrows will not be allowed with compound bows.

**Arrow Nocks**
Bow strings must be fitted with no more than two (2) standard metal nocks. If two (2) are used,
they may be no more than one-half inch apart.

**Strings**

Bow strings in the Unlimited and Limited Free Style classes may contain any type of sighting mechanism, except those that are electrically powered or use any type of magnifying lens. String walking is not allowed in any class.

**Targets**

All targets will be round 48" ten-ring targets. The distance will be as follows: 20, 30, 40, and 50 yards.

**Safety**

The utmost care will be given to safety. A bow is a deadly weapon, not a playroom toy. Any student who does not follow all safety rules will be removed from the firing line.
1. Never point your bow in a direction other than downrange.
2. No horseplay!
3. Never run with an arrow in your hand.
4. Don’t nock an arrow until instructed to do so.

Any student who cannot safely pull his/her bow will be asked to lower the poundage. The person should be able to pull the bow to full draw without having to reach to the sky or ground. A good way to check this is to have the student sit on a bucket and pull the bow. If he cannot pull it without reaching up or down, lower the poundage.

A.C.E. recommends that your equipment be inspected for safety by a professional before competition.

**Rules of Competition**

1. Each student will comply with all orders given by the judges.
2. No coaching from the sidelines.
3. Once on the line, shooters may talk only to the judge.
4. Shooters may not distract other archers.
5. The decision of the judges is final.

**Order of Competition**

1. Each archer will shoot seven (7) arrows at each target. (One is practice.)
2. When advancing to the firing line, each archer will place bow on the ground or place it in a bow holder (archers provide own holder).
3. On the order, “The line is clear. You may pick up your bow,” archer picks up bow. Next, “The firing line is no longer clear. Commence firing.” At this command, archers shoot arrows. When each archer finishes shooting arrows, the bow is placed on the ground or in a bow holder. When all bows are on the ground or time has run out, the Line Judge will say, “Cease firing.” At this point, anyone not finished will place his bow on the ground. The Line Judge will then say, “Is the firing line clear?” Each judge will respond by raising his or her hand. When the Line Judge is satisfied that the line is clear he will say, “The firing line is clear. Advance to your target score and remove your arrows.” When all archers and judges have returned to the line, the Line Judge will say, “Advance to the
next target.” These steps will be repeated until each archer has completed the course.

**Scoring**

Scoring will be from ten to zero with bull’s-eye being “10.” Any arrow that touches the next higher score will be scored at the higher score. The highest possible score will be 240 points.

**Time**

There will be a time limit of five (5) minutes on each target for the archer to shoot all seven (7) (one practice) of his/her arrows. Two (2) minutes will be allowed to score the archer’s arrows. If lost arrows are not retrieved in this time limit, the student may come back after competition is over and search for lost arrows.
SECTION VII
Color Guard/Flag Corps Division

COLOR GUARD (Male Only)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

Participation in Color Guard is an excellent way to learn teamwork. On the drill field, individuals learn to appreciate the need for discipline—the need to respond to vested authority, to follow orders promptly and precisely, and to recognize the effect of their actions on the group as a whole. Learning to follow is the beginning of leadership.

Rules
1. A Color Guard unit shall consist of five (5) members including the unit commander (two riflemen, two flag bearers, and one commander).
2. The unit commander may be an adult or student.
3. Each presentation is limited to not more than five (5) minutes.
4. Each unit commander must work within the framework of the order of competition found in the judge’s sheet (CF67).
5. Weapons must not be loaded or fired with live ammunition or blanks. Any rifle must be nonworking with no firing pin or must be a dummy drill rifle.
6. The following flags must be presented and posted: Country’s flag of the unit and the Christian flag. (Other flags may not be used.)
7. Color Guard units must provide two (2) flag stands for posting the colors.

Commands
Voice characteristics—The individual tone, clarity, and depth that make the voice recognizable.
Projection—The ability of a person to project the voice to whatever distance desired without undue strain.
Inflection—The rise and fall of the voice; the change in pitch.
Snap—That extra quality in a command that demands immediate response.

Response of Team
Snap—That extra quality of response which comes from much practice.
Timing—Responding precisely to the cadence of the command.
COLOR GUARD JUDGING CRITERIA

Areas of Evaluation

**Inspection**
(The unit commander reports to the Chief Judge after the unit is called to attention.)

- A. Neatness (1-5)
- B. Uniforms (1-5)
- C. Equipment (1-5)
- D. Uniformity (1-5)

**Marching, rifle, and flag skills/alignment of unit**
(The unit marches forward to present the colors. The distance of march must be 30 steps forward.)

**Proficiency of reversing the colors**
(Colors are reversed to prepare for posting.)

**Presenting the colors to the judges**
(Unit is called to present arms.)

**Posting of the colors in proper holders**

**Retrieving of the colors**
(After the colors have been placed, and before the color bearers return, the call for carry colors is given and any additional commands to return the colors back to the Color Guard unit.)

**Dismissal of Color Guard unit**
(After the colors have returned to the unit, the unit will be commanded to march back to its original starting position for dismissal.)

**Commands**
(Projection, inflection, snap, response of unit in snap and timing)

**Error-free routine**

**Within time guidelines**

**Proper documentation submitted**

**TOTAL POINTS** (100)

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**FLAG CORPS** (Female Only)

Flag Corps competition is designed for female contestants who want to perform in a precision team event requiring uniforms, drills, routines, and flags (banners). Equipment consists of colorful flags and banners on poles. Uniforms must comply with convention dress standards for female contestants (skirts, blouses, culottes, and nylons). Contestants may not sing or chant; they may issue short vocal responses to commands.
Rules
1. A Flag Corps must consist of at least five (5) but not more than twenty-five (25) members including the corps commander.
2. The commander may be an adult or a student.
3. Routines are limited to six (6) minutes.
4. Each corps commander must submit a diagrammed plan for her routine.
5. Flags must be mounted on poles not to exceed nine (9) feet long.
6. Firearms are not permitted.
7. Weapons are not permitted, for example, swords, lances, and spears.
8. Routines will be performed to a specific piece of music chosen by A.C.E. Each year, a different music selection will be available on CD upon request.

Suggestions for routines
Flag Corps should incorporate the following movements in their presentations.

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Flag Positions
- Straight Up
- Slant Upward
- Left Position
- Right Position
- Motion

FLAG CORPS JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation                      POSSIBLE POINTS

Inspection
- A. Uniforms (1-5)
- B. Equipment (1-5)
- C. Neatness (1-5)

Marching and drills (2-10)
Stationary movements (2-10)
Flag skills (2-10)
Commands (1-10)
Complexity/creativity of routine (2-15)
Overall appearance (2-10)
Error-free routine (1-10)
Within time guidelines (1-5)
Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)
SECTION VIII
Music Division

OFFICIAL A.C.E. STATEMENT OF ACCEPTABLE MUSIC FOR STUDENT CONVENTION COMPETITION

A.C.E. desires to have the highest quality music competition possible. Such competition is intended to demonstrate a student’s instrumental and vocal music skills, while encouraging a student to apply his musical talents to Christian values. A.C.E. encourages all students to aspire to reach their highest potential; maximizing the gifts God has given them.

Please note: A.C.E. fully supports the authority of the local church and does not ask churches or Christian schools to adopt these music guidelines as their ministry standard. Furthermore, such standards are not given to imply greater spirituality. It is our privilege to minister to a very diverse group from various denominations, each having a particular distinctive in musical standards. In an effort to show deference to those attending, A.C.E. has set specific standards for our competition. We respectfully ask that all sponsors and students maintain good Christian character and graciousness at all times, especially in adhering to and respecting the standards set forth for convention.

Competition arrangements are to be Christian or patriotic rather than secular. Classical instrumental music is allowed as long as it is nonoffensive to Christian values or good taste. Music sung or played with a jumpy, sensual, or worldly style is not acceptable. Contemporary Christian, jazz, gospel rock, or gospel country music are not acceptable. In our music guidelines, “contemporary” refers to a style of music, not the date on which a piece was written. Music must be appropriate for a typical conservative fundamental church service (musical arrangement, text, and presentation). In Vocal and Instrumental Music categories, contestants are not permitted to use the musical score (except small and large instrumental ensembles). Narration and/or dramatic dialogue are not allowed.

An analysis of music, text, and performance techniques are essential in determining whether a song/performance is suitable. Music is appropriate only when the lyrics, musical style, and presentation are consistent with Biblical principles.

A.C.E. requests that ALL VOCAL ENTRIES be presented in the ENGLISH LANGUAGE. We apologize that we are not able to grant any exceptions.
APPEARANCE

Gentlemen: Dress shirts, ties, and jackets should be worn for all music performances with the following exceptions:
1. School uniforms
2. A tuxedo with either a vest or cummerbund without a jacket

Ladies: Nice church outfits should be worn for all music performances with the following exceptions:
1. School uniforms
2. Formal attire that meets the modesty requirements for convention

When selecting a musical piece, please consider the following:

ELEMENTS OF MUSIC

Melody—A good melody has a definite high place near its conclusion so that there is a sense of climax and resolution.

Harmony—Harmony should support the melody and play a subservient role.

Rhythm—The rhythm of a song has much to do with the overall integrity of the piece. A subtle rhythm or sense of pulsation with a balance of regular accent patterns and occasional syncopation for variety and interest is acceptable. The rhythm must not overtake the melody, harmony, message, or overall flow of a song. Avoid musical compositions with excessive repetition of a melodic phrase, harmonic pattern, rhythmic pattern, or any combination of these three. Music with continuous syncopation, dominant beat, highly accented backbeat, and/or break beat is not acceptable.

Worldly Identification—The message carried by a musical style does not change by simply adding religious or Scriptural lyrics.

A musical composition should have a definite beginning, build to a climax point, and communicate a definite sense of conclusion. The musical sound must not detract from the message of the words.

TEXT

Accuracy—Good lyrics must be Biblically accurate in both definition and associative meaning. The key to a truthful presentation of text is balance and careful examination under the Holy Spirit’s direction that the words are “pure.”

Implications—Any implied ideas must be examined to make sure that nothing unacceptable is implied and that the intent of Scriptural teaching and principle is satisfied. A wise performer will always check the implied communication of a song's message to verify its total accuracy.

Crossover Songs—The lyrics must CLEARLY state at some point Whom the song is about. Avoid songs that have no direct reference to the Lord and others that are written to reference only “He” or “Him” whenever God’s name is mentioned—“crossover songs.” (Such songs are acceptable in both the secular and Christian communities, as the song could easily be sung in the content of a secular love song.) The attributes of God should be maintained in the highest regard any time He is addressed.
Message—Good lyrics say something of value. Not every song needs to be as profound as our richest hymns, but good lyrics never include trite phrases just for the sake of rhyme. Such phrases are designed for entertainment rather than edification. Good lyrics fulfill a definite purpose. If the text is sung as a hymn, it should express some Godly attribute that helps us worship the Lord. If the text is sung as a gospel song, it should be a message that encourages us. The message should also be simple enough that almost anyone can easily understand it, relate to it, and apply it.

PERFORMANCE TECHNIQUES

Presentation—Give careful attention that the musical presentation does not reflect secular styles (breathy, sensual, and so on). “Crooning,” “sliding,” “sagging,” or other such terms are vocal crutches and should be avoided. Use caution that the presentation is not done in an “entertainment” attitude or style.

Movement—No choreography, planned or unnecessary bodily movement (including hand clapping, foot stomping, deaf signing, finger snapping, etc.), will be permitted. Occasional movement of the hands/arms for dramatic effect (i.e., placing hand to heart, raising hand toward Heaven) is permitted but should be used sparingly. Competitors should stand erect; bend knees slightly to relax rigid leg muscles, with arms and shoulders relaxed and thumbs resting at the side-seam of clothing.

Questions to evaluate musical selections/performances:
1. Does the music glorify God, not the performer or composer?
2. Does the music reflect Biblical doctrine and Godly living?
3. Is the rhythm a subservient feature that does not dominate the music?
4. Does the background music play a subservient role to the lyrics and not distract the listener from the message?
5. Are the lyrics Biblically accurate?
6. Is the performance a straightforward presentation, focusing on vocal technique that employs proper breathing (avoiding breathy tones, sagging and sliding pitches, and/or choreographed movement)?
7. Is the music easily identifiable as a Christ-honoring piece as opposed to a “new sound” as in secular or entertainment styles?
8. Does the music invoke positive responses?
9. Does the selection draw the listener closer to God and uplift his/her spirit?
10. Does the music praise the Lord, focus on God, or deliver a clear spiritual message?

When evaluating musical selections, an appropriate piece will always yield a “YES” response to all of the questions given. If there is ANY doubt regarding the appropriateness of a piece and to avoid conflict, please submit the selection to A.C.E. for review/approval. Out of love and respect for the students competing, A.C.E. would never desire a student to invest time and energy preparing a selection, only to be marked down because the selection does not meet the guidelines.
For review/approval, selections must be submitted to A.C.E. no later than **February 1**. Please allow two to three weeks for the review process. Selections, musical score, and lyrics should be submitted to:

Shipping Address:  
A.C.E. STUDENT CONVENTIONS  
130 Maple Drive North  
Hendersonville, TN 37075

Mailing Address:  
A.C.E. STUDENT CONVENTIONS  
P.O. Box 2707  
Hendersonville, TN 37077-2707

Submitted selections will be returned with the A.C.E. seal of approval or an explanation as to why the piece is not appropriate for this competition.

**NOTE:** Any student performing a selection that violates the music standards presented in these guidelines (in musical content, text, or presentation) will not place in competition. Please give careful attention to the musical selection and ensure that it meets the standards set forth in these guidelines.

### GENERAL PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

**IMPORTANT!!!!** All copies of music, CDs, judging forms, and photos must be CLEARLY LABELED with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school telephone number, complete school address, and category.

1. Three copies of the arrangement, **as performed**, must be given to the judges before a performance. Music must be performed exactly as it appears on the score. For example, if chords are changed, music should be rewritten to reflect the changes. **Submitted copies must include the musical score, numbered measures, and the lyrics.** The judges must receive copies of the corrected/changed scores. Copies must be CLEARLY LABELED with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school telephone number, complete school address, and the category.

2. Contestants may sing a cappella; be accompanied by an adult or student (of convention age) **playing a piano;** or use an accompaniment CD **(piano only).** Record only one song per CD. CDs should be CLEARLY LABELED with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school telephone number, complete school address, and the category. Please indicate if a Dolby recording is used in order to avoid confusion if asked to perform at a rally. Other sound tracks are not permissible. Note: Contestants are to make sure the recording is of the best possible sound quality. Poise and presentation are part of the judging criteria; thus contestants are not to provide their own accompaniment.

3. Contestants must submit a color photo (snapshot or Polaroid) of themselves, with faces clearly visible. They must be in the **SAME OUTFIT** they will be wearing for that event. Photos should be CLEARLY LABELED with student’s name, school name, school customer number, school telephone number, complete school address, and the category.
4. At International Student Convention, contestants must perform the same selection performed in Regional Student competition. A student may not use the same song two years consecutively in the same event if he/she (or a group) placed in the top six at International Student Convention the previous year with that song in the same event. In addition, the same selection is not to be used by multiple groups from the same school in the same year.

5. VERY IMPORTANT—See page IX-1 of Platform Competition Division for poise and appearance guidelines.

6. All vocal and instrumental music is to be memorized (exception: Small and Large Instrumental Ensembles).

7. There should be a preselected spokesperson for each group who will introduce the group, the school represented, and the title of the song to be performed. (This is not counted against performance time.)

8. Personal amplification equipment for competition is not allowed.

9. Musical competition time limit is 5 minutes. If competition piece exceeds the 5-minute time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments. (For example, a piece timed at 5:12 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece at 5:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

Checklist for Music:
1. Copies of music: Three (3) copies must be brought to convention. Submitted copies must include the musical score and the lyrics. Each copy is to be inserted in a separate, clear, gallon-sized, zippered plastic bag with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, and school telephone number clearly visible on the front of EACH copy.

2. Photo: Submit a color photo (snapshot or Polaroid) simulating the performance wearing the outfit in which the student will perform. VERY IMPORTANT: CLEARLY LABEL the BACK of the photo with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school telephone number, and school address, and the category.

3. Judge’s Forms: Submit three (3) copies, properly filled out. (These forms are available on the School Registration program.)

4. CD player (if applicable): If using a CD for accompaniment, each contestant must provide his or her own playback device.

5. When selecting music for vocal music competition, careful attention should be given to level of difficulty. Songs with too much unison or lack of distinct, individual parts do not usually place well. All members (duet, trio, quartet, etc.) or sections (ensemble) should demonstrate an ability to “carry” their individual parts with proper pitch, tone, and blend.

VOCAL

Solo (1 contestant) Time limit: 5 minutes
There are two different entries available in the solo category: male or female.

Duet (2 contestants) Time limit: 5 minutes
There are three different entries available in the duet category: male, female, or mixed.
Trio (3 contestants) Time limit: 5 minutes
There are three different entries available in the trio category: male, female, or mixed.

Quartet (4 contestants) Time limit: 5 minutes
There are three different entries available in the quartet category: male, female, or mixed.

Small Ensemble (5-15 contestants*) Time limit: 5 minutes
There may be only one school entry under the designation “Small Ensemble.” Your ensemble may be male, female, or mixed, but it will be judged with all the other Small Ensembles. It may have an adult directing. If a student plays accompaniment, he is not included in the 15 total allowable contestants. (*The adult director is not considered a contestant.)

Large Ensemble (16 + contestants*) Time limit: 5 minutes
There may be only one school entry under the designation “Large Ensemble.” Your ensemble may be male, female, or mixed, but it will be judged with all other Large Ensembles. It may have an adult directing. (*The adult director is not considered a contestant.)

Note: Contestants may not use sound equipment during competition. Winners selected to perform before a rally audience will be provided with appropriate microphones.

VOCAL MUSIC JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation
Appearance and stage deportment
A. Approach—confident, yet with grace and humility (1-3)
B. Posture—upright look, not slumped (1-3)
C. Eye contact—scanned the audience, not stared (1-3)
D. Poise—in full control (1-3)
E. Clothing—color coordinated, neat, sharp, beautiful (1-3)
F. Departure—confident (1-3)

Interpretation
A. Mood—prayerful, enthusiastic, peaceful (1-3)
B. Intensity—not too weak or too strong, enough power, etc. (1-3)
C. Style—presentation matched the printed intention (1-3)
D. Tempo—flowing, not too fast or too slow (1-3)
E. Phrasing—feeling of motion or rest (1-4)
F. Climax—handled well (1-4)
G. Dynamics—volumes changed correctly (1-4)
H. Word Emphasis—each word received right emphasis (1-3)

Musicianship
A. Memory (1-5)
B. Projection—each part of the music could be heard (1-5)
C. Proper diction—correctly pronounced, articulated, enunciated (1-5)
D. Tone quality—full, rich sound (1-5)
E. Correct rhythm—performed like the printed page (1-5)
F. Proper breathing—breathed at the right places, the right way (1-5)
G. Intonation—correct pitch for solos or blends for groups (1-5)
H. Balance of voices and/or accompaniment—
   accompaniment added to the beauty, not overrode (1-5)

Appropriateness of selection
A. Message/ministry—it ministered to the listener (1-5)
B. Degree of difficulty (1-5)

Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

INSTRUMENTAL

Piano Solo—Time limit: 5 minutes
Separate competition for male and female contestants. Piano will be provided by

Woodwind Solo—Time limit: 5 minutes
Any woodwind instrument, such as flute, saxophone, clarinet, etc. See Instrumental
Music Judging Criteria, pages VIII-9, 10. (Note: A recorder is not considered a
woodwind instrument and should be entered into the miscellaneous category.)

String Solo (Bowed)—Time limit: 5 minutes
Violin, viola, cello, string bass, etc. See Instrumental Music Judging Criteria,
pages VIII-9, 10.

String Solo (Plucked, hammered, strummed, etc.)—Time limit: 5 minutes
Harp, classical guitar, banjo, mandolin, etc. See Instrumental Music Judging Criteria,
pages VIII-9, 10.

Brass Solo—Time limit: 5 minutes
See Instrumental Music Judging Criteria, pages VIII-9, 10. (Note: Although many saxophones
are made of brass, they are not in the brass family of instruments. Saxophones are woodwind
instruments.)

Miscellaneous Solo—Time limit: 5 minutes
Includes instruments such as accordion, marimba, xylophone, recorder, handbells/hand chimes,
bagpipe, etc. Drums and amplified instruments are not permitted. Percussion is only permitted
in Large Instrumental Ensemble. Accompaniment is limited to piano. See Instrumental Music
Judging Criteria, pages VIII-9, 10.

Piano Duet—Time limit: 5 minutes
Two people playing the same piano or two pianos. Pianos will be provided by the Convention.
**Instrumental Duet Competition**—Time limit: 5 minutes
A combination of any two instruments (woodwind, string, brass, etc.) played together with or without accompaniment. Piano accompaniment is permissible and may or may not be counted as one of the two instruments. If piano is accompaniment only, please note such on the Judge’s Form (e.g., two guitars playing the melody with piano accompaniment, one guitar and piano sharing the melody). See Instrumental Music Judging Criteria, pages VIII-9, 10.

**Instrumental Trio Competition**—Time limit: 5 minutes
A combination of any three instruments (woodwind, string, brass, etc.) played together with or without accompaniment. Piano accompaniment is permissible and may or may not count as one of the three instruments. If piano is accompaniment only, please note such on the Judge’s Form. See Instrumental Music Judging Criteria, pages VIII-9, 10.

**Instrumental Quartet Competition**—Time limit: 5 minutes
A combination of any four instruments (woodwind, string, brass, etc.) played together with or without accompaniment. Piano accompaniment is permissible and may or may not count as one of the four instruments. If piano is accompaniment only, please note such on the Judge’s Form. See Instrumental Music Judging Criteria, pages VIII-9, 10.

**Small Instrumental Ensemble Competition (5–10 contestants)** —Time limit: 5 minutes
Five to ten (5–10) contestants with any variety of instruments. The time limit for the entire setup and performance will be twenty (20) minutes. There may be an adult directing. Piano accompaniment is permitted and may or may not count as one of the instruments. If piano is accompaniment only, please note such on the Judge’s Form. Musical scores are allowed. **Percussion is only permitted in Large Instrumental Ensemble.** See Small and Large Instrumental Ensemble Judging Criteria, pages VIII-10, 11.

**Large Instrumental Ensemble Competition (11–40 contestants)** —Time limit: 5 minutes
Eleven to forty (11–40) contestants with any variety of instruments. The time limit for the entire setup and performance will be twenty (20) minutes. There may be an adult directing. Piano accompaniment is permitted and may or may not count as one of the instruments. If piano is accompaniment only, please note such on the Judge’s Form. Musical scores are allowed. **Percussion is permitted in Large Instrumental Ensemble.** See Small and Large Instrumental Ensemble Judging Criteria, pages VIII-10, 11.

**Handbell/Hand Chime Choir (5–18 contestants)** —Time limit: 5 minutes
There may be an adult directing. Piano accompaniment is permitted. Musical scores are not allowed. See Handbell/Hand Chime Choir Judging Criteria, page VIII-10.

**GENERAL RULES**
1. One piano will be provided.
2. All other instruments are to be provided by the school.
3. No electrical instruments or amplification may be used.
4. For musical selection, follow the official statement of acceptable music given on page VIII-1.
PIANO JUDGING CRITERIA

Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

Appearance and deportment (1-5)
Difficulty (1-10)
Memory (1-15)

Musical features
A. Melody—clearly heard (1-5)
B. Phrasing (1-10)
C. Rhythm (1-10)
D. Pedaling (1-10)
E. Tempo (1-10)
F. Dynamics and performance indications (1-10)
G. Smoothness of execution (1-5)
H. Conveys the spirit of the music (1-5)

Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC JUDGING CRITERIA
(Excludes Small and Large Ensemble)

Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

Tone
A. Beauty/clarity (1-4)
B. Color (1-4)
C. Strength, control, and embouchure (1-4)
D. Intonation (1-4)

Technique and Musicianship
A. Meter (1-4)
B. Melody (1-4)
C. Fingering and hand positions (1-4)
D. Accents (1-4)
E. Precision (1-4)
F. Slurs (1-4)
G. Bowing (strings), tonguing (wind instruments) (1-4)
H. Attacks (1-4)
I. Cutoffs (1-4)
J. Accuracy (1-4)
K. Memory (1-5)

Interpretation
A. Tempo (1-4)
B. Style (1-4)
C. Phrasing (1-4)
D. Dynamics (1-4)
Presentation
   A. Deportment (1-3)
   B. Posture (1-3)
   C. Balance and integration of accompaniment (1-4)

Selection
   A. Message/ministry—Does it minister to the listener as performed? (1-4)
   B. Degree of difficulty (1-4)

Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

HANDBELL/HAND CHIME CHOIR JUDGING CRITERIA

Areas of Evaluation

Memory (1-10)
Approach/departure (1-5)
Musicianship (1-5)
Appearance/poise (1-5)
Interpretation (1-10)
Blend—how bells/chimes are struck together (1-10)
Appropriateness of selection (1-10)
Rhythmic accuracy (1-15)
Tone—consistency of strike, form (1-10)
Technique—damp, trills, vibrato, etc. (1-15)
Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

SMALL AND LARGE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE JUDGING CRITERIA

Areas of Evaluation

Tone
   A. Beauty/clarity (1-4)
   B. Color (1-4)
   C. Strength, control, embouchure (1-4)
   D. Intonation (1-4)

Technique and musicianship
   A. Meter (1-4)
   B. Melody (1-4)
   C. Fingering and hand positions (1-4)
   D. Accents (1-4)
   E. Precision (1-4)
   F. Slurs (1-4)
   G. Bowing (strings), tonguing (wind instruments) (1-4)
   H. Attacks (1-4)
   I. Cutoffs (1-4)
   J. Accuracy (1-4)
**Interpretation**
- A. Tempo (1-4)
- B. Style (1-4)
- C. Phrasing (1-4)
- D. Dynamics (1-4)

**Presentation**
- A. Deportment (1-3)
- B. Posture (1-3)
- C. Balance and integration of accompaniment (1-3)

**Selection**
- A. Message/ministry—Does it minister to the listener as performed? (1-4)
- B. Degree of difficulty (1-10)

Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

**TOTAL POINTS** (100)

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**MUSIC COMPOSITION**
The contestant writes and submits an original song. The composition must include a **melody line** and a **simple accompaniment plus words**. (The student may add harmony parts, if he so chooses. A more complex piece will receive a higher score in the “Harmony” section on the Judge’s Form.) Music Composition is an individual student event, not a collaboration between two or more students. Compositions will be judged according to the generally accepted principles of traditional musical composition, and manuscripts (whether written by hand or produced with the assistance of a computer) will be judged according to the norms of standard musical notation. Students should be aware that compositions simply played on a keyboard and produced without musical review often violate many principles of musical notation. Students are permitted to submit compositions that have been typeset on a computer program (e.g., Finale). However, no points will be deducted for handwritten manuscripts.

1. The words must be Christian or patriotic. They must follow the rules of poetry, including theme, poetic language, rhythm, and rhyme (as applicable). The words and music should enhance one another.
2. Scripture may be used.
3. The music must be accurately written by the student in acceptable standard music notation.
4. Three (3) copies of a CD of the music composition entry are required. (The quality of the tape performance will not influence the judge’s evaluation of the composition.)
5. The selection WILL NOT be performed live by the contestant.
6. The music composition must have been written after the termination of the previous International Student Convention and must be the original work of the contestant.
### MUSIC COMPOSITION JUDGING CRITERIA

**Areas of Evaluation**

#### Lyrics
- **A.** Originality—fresh approach; not trite, no clichés (overused phrases) (1-5)
- **B.** Message—clearly defined and enlarged upon (1-5)
- **C.** Theme—Christian or patriotic values expressed (1-5)
- **D.** Form—poetically correct in rhyme and rhythm (1-5)
- **E.** Compatibility—lyrics suit the music composed (1-5)

#### Music
- **A.** Originality—clear attempt to produce a unique composition without borrowing from other works (1-5)
- **B.** Unity—continuous flow (1-5)
- **C.** Mood—emotional influence created (1-5)
- **D.** Melody—original and creative (1-5)
- **E.** Harmony—variety and enhancing to melody (1-5)
- **F.** Rhythm—supportive of but not detracting from melody/harmony (1-5)
- **G.** Accompaniment/chord progressions—original yet pleasing and melodic (1-5)
- **H.** Dissonance—use and resolution (1-5)
- **I.** Dynamics—effective use (variation in volume and pace) (1-5)
- **J.** Cleanliness of sound—polished composition (1-5)

#### Accuracy
- **A.** Correct use of the musical notation system (1-5)
- **B.** Readability (1-5)

#### Selection
- **A.** Degree of difficulty (1-5)
- **B.** Ministers—Does it minister to the listener as performed? (1-5)

#### Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

**TOTAL POINTS** (100)

### Checklist for Music Composition:

1. Three (3) copies of the music composition and CD must be submitted with entry. Each copy is to be inserted in a separate, clear, gallon-sized, zippered plastic bag with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, and school telephone number clearly visible on the front of EACH copy. **DO NOT SUBMIT** your original copy.

2. Include three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28), properly signed. **Attach one copy to each copy of the music composition.**

3. Three (3) copies of the JUDGE’S FORMS (CF75) are required for Regional and International Student Conventions.

4. One entry per contestant.
MUSIC ARRANGING
Music Arranging is an individual student event designed to allow an original melody to be set to new harmonies or a new format. A song could be put in any vocal, piano, or instrumental arrangement (e.g., choir, ensemble, piano solo, or band arrangement). Entry must be the original work of the student. The entry must be ORIGINAL in its entirety except for the actual melody.

1. Three (3) copies of the music arrangement must be submitted. Each copy is to be inserted in a separate, clear, gallon-sized, zippered plastic bag with the student’s name, school name, school customer number, school address, and school telephone number clearly visible on the front of EACH copy. DO NOT SUBMIT your original copy.

2. Include three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28), properly signed. **Attach one copy to each copy of the music composition.**

3. Three (3) copies of the JUDGE’S FORMS (CF76) are required for Regional and International Student Conventions.

4. One entry per contestant.

5. Three (3) copies of a CD of the music arrangement is required.

6. The entry must be the original work of the contestant and must have been written after the termination of the previous International Student Convention.

7. The copyright owner of the song should be contacted for permission to write an arrangement of his/her song.

MUSIC ARRANGING JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation

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<td>B. Counter-melody action (instrumental) or vocal variety (distinct, individual parts)</td>
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<td>C. Structural foundation (sustained instrumentation or underlying oohs and ahs)</td>
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<td>G. Accompaniment/chord progressions (melodic)</td>
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<td>H. Effective use of dynamics (variation in volume and pace)</td>
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<td>I. Use/resolution of dissonance</td>
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<td>J. Economy (only included notes that serve a specific purpose)</td>
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<td>K. Overall emotion/mood created effectively</td>
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<td>L. Focus (melody as the point of attention; interludes or postludes, if any, serve as enhancement points for variation)</td>
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Accuracy
A. Correct use of the musical notation system (1-5)
B. Readability (1-5)

Selection
A. Degree of difficulty (1-5)
B. Originality (completed work shows a clear attempt to “rearrange” an existing song into a unique composition) (1-5)
C. Message/ministry (ministers to the listener) (1-5)

Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

HINTS FROM THE MUSIC JUDGES
Most of the music judges’ comments deal with intonation (the ability to sing and play in tune) and rhythmic accuracy. In many musical traditions, and especially in gospel music, it is important for the performer to be able to improvise and make various changes to the composition as it is performed. In this competition, however, the judges are requiring the music to be performed exactly as it is written. Often, student performers have lost many points because they performed a piece according to the way they have heard it in the past instead of the way the music indicates.

Both vocalists and instrumentalists need to be aware of the fact that good intonation is often made easier by obtaining a qualified instructor who can teach the basics of breathing, posture, and other items that are the foundation of good musical performance.

Please be aware that the accompaniment is a vitally important part of a musical entry. If the accompanist does not have the ability to easily perform the accompaniment, it will undoubtedly cause the score to be lowered. Recognizing the fact that many published arrangements deliberately simplify piano accompaniments so more pianists can easily perform the music, the judges will allow improvisation in the piano accompaniment; however, this liberty does not extend to the actual contestant.

Do not choose music that is overly difficult in an effort to impress the judges. It is impossible to hide the fact that you are performing music that is beyond your ability. Instead of raising your score by selecting impressive selections, your score will be lowered because you cannot perform the music well. It is better to choose simpler music that you can perform well.

PLEASE carefully review the official A.C.E. Statement of Acceptable Music in these guidelines before selecting your competition piece. If you have questions about the suitability of a certain piece, please submit it to A.C.E. for review and approval. (See VIII-4.)
PREPARING FOR CONVENTION

TONE QUALITY

General

Beauty of tonal color
Each instrument or ensemble group possesses a unique characteristic tone quality (color). Performers are expected to achieve this tonal color in performance. Listen to quality recordings of professionals, and strive to match their tonal color as you play. Do not emulate the tonal production of jazz performers, stage bands, or the projection of performers in marching bands. Listen to classical soloists or chamber groups to develop a refined sound. Poor tone quality is usually an indication of improper air concepts on winds instruments, poor bow control on strings, or improper stroking on percussion instruments.

Control and stability
These terms refer to evenness of tone and ease of tonal production. Control and stability are best achieved by daily, thoughtful practice of long tones and scales throughout the instrument’s range over a long period of time. Be prepared to spend many years of consistent practice developing control and stability of a beautiful tonal color.

Solo

Range development
Choose a solo that demonstrates your full note range. Solos that require tones that are too high or too low and solos that do not demonstrate the performer’s full range should be avoided or modified.

Embouchure (Winds)
The embouchure (lip and jaw function) should work freely to allow the air stream to cause a proper vibration. Obtain the services of a professional private instructor to develop proper embouchure habits.

Ensemble

Balance of parts
Keep in mind that the melody line must predominate and that accompanying parts must present a unified foundation for the melody whenever it is present.

Group blend
Blend the voices of the ensemble so that they present a unified tonal color, one that is characteristic for the type of group that you are presenting. Strive to develop a classical chamber sound.

INTERPRETATION AND MUSICIANSHIP

Phrasing
This element, more than any other, separates maturity levels in performance. Only a small percentage of the dynamic and tempo variations are actually indicated in the score. Identify each phrase, and then identify the highest point of intensity within each phrase. Finally, use the tools of expression, tempo, dynamics, and spirit to enhance that point of intensity within each phrase.
Expression, tempo, dynamics, and spirit
Strive to present the emotional intent of the composer/arranger and the spiritual qualities of the song’s message (when applicable).

Tradition
Some pieces, especially sacred classics, require some understanding of the performance practices of the musical period during which they were written. If you select, for example, a piece from the Baroque period, you would do well to research performance practices (including ornamentation styles) of the period. Please keep in mind that recordings can sometimes be quite misleading since not all recording artists emphasize historically accurate performances.

TECHNIQUE
General (All Instruments)
Demonstrate Fluency and overall technical ability
Choose a piece that emphasizes your strengths. Fluency refers to technical freedom on the instrument. Many years of faithful practice under the direction of a good teacher are required to develop fluency and a wide-range technical ability.

Articulations/fingerings/hand positions/posture
Specific (Instrument Categories)
Bells and Chimes
Efficiency of stroke technique
For individual stroke consistency or group stroke consistency, choose the stroke patterns that produce the styles and expressions which the piece requires. Then practice those patterns carefully under the watchful eye of an instructor to develop consistency.

Remember—PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT.

Mallets
Hand positions/wrist technique/stroke placement on bars or strings
A private instructor will be necessary to develop proper hand positions and wrist technique. The goal is to be able to play easily and efficiently. Each bar or string possesses a live spot or a heart that produces the optimum sound for that instrument. Bars also possess a secondary spot which may be utilized for efficiency of movement during fast passages. Learn these spots and practice slowly until you can strike the string or bar on its live spot every time.

Strings
Bowing choice and execution
While some bowings are marked, most require a decision on the part of the player. Obtain the services of a private instructor or a professional teacher to assist with bowing decisions. Bowing decisions will affect many other areas of your performance.
Winds
Breath control and tonguing
Proper breath control is evidenced by pure tone quality and freedom in performing many styles of articulation (slurs, staccatos, and a wide variety of accents) at every conceivable dynamic level. The tongue can produce proper articulations only within the context of a well-controlled stream of air.

RHYTHM
Precision
Rhythmic precision refers to the accurate execution of each written rhythmic figure. Any variation to the written rhythms should be noted on each judge’s copy of the music.

Meter
Each time signature receives its own characteristic pulsation within every measure. This pulsation seldom varies throughout the piece unless it is interrupted by special articulations. The performer must learn the metrical pattern of each time signature so that the pulsation and variations in that pulsation can achieve the intended effects.

Rhythmic figure interpretation
Not only is rhythmic precision important, but it is also important to achieve the interpreted style of unique rhythmic figures. For instance, in a march the dotted eighth and sixteenth figure must be treated differently than that same figure when found in a fanfare. Likewise, a triplet across two beats is likely to be performed in two different ways in a classical minuet and in a lullaby. It is also likely to be treated differently at the height of a phrase than from that at the end of a musical section. It may be helpful to secure the assistance of a professional instructor to guide in this area.

Accents
Give special attention to every accent (both written accents and accents that are implied by the meter). There are several types of accents, and each style of piece requires its own special treatment of accents. Also, accents are performed at different intensities, depending on the dynamic level at the time.

INTONATION
Winds and strings
Individual (Solo) and Group (Ensemble)
Winds must be aware that many notes on even the most carefully manufactured instruments are out of tune. These tones must be found (a portable tuner is a great help) and humored into tune. String players must learn accurate pitch placement and must adjust out-of-tune pitches quickly. Groups must practice slowly and carefully to achieve unity of pitch. Practice unison or octave scales in pairs, carefully tuning every tone before moving on, to develop good group intonation skills.
Pretuned instruments in lieu of intonation (Bells, Chimes, and Mallets)

**Execution/consistency/stability of stylistic and dynamic contrasts**

Every consecutive percussive stroke at a dynamic level must achieve a consistent volume level. Also, consecutive strokes in a crescendo or decrescendo must produce smooth dynamic variation.

**Correct choice of mallets for each style/dynamic**

Mallets come in many different materials and tensions to produce different tone qualities and dynamics. Most performances benefit when the mallets are selected according to the musical needs.

**PRESENTATION**

**Suitability to ability**

Choose a piece that clearly shows your ability, keeping in mind that a piece does not need to be difficult to be musically excellent and to minister to fellow believers.

**Suitability of musical style**

Follow the suggested guidelines carefully. Keep in mind that the music itself will develop an atmosphere. That atmosphere should be consistent with the spirit of the song and the spirit of the service in which the piece is being played.

**Stage presence (Soloist) and stage appearance (Ensemble)**

Soloists should try to present a spirit of quiet confidence. Do not look at the judges or audience while playing. You may look at each other if doing so enhances musical communication and performance. Simply concentrate on the music. Ensembles should try to sit or stand in an attractive formation. Give each instrument plenty of room. Make sure your performance area is attractive and orderly. Develop a simple, silent, hidden (if possible) starting signal.

**Entrance and exit**

Take some time to develop an orderly entrance and exit. Look positive from the time that you enter the performing area to the time that you leave.

**Clothing**

Follow A.C.E. *Student Convention Guidelines*. A special uniform for large groups lends much to the overall effect of the presentation. Contestants who do not meet A.C.E. dress guidelines will be asked to return for their performance when they are properly dressed.

**Time limit**

Time your piece when you are selecting it. Choose a piece that fits easily into the time limit. Cuts and tempo variations to make the time limit are often quite distracting. **NOTE:** Musical competition time limit is five (5) minutes. If competition piece exceeds the five (5) minute time limit, the contestant will receive a **.5-point deduction** for any portion of thirty (30) second increments. (For example, a piece timed at 5:12 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece at 5:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)
SECTION IX
Platform Division

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students appearing in any platform competition should observe these important points, as they will enter into the judging process. Carelessness on these points could detract from an otherwise excellent presentation. In most categories, males will compete only against males, and females will compete only against females. A student may not use the same entry in competition if he/she placed in the top six at the International Student Convention with that entry in a previous year.

APPEARANCE

Gentlemen: Dress shirts, ties, and jackets should be worn for all platform events with the following exceptions:
1. School uniforms, or a tuxedo with either a vest or cummerbund without a jacket may be worn to perform.
2. Jackets are not required for PACE Bowl or Puppets.
3. Jackets and ties are not required in the following categories:
   - One-Act Play, Dramatic Dialogue, Illustrated Storytelling, Clown Act, Famous Speech

Ladies: Nice church outfits should be worn for all platform events with the following exceptions:
1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. Formal attire that meets the modesty requirements for Student Convention may be worn.
3. Formal attire or church outfits are not required in the following categories:
   - One-Act Play, Dramatic Dialogue, Dramatic Monologue, Illustrated Storytelling, Clown Act

All dummies, puppets, and characters in plays should conform to A.C.E. dress and hair codes (obvious exceptions: George Washington in powdered wig; apostle Paul in robe, etc.).

Poise—Self-Confidence

Approach—The approach is one of the most important elements in speaking, public reading, or singing. The contestant should walk confidently and briskly to the podium or front of the room and establish eye contact, pause for 5-10 seconds, and begin his presentation.

Eye contact—The contestant should establish rapport with the audience by good eye contact. He should avoid looking down often at his notes or Bible, at the ceiling, or out of the window. His eyes should move up and down, back and forth, over the entire audience slowly and naturally.

Posture and gestures—The rule for posture is DO NOT SLOUCH! The contestant should stand
straight, but not lock his/her knees. Gestures should be free and flow naturally from enthusiasm. Natural movements are more effective than forced gestures. Feel free to utilize the space on the stage or presentation area.

**Delivery**—The speaker should project his voice, using the diaphragm. Recreate the mood, experience, emotion, and feelings of the author. Employ voice variations and tempo.

**Preparation**
Preparation and study are prerequisites for all speaking, reading, or musical performances. Research, organization, outline, and familiarity are the elements of preparation. Students entering any platform competition are encouraged to complete the A.C.E. Speech PACEs (1-6), item #651030.

**Platform presentation**
Introduction of entry before the judges: Contestants in platform presentations are to give their first and last names and title of presentation distinctly (“My name is John Doe and the title of my oratory is __________________.”) For entries involving more than one person, a spokesman should be selected.

JUDGES: This introduction is NOT to be counted as time against their presentation.

All selections and scripts must be memorized. Exceptions: Preaching and Oratory contestants may use outline note cards.

Material should be CAREFULLY CHOSEN OR WRITTEN for platform events to ENSURE that evil characters would NOT be glorified and that the student rehearsing (or the listener) would NOT be forced to dwell on negative or harmful thoughts or ideas.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL AUTHORS/WRITERS FOR ALL PLATFORM EVENT SCRIPTS MUST BE GIVEN PROPER CREDIT.**

**HINTS FROM PUBLIC SPEAKING JUDGES**
In public speaking, the key word is CONVINCING! Whether you present a dramatic monologue, a famous speech, or a recitation, your task is to convince the listener that these are your words, your thoughts, and your feelings. If you are portraying a specific character, you should make the audience believe you really are that person. Many factors contribute to a convincing performance: costuming (if allowed), gestures, posture, voice inflection, and emotion. Match each carefully to your script and character. Perhaps the most frequent comments from the judges deal with “emotion.” Emotion should be carefully balanced. If you portray too little emotion, your performance will appear bland and colorless. If you portray too much emotion, you will appear harsh, phony, and overbearing. Also be careful that your emotion does not detract from clear, crisp, easily understood diction. The key—preparation and practice! Practice in front of a mirror and use every opportunity to perform before others. Remember, the A.C.E. Speech PACEs (1-6) are a wonderful resource tool.

**Checklist for ALL Platform Competition**
1. Three (3) copies of the outline, script, speech, sermon, play, or story must be brought to convention. All copies are to be typed, double-spaced (typewriter or computer) in a clear plastic page protector with the student’s name, school name, customer number, school address, and telephone number visible on the front of EACH copy. Two (2) copies of outlines, scripts, etc. will be returned after your performance by the Chief Judge. One (1) copy of the material and your photo will not be returned. Time permitting, Judge’s Forms (with comments) will be returned at the Regional Student Convention.

2. Photo: Submit a color photo (snapshot or Polaroid) simulating the performance. This is VERY IMPORTANT! Write name and complete school name, customer number, and school address on back of photo.

3. Judge’s Forms: Submit three (3) copies, properly filled out, including the title of the entry. (These may be printed from the School Registration program.)

**ORATORY (Male/Female)**  
**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

PLEASE REFER TO THE PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING FOR ORATORY COMPETITION.

**Note:** In Oratory, male and female contestants will be judged together.

The contestant chooses a topic and presents an eloquent and effective speech. It is a speech that is directed to the emotions with the purpose of persuading an audience to the orator’s viewpoint. The oratory should have a good thesis.

1. The content of the speech must be original and prepared by the contestant. Any sources used for reference and supporting examples must be properly cited. Plagiarism of any kind will automatically disqualify the contestant.
2. An outline (typed, double-spaced) is to be presented to the judges. It should include a title, thesis statement, main points, sub points, and a list of works cited.
3. Appropriate topics include the list of “Composition Topics” in the Essay section of the Guidelines. An orator may also choose to discuss a legal issue, citing specific court cases to support his opinions.
4. Time limit for performance is six (6) minutes. If competition piece exceeds the 6-minute time limit, the contestant will receive a 5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments. (For example, a piece timed at 6:12 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)
## ORATORY JUDGING CRITERIA

### Areas of Evaluation

**POSSIBLE POINTS**

### Mechanics

- A. Approach/departure (1-5)
- B. Appearance (1-5)
- C. Poise/self-confidence (1-5)
- D. Voice projection/inflection (1-5)
- E. Diction/enunciation (1-5)

### Outline

- A. Introduction/closing (1-5)
- B. Major points/facts (1-5)
- C. Illustrations/anecdotes (1-5)

### Delivery

- A. Facial expressions (1-5)
- B. Gestures (1-5)
- C. Eye contact (1-5)
- D. Enthusiasm (1-5)
- E. Persuasiveness (1-10)

### Script Content

- A. Originality (1-10)
- B. Ideas clearly presented in a logical progression (1-5)
- C. Worthwhile message (1-10)

### Proper documentation submitted

TOTAL POINTS (100)

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**Checklist for Oratory:** See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3.

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**DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE (Female Only)**

PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE.

A contestant *characterizes* an individual, expressing that individual’s thoughts, emotions, and reactions in a particular set of circumstances or events relevant to that individual. The presentation must be in the first person. Contestants must *write* and *perform* this original dramatic presentation. The intent is to convey dramatic skills in which the contestant demonstrates ability and training in *acting* and *script writing*.

1. The contestant may choose:
   a. Historical character and setting
   b. Biblical character and setting
   c. Fictional/imaginary character and setting
2. Contestant should wear a costume or garment that helps create a mood.

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3. Contestants are allowed **ONE** hand-held prop. No set is permitted.
4. The monologue must be memorized.
5. An affidavit is required as proof of contestant’s work.
6. Time limit is four (4) minutes minimum, six (6) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a **.5-point deduction** for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

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**Checklist for Dramatic Monologue:** See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these guidelines.

**EXPRESSIVE READING (Male and Female)**

**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

Please refer to platform general guidelines before preparing expressive reading.

An expressive reading is a memorized interpretation by a contestant of a reading which consists of a dialogue between two or more people or a reading in the first person. The reading must have a moral and/or Scriptural value, or must highlight Christian heritage or patriotism. (Poetry or stories with a plot, climax, and ending CANNOT be included.)
1. Examples: (a) Song of Moses and the Israelites (Exodus 15:1-19), (b) Naomi and Ruth (Ruth 1), (c) Paul before Agrippa (Acts 26).
2. The script may be self-written.
3. Create an atmosphere by using tone of voice, inflections, pauses, gestures, and movement (utilize space available).
4. No costumes, props, sets, or singing allowed.
5. Presentation time limit is four (4) minutes minimum, six (6) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a **.5-point deduction** for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

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**TOTAL POINTS** (100)

**Checklist for Expressive Reading:** See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these guidelines.

**FAMOUS SPEECH (Male Only)**

**PERFORMANCE EVENT**

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING FOR FAMOUS SPEECH OR FAMOUS SERMON.
The contestant chooses a speech, sermon, or article written or delivered by another person, usually of public significance.

1. Contestants must present speeches, sermons, or articles originally given by famous men.
2. The time limit is four (4) minutes minimum to eight (8) minutes maximum. In the event that a selection would exceed the limit if delivered in its entirety, the contestant should choose an excerpt to present which will fit the time limit. The excerpt must be presented exactly as written/delivered by the original speaker. The contestant is not allowed to edit the selection or excerpt in his own words. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the eight (8) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 8:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)
4. No singing allowed during the speech.
5. The speech is to be memorized.
6. Contestants may wear a costume, but props are not permitted.

**FAMOUS SPEECH JUDGING CRITERIA**

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**TOTAL POINTS** (100)

**Checklist for Famous Speech and Famous Sermon:** See Checklist for Platform Competition on page IX - 3 of these guidelines.
POETRY RECITATION (Male and Female)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING THE
POETRY RECITATION.

The contestant chooses a poem to recite by memory, using all the skills of a good dramatic
presentation.

1. The poem may be: (a) Biblical, (b) patriotic, (c) of high moral content, (d) about our
   Christian heritage.
2. No costumes, props, or singing allowed.
3. Time limit is four (4) minutes minimum to six (6) minutes maximum. If competition
   piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum
   time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30)
   second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would
   receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a
deduction of a full point from the total score.)

Hint: Contestants should avoid choppy presentations. Deliver complete thoughts, not necessarily
“line.”

POETRY RECITATION JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation                POSSIBLE POINTS
Mechanics                           (1-5)
   A. Approach/departure        (1-5)
   B. Voice projection and inflection   (1-5)
   C. Diction/enunciation       (1-5)
   D. Poise/self-confidence    (1-5)
   E. Memory                    (1-5)
Characterization                   (1-10)
   A. Posture, movement, gestures (1-10)
   B. Facial expressions       (1-5)
   C. Appearance               (1-5)
   D. Variety of dramatic skills displayed (1-10)
   E. Interpretation of author’s idea (1-15)
   F. Audience rapport         (1-5)
Script                              (1-10)
   A. Degree of difficulty     (1-10)
   B. Worthwhile message      (1-10)
Proper documentation submitted    (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

Checklist for Poetry Recitation: See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these
guidelines.
PREACHING (Male Only)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING FOR
PREACHING COMPETITION.

| Preaching competition is divided into two age divisions; ages 13-15, and ages 16 and up. |

A contestant must prepare and deliver an original sermon not to exceed eight (8) minutes in length. If competition piece exceeds the eight (8) minute time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 8:12 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 8:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.) The sermon may be evangelistic or follow one of the suggested topics for oratory and essay. Each sermon will be judged on Biblical content, outline, and effective delivery, as well as on the general guidelines given under “Platform Division.” Contestant may use outline cards. Grammar is very important!

### PREACHING JUDGING CRITERIA

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**Proper documentation submitted**

**TOTAL POINTS** (100)

**Checklist for Preaching:** See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these guidelines.
HINTS FROM THE PREACHING JUDGES
Your first task in preparing to preach is to develop a good outline. This will be the heart of your sermon. Since you must adhere to your outline carefully, you will want to make it do its best work for you. Your outline should flow naturally from the Scripture text and should be detailed and clearly organized with an introduction and conclusion. Be sure to include fitting illustrations and supporting Scriptures that lead logically to your conclusion. While notes are permissible, it should not be obvious that you are using them. Have someone evaluate your delivery to be sure it includes variety in gesture, voice inflection, and volume. Variety is important as it attracts your listeners’ attention more than sheer volume or speed can; loud and fast are not always best! Above all, be sure your message is Scriptural, is theologically correct, and leads the listener to an appropriate decision about his Christian life.

DRAMATIC DIALOGUE (Male/Female)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

Two contestants present an original dialogue or an adaptation of a written dialogue between two individuals. Script may be fact or fiction. The primary emphasis of this event is on the verbal interchange between two characters. The dialogue must leave a clear, positive message in the minds of the audience. This event should employ all the skills of a good dramatic presentation.

Note: In Dramatic Dialogue, male and female contestants will be judged together.

1. Females portray females; males portray males.
2. Only two characters can be portrayed.
3. Conversation must focus on: (a) soulwinning, (b) Scriptural truths, (c) Christian heritage, (d) defense of Christian faith. (Examples: an individual witnessing to another, a discussion between a parent and child, two friends discussing current affairs.)
4. Costumes and one prop per character are permissible.
5. No recorded speaking, singing, or sound effects are permitted.
6. Time limit is four (4) minutes minimum, six (6) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

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**Characterization**

- A. Posture, movement, gestures (1-10)
- B. Facial expressions (1-5)
- C. Costume/effective use of props (1-10)
- D. Variety of dramatic skills displayed (1-10)
- E. Effective interaction of characters, quality of characterization (1-15)

**Script**

- A. Message came across effectively (1-10)
- B. Worthwhile message (1-10)

**Proper documentation submitted**

**TOTAL POINTS (100)**

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Checklist for Dramatic Dialogue: See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these guidelines.

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**CLOWN ACT (Male/Female)**

PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING FOR CLOWN ACT.

Note: In Clown Act, male and female contestants will be judged together.

Clown Act is an individual performance event to be performed by **ONE** person, not a couple or group.

THIS CATEGORY IS NOT INTENDED TO BE “WHITE FACE” BUT RATHER THE TRADITIONAL “CIRCUS CLOWN” APPEARANCE.

1. **Costumes**—A costume is required and may be commercially made or homemade. It must be loose-fitting and meet Convention modesty standards. Males must wear male garments. Females must wear female garments.

2. **Makeup**—Facial makeup must be pleasant—no satanic/demonic/horror/white face images permitted. Special attention should be given to eyes, eyebrows, nose, cheeks, and mouth.

3. **Presentation**—A typed (double-spaced) description of the skit/act must be provided for judges. It must be positive, teach a Biblical principle/moral, and be void of sexual implications or ethnic ridicule. Focus should be on concepts such as strengthening traditional family values, love of God, exercise of faith, wisdom, defense of freedom, getting along with others, service, and/or commitment to virtuous living. The script must address a children’s audience. The script may be the original work of the contestant or may be the work of another person. Note: Clown Act is **not** stand-up comedy. It is an act with a lesson. It may be mute or vocal. Electronic sound effects are permitted. The contestant must provide all necessary equipment. No off-stage assistance is permitted.
4. **Props**—At least four hand-held props are required (e.g., balls, books, balloons, bats, hats, mirrors, puppets, stuffed animals, and mops) and must be included in the act.

5. **Setup time**—Two minutes.

6. **Time limit**—Four (4) minutes minimum, six (6) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a **.5-point deduction** for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

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**TOTAL POINTS** (100)

**Checklist for Clown Act:** See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these guidelines.
HINTS FROM THE CLOWN ACT JUDGES

Judges will be looking for evidence that the contestant has carefully woven the entire presentation into a clear message in which costume, props, gestures, facial expression, characterizations, makeup, and “the lesson” are integral. Transitions, flow, relevance, timing, dexterity, agility, and motions are important components of the presentation. Does the act draw and maintain audience attention? Is the lesson clear? Does the contestant use props well? Is there “dead” time (awkward periods of inactivity)? The costume and makeup are vital for impression; if these are weak, the entire presentation is weakened. They do not have to be elaborate, but they do need to be appropriately selected and applied to reveal and sustain the character of the clown. Careful attention should be given to hair (wig), hat, bows, shoes, gloves, eye and mouth makeup, and costume adornments (badges, buttons, suspenders, etc.).

ONE-ACT PLAY
PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING FOR THIS ENTRY.

Contestants must present an original play (written by students and/or sponsor) or an adaptation of a play (having given proper credit to the original author). See One-Act Play judging criteria.
1. The play must include at least two scenes.
2. Minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) players may be involved.
   a. Each player may be used to portray more than one character.
   b. Technicians, musicians, and all personnel needed for production will be counted in the five-contestant limit.
   c. The writer is NOT required to be a part of the cast.
   d. Females must play female roles; males must play male roles.
3. The play should depict or illustrate: (a) soulwinning, (b) Scriptural truths, (c) our Christian heritage, (d) defense of the Christian faith.
4. The play may NOT be: (a) musical, (b) Reader’s Theater, (c) choral speaking.
5. Props and equipment must be provided by the contestants’ school (i.e., extension cords, spots, sound effect equipment, furniture).
   a. NO firearms may be used unless they are rendered inoperative and this has been verified by security officers employed by the institution where competition is conducted.
   b. Discharge of blanks, caps, or any explosive is NOT permitted in play production.
6. No recorded speaking or singing will be permitted in play production.
7. Recorded sound effects WILL be accepted (background music, storms, animals, guns, etc.).
8. Scripts are to be memorized.
9. A five-minute limit is permitted for stage setting UNLESS other arrangements are made with the Chief Judge.
10. The time limit for the presentation is six (6) minutes minimum, ten (10) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the six (6) minute minimum or exceeds the ten (10) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 5:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 10:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

11. Backdrops and equipment should be able to fit in an area 10 feet deep by 16 feet wide, which will be marked on the stage.

**ONE-ACT PLAY JUDGING CRITERIA**

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<td>B. Characterization (believable characters)</td>
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**Checklist for One-Act Play:** See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these guidelines.

**HINTS FROM THE DRAMA JUDGES**

Drama is the way characters relate to one another. Therefore, the most important thing in your One-Act Play will be the convincing portrayal of characters. This is the essence of acting. All the elements of other speaking events apply to the actors in your one-act play: movement, gesture, voice inflection, diction, and variety. Perhaps the hardest thing to master in acting is that appearance of spontaneity that makes the audience believe the scene is happening for the first time. To create spontaneity, study the way people react to things they hear, and then try to build those natural reactions in your characters.
ILLUSTRATED STORYTELLING (Male and Female)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING FOR THIS ENTRY.

The contestant tells, from memory, a Bible-based story (missionary adventure, “Jungle Doctor,” Danny Orlis, etc.). The script must have the basic elements of a story—beginning, plot, climax, and conclusion. It must also have an appropriate moral or Christian application. The storyteller may use such items as flannelgraph, visual aids, costume, sound effects, accompaniment, or any “prop” that enhances story material.

1. The contestant must indicate to judges to which age group he/she is speaking.
2. Contestant must use at least two hand-held illustrations (picture, tools, books, etc.), but NO puppets can be used. Note: Costumes add impact.
3. The contestant must not record his/her voice in place of live speaking.
4. No other person may assist. Recorded material must be compiled, arranged, and operated by the contestant.
5. This event is NOT a one-act play, an expressive reading with props, nor may it be a poem. The emphasis is to be on telling an effective story.
6. Setup time is limited to two (2) minutes.
7. The time limit for the presentation is four (4) minutes minimum, six (6) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a 0.5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

ILLUSTRATED STORYTELLING JUDGING CRITERIA
Areas of Evaluation POSSIBLE POINTS
Mechanics
A. Approach/departure (1-5)
B. Voice projection and inflection (1-5)
C. Diction/enunciation (1-5)
D. Poise/self-confidence (1-5)
E. Memory (1-5)
Characterization
A. Posture, movement, gestures (1-5)
B. Facial expressions (1-5)
C. Use of dramatic accessories (music, costume, easel, etc.) (1-15)
D. Effectiveness of overall narrative (1-10)
E. Audience rapport (1-10)
Script
A. Worthwhile message (1-10)
B. Flow of story (beginning, plot, climax, conclusion) (1-15)
Proper documentation submitted (1-5)
TOTAL POINTS (100)

Checklist for Illustrated Storytelling: See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 in these guidelines.

HINTS FROM THE ILLUSTRATED STORYTELLING JUDGES
Since contestants in Illustrated Storytelling use some kind of visual aids, one of the keys to an effective presentation is the ability to control those visual aids easily, smoothly, and attractively without interrupting the flow of the story. If you are using story cards, practice turning them without looking down. If you are using flannelgraph, make sure your pieces will stick without distracting pats and pokes. Practice placing the pieces accurately and quickly without turning your back to the audience or stopping the story. Be sure your visuals are in good repair. If they are old, have them re-drawn or repaired. In addition to improving their use of visual aids, storytellers should follow the suggestions given for other speaking categories. THE JUDGES look for exciting narrative, effective dialogue, props, smooth flow of ideas, and a dramatic climax.

PUPPETS (Male/Female)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING FOR PUPPETS.

Note: In Puppets, male and female contestants will be judged together.

1. Male performers are not required to wear a jacket when introducing the play and when leaving platform.
2. Contestants must provide their own stage and background. (All puppet plays must have a background to screen the puppeteer[s] from the audience.)
3. A puppet team consists of two (2) puppeteers. The team may be male, female, or mixed.
4. Homemade and/or professionally made puppets may be used.
5. Recorded background music or sound effects may be used, but contestants must perform LIVE all verbal communication.
6. Scripts must be tastefully presented, avoiding slang insinuation of questionable language. Also avoid references to television or worldly practices such as movies, dancing, or mixed swimming.
7. Scripts must be memorized.
8. Setup time is five (5) minutes. Please consult with Chief Judge as to whether additional setup time is available.
9. The time limit for the presentation is five (5) minutes minimum, eight (8) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the five (5) minute minimum or exceeds the eight (8) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a \textbf{5-point deduction} for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 4:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 8:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

**PUPPETS JUDGING CRITERIA**

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<td>B. Suitable to occasion, has a basic theme and unity, builds to a message of Christian or patriotic worth</td>
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**TOTAL POINTS** (100)

**Checklist for Puppets:** See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these Guidelines.

**HINTS FROM THE PUPPET JUDGES**

Puppeteers should remember that their primary objective is to minister, not just to entertain. Occasional jokes, in good taste, will help keep your audience interested in your message, but don’t waste your time on too many jokes. The message comes first! Here are some practical hints to build your puppet-handling skills. To make your puppet appear more realistic, manipulate his mouth by moving your thumb, not your fingers. When a human opens his mouth to talk, he drops his bottom jaw. He does not raise his whole head. Similarly, real people rarely stand completely still; neither should puppets. Keep them alive and moving without overdoing it. Finally, look for creative, realistic ways to get your puppet on stage. Avoid what one judge called the “pop-up toaster” entrance. You will also be judged on your stage. It should be sturdy and neat. A wrinkled, wobbly stage is very distracting to the audience.
VENTRiloquism (Male/Female)

Performance Event

Please refer to Platform General Guidelines before preparing for Ventriloquism.

Note: In Ventriloquism, male and female contestants will be judged together.

Ventriloquism is the art of speaking so that the voice seems to come from some source other than the speaker. The object is to animate a dummy/ventriloquism puppet in such a manner as to present a lifelike act and convince the audience that the dummy/ventriloquism puppet is actually talking.

1. Dummy/puppet—The dummy’s/puppet’s mouth may be controlled by button, lever, string, rod, or by hand. The only part of the dummy/puppet required to be movable is its mouth; extra effects may add polish to the performance. The dummy/puppet may be professionally made or homemade.
2. The dummy’s/puppet’s hairstyle and clothing must be consistent with Contestant Guidelines.
3. Judging will be based largely on the skill of the performing artist.
4. There will be only one contestant in this category.
5. Script must be memorized.
6. The script must have a Scriptural application or principle. It should avoid use of ridicule, criticism, or reference to romance as a form of humor.
7. Time limit is six (6) minutes maximum. If competition piece exceeds the six (6) minute time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 6:12 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

Ventriloquism Judging Criteria

Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

Spoken Material

A. Suitable to occasion (1-10)
B. Shows preparation and planning, not wholly extemporaneous, and not just a collection of jokes (1-10)
C. Basic theme and unity builds to a message of Christian or patriotic worth (1-10)

Dummy/Ventriloquism Puppet—Suitable, personable, well made (1-10)

Skill of Ventriloquist

A. Use of variety: singing, laughing, sighing, etc. (1-5)
B. Variation of voice between performer and dummy/puppet (1-10)
C. Absence of lip movement (1-10)
D. Articulation (1-10)
Effective presentation
A. Timing (1-5)
B. Poise of performer (1-10)
C. Arouses audience response (1-5)
Proper documentation submitted (1-5)
TOTAL POINTS (100)

Checklist for Ventriloquism: See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these guidelines.

HINTS FROM VENTRILOQUIST JUDGES
Ventriloquist! Make your dummy/puppet come alive. Do not treat the dummy/puppet as a doll but as a real person. The ventriloquist needs to act as if he does not know what the dummy/puppet will be saying next. Be spontaneous and react to the dummy/puppet. Ventriloquist—be yourself. Practice in front of a mirror. Also, practice looking at the audience as well as the dummy/puppet. PRACTICE. PRACTICE. PRACTICE.

INTERPRETATION FOR THE DEAF (Male/Female)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING FOR THE INTERPRETATION FOR THE DEAF.

Note: In Interpretation for the Deaf, male and female contestants will be judged together.

Contestants, when preparing for competition, please carefully read the instructions for Interpretation for the Deaf, including hints from the judges on page IX-20.

1. The contestant is to sign and speak his introduction.
2. The contestant is to provide a Bible story and present it in exactly two (2) minutes as it would be signed to the deaf.
   a. Three (3) copies of the script must be presented to the judges at the time of the performance.
   b. The script must be typed and double spaced.
   c. The script must be written in story form as it would be spoken.
   d. The Bible story must be spoken as it is signed to the judges.
   e. The story is to be memorized.
   f. The story should not be signed “word for word” but as it would be signed for the deaf. (American Sign Language is preferred, but contestants may use Sign Exact English.)
3. The contestant interprets a song and a short message. This is on CD and is provided by A.C.E. and will be administered by the Chief Judge.
4. The Chief Judge will sign a Scripture verse to the contestant who will interpret verbally for the judges. A.C.E. will provide the Chief Judge with the script.
5. The time limit is six (6) minutes maximum for the total competition, including introduction. If competition piece exceeds the six (6) minute time limit, the contestant will receive a 
.5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments. (For example, a piece timed at 6:12 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

INTERPRETATION FOR THE DEAF JUDGING CRITERIA

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Checklist for Interpretation for the Deaf: See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX - 3 of these Guidelines.

HINTS FROM THE INTERPRETATION FOR THE DEAF JUDGES
Interpreters need to remember that they are trying to convey a message to a person who must receive all communications through the eye gate only. Concentrate on using your entire body to get the message across. You will need to use your eyes and facial expressions as well as your hands to help the deaf understand. Your hair should be away from your face enough to see your eyes clearly. Wear dark, solid clothing. “Busy” print clothing, jewelry, or long or painted fingernails are very distracting. You are not trying to sign every word. You are making the message live. Contestants are discouraged from creating a sign when the proper sign is not known (except proper nouns). Practice signing and speaking your introduction and story.
RADIO PROGRAM
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PREPARING THE RADIO PROGRAM.

Contestants present an original radio program written by students or sponsor or a program that has been adapted by students or sponsor. (Credit must be given to original author.) The drama is to be prepared as a presentation over a Christian radio station.

1. No more than five (5) players and/or student technicians may be involved.
2. Contestants may portray more than five characters (males doing male roles and females doing female roles).
3. Adults may give technical guidance and advice, but the preparation and production must be done by the students.
4. Contestants will NOT perform the presentation before a panel of judges; the contestants’ taped recording will be judged.
5. The drama must convey a Christian moral or character-building theme. Specify audience to whom the program is being presented.
6. All Scripture references must be King James Version only.
7. All background music must meet the A.C.E. music standards (reference page VIII-1 for music guidelines).
8. The program should be on CD only—NO REEL-TO-REEL RECORDINGS ARE ACCEPTED.
9. The time limit is four (4) minutes minimum to eight (8) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the eight (8) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 8:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

RADIO PROGRAM JUDGING CRITERIA

Areas of Evaluation                      POSSIBLE POINTS
Appropriateness of theme—conveys age-appropriate Christian or patriotic theme                      (1-10)
Sound effects—effects blend naturally and accomplish desired impact                        (1-10)
Voice inflections—voice conveys appropriate mood; adds life and believability to characters    (1-10)
Flow and continuity of script—easy to follow and understand                                 (1-10)
Audience appeal—theme and presentation directed at designated audience                      (1-5)
Interest level consistency—catches listener’s attention and holds interest throughout          (1-10)
Diction/pronunciation—words are clear and well delivered                                    (1-10)
Mood created—proper use of dramatics—voice, sound effects, and edits to create desired mood     (1-10)
Creativity—overall concept and creative thought resulting in end product (1-10)
Technical quality—skillful use of equipment to achieve desired results—edits, mix, etc. (1-10)
Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

Regional Convention Checklist for Radio Program:
1. Copies of script—Three (3) typed, double-spaced copies must be submitted as an early entry. All copies are to be in a clear plastic page protector with the students’ names, school name, customer number, school address, and telephone number clearly visible on the front of EACH copy.
2. CD—Three (3) copies are to be provided.
3. Judge’s Forms—Submit three (3) copies, properly filled out and signed.
4. Photo—Submit a color photo (snapshot or Polaroid) simulating cast and technicians (identifying each contestant). VERY IMPORTANT! Write complete school name, customer number, and address of school on back of photo.
5. VERY IMPORTANT! Place all copies of script, CD, photo, and Judge’s Forms in a zippered plastic bag.

International Student Convention Checklist for Radio Program:
Radio Program entries will be submitted electronically to A.C.E. prior to Convention. When your school registers for ISC, an email will be sent with instructions for submitting early entry documents including:
1. The radio program performed.
2. The radio program script.
3. One Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) filled out.
4. Color photo simulating cast and technicians (identify each cast member).
5. One Judge’s Form filled out. Include the title of the entry on the Judge’s Form where indicated.

HINTS FROM THE RADIO PROGRAM JUDGES
Remember when presenting your program:
1. The audience can only hear you, not see your face. (Gestures and facial expressions are of no value, so stress voice inflections.)
2. Avoid background distractions such as crackling or shuffling papers, scraping chairs, or clearing throat.
3. Make a presentation with a specific audience in mind (children, teens, or adults).
4. Practice until you are thoroughly familiar with your script before making a recording in order to avoid monotones and mechanical expressions.
5. Avoid long pauses or “dead time,” pronounce words clearly, and don’t mumble.
6. Speak into the microphone at the appropriate distance to avoid crackling, distortion, or breathing sounds.
7. Prepare your script carefully, giving attention to introduction, body, and conclusion so the intended “message” is conveyed.
8. Present your radio program so that it comes alive for the listening audience.
**SCRIPTURE VIDEO**
**NONPERFORMANCE EVENT**

Contestants create a video program that uses images and sounds to portray a selected Scripture passage. The video must include a narration of the verses, but it may also include music, sound effects, and additional dialog or narration. A title screen may be included, but all photography, whether still or moving, must be shot by the contestants (no stock footage). Selected Scripture passage will be selected/published by A.C.E. Visit [www.acestudentprograms.com/about-isc](http://www.acestudentprograms.com/about-isc) to view the updated ISC Information Booklet for the current year’s Scripture. (Please use the King James Version, not New King James Version, of the Bible only.)

1. No more than five contestants may be involved. The contestants may have an equipment operator in the editing suite, but the contestants must make the editing decisions. Adults may give technical guidance and advice, but the preparation and production must be done by the contestants.
2. Entries from outside North America should be recorded in the NTSC (National Television System Committee) format.
3. Contestants must prepare “mock” letters requesting permission from the publishers of any music used. Include a title screen in the video giving credit to the publisher.
4. Video length should be four (4) minutes minimum to six (6) minutes maximum. If the competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum time limit, the entry will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

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Regional Convention Checklist for Scripture Video:
1. Video: Submit three (3) DVD copies as an early entry. Label them with the school’s complete name, customer number, and address.
2. Judge’s Forms: Submit three (3) copies, properly completed.
3. Paperwork: Submit “mock” letters requesting permission from the publishers of any music or sound effects used in the video. Submit talent release forms for all who are seen or heard on the video.
4. Photo: Submit a photo documenting contestants preparing the Scripture Video. Include school’s complete name, customer number, and address on back.
5. Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28): Attach to entry and be sure it is properly signed. You will need three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit form; attach one copy to each Judge’s Form.
6. VERY IMPORTANT! Place video, photo, paperwork, and Judge’s Forms in a zippered plastic bag.

International Student Convention Checklist for Scripture Video:
Scripture Video entries will be submitted electronically to A.C.E. prior to Convention. When your school registers for ISC, an email will be sent with instructions for submitting early entry documents including:
1. The Scripture Video.
2. Paperwork of ‘mock’ permission letters and photo releases of those seen or heard in video.
3. A photo documenting contestants preparing the video.
4. One Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) filled out.
5. One Judge’s Form filled out. Include the title of the entry on the Judge’s Form where indicated.

HINTS FROM THE SCRIPTURE VIDEO JUDGES
1. Be well prepared before going out to shoot your video. It often takes longer than anticipated.
2. Watch out for any objects in your picture that distract from your subject.
3. Listen for any background sounds that distract from your narration.
4. Use a tripod to steady the camera.
5. Remember that this is a video event, not a PowerPoint presentation.

GROUP BIBLE SPEAKING (Male and Female Ensemble)
PERFORMANCE EVENT

This is a mixed performance event. Group Bible speaking is an interpretation by a spoken choral group of 8-30 contestants on a set Bible passage. One entry is allowed per school.

1. The group will create an atmosphere by using tone of voice, inflections, pause, gesture and movement (utilizing the space available).
2. No costumes, props, or singing allowed.
3. The passage must be memorized.
4. The majority of the passage is spoken chorally, but lines may be spoken by a section of the group or by solo voices.
5. Sound effects created on stage by the contestants may be added.
6. Presentation time limit is four (4) minutes minimum, six (6) minutes maximum. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a deduction of a full point from the total score.)

Selected Scripture passage will be selected/published by A.C.E.
Visit www.acestudentprograms.com/about-isc to view the updated ISC Information Booklet for the current year’s Scripture. (Please use the King James Version, not New King James Version, of the Bible only.)

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TOTAL POINTS (100)

Checklist for Group Bible Speaking: See Checklist for Platform Competition, page IX-3 of these Guidelines.
A.C.E. CHARACTER TRAIT VIDEO
NONPERFORMANCE EVENT

Contestants create a video program that uses images and sounds to portray one of the 90 A.C.E. Character Traits of Christ. The video may include Scripture verses, music, sound effects, the definition of the character trait, dialog, and narration. Your approach should be positive and uplifting. A title screen may be included, but **all photography whether still or moving, must be shot by the contestants** (no stock footage). You may choose a character trait from the following list:

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(Please use the King James Version, not the New King James Version, for any Scripture verses.)

1. No more than five contestants may be involved. The contestants may have an equipment operator in the editing suite, but the contestants must make the editing decisions. Adults may give technical guidance and advice, but the preparation and productions must be done by the contestants.

2. Entries from outside North American should be recorded in the NTSC (National Television System Committee) format.

3. Contestants must prepare “mock” letters requesting permission from the publishers of any music used. Including a title screen in the video giving credit to the publisher.

4. Video length should be four (4) minutes minimum to six (6) minutes maximum. If the competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minute maximum time limit, the entry will receive a **.5-point deduction** for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time. (For example, a piece timed at 3:42 would receive a half-point deduction from the total score. A piece of 6:42 would receive a full point from the total score.)
A.C.E. CHARACTER TRAIT VIDEO JUDGING CRITERIA

Areas of Evaluation

POSSIBLE POINTS

Script
A. Objective—Character trait clearly represented (1-10)
B. Creativity—Character trait presented with freshness/imagination (1-10)

Photography
A. Creative—shots well composed, camera angles enhance program (1-10)
B. Technical—shots in focus, properly exposed, and steady (1-10)

Editing
A. Creative—order and length of shots enhance the program (1-10)
B. Technical—editing equipment’s capability skillfully used (1-10)

Narration/dialogue—words clear and well delivered (1-10)
Music—selected music enhances the program and meets A.C.E. Guidelines (1-10)
Soundtrack mix—music, sound effects, and words blend well (1-15)

Proper documentation submitted (1-5)

TOTAL POINTS (100)

Regional Convention Checklist for A.C.E. Character Trait Video:
1. Video: Submit three (3) DVD copies as an early entry. Label them with the school’s complete name, customer number, and address.
2. Judge’s Forms: Submit three (3) copies, properly completed.
3. Paperwork: Submit “mock” letters requesting permission from the publishers of any music or sound effects used in the video. Submit talent release forms for all who are seen or heard on the video.
4. Photo: Submit a photo documenting contestants preparing the Character Video. Include school’s name, customer number, and address on back.
5. Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28): Attach to entry and be sure it is properly signed. You will need three (3) copies of the Creative Composition Affidavit form; attach one copy to each Judge’s Form.
6. VERY IMPORTANT! Place DVD, photo, paperwork, and Judge’s Form in a zippered plastic bag.

International Student Convention Checklist for A.C.E. Character Trait Video:
A.C.E. Character Trait Video entries will be submitted electronically to A.C.E. prior to Convention. When your school registers for ISC, an email will be sent with instructions for submitting early entry documents including:
1. The A.C.E. Character Trait Video.
2. Paperwork of “mock” letters requesting permission from the publishers of any music or sound effects used in the video and talent releases for all who are seen or heard on the video.
3. A photo documenting contestants preparing the video.
4. One Creative Composition Affidavit (CF28) filled out.
5. One Judge’s Form filled out. Include the title of the entry on the Judge’s Form where indicated.

HINTS FROM THE CHARACTER VIDEO JUDGES
1. Be well prepared before going out to shoot your video. It often takes longer than anticipated.
2. Watch out for any objects in your picture that distract from your subject.
3. Listen for any background sounds that distract from your narration.
4. Use a tripod to steady the camera.
5. Remember that this is a video event, not a PowerPoint presentation.
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Students from your school for whom you are responsible (no more than 8 total):

1. _________________________________________  5. ______________________________________
2. _________________________________________  6. ______________________________________
3. _________________________________________  7. ______________________________________
4. _________________________________________  8. ______________________________________

Are you sponsoring any students from another school?  Yes ☐ No ☐

(A copy of this signed form must be sent by BOTH the sponsoring and the sponsored school.)

I have read the International Student Convention (ISC) Guidelines, shared its contents with all of my students, and will do my part to ensure the young people entrusted to me follow the regulations as set forth in these guidelines. I will abide by and support the ISC dress standards and will willingly have our students dress accordingly at all times. I will also know the whereabouts of the students who have been assigned to me at all times. I understand it is my responsibility to attend all rallies with my students, including the entire awards ceremony. I understand that no medals will be given out until winners are announced and no medals will be mailed to recipients.

_________________________    __________________________
Sponsor’s Signature                             Date
PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT CONVENTION
AND RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Student’s Name __________________________________________ Date of Birth _____________________
School Name ____________________________________________ Customer No. _____________________

As the parent and legal representative of the above named student, I give my consent and grant permission for
my child to attend and participate in the events of the ______ (school year) Accelerated Christian Education’s
Regional Student Convention/International Student Convention (circle only one convention) (hereinafter,
“SC” or “Convention”). I understand that such attendance and participation is a privilege and not a right and
may be revoked for cause at any time at the discretion of SC officials. I give my consent and grant permission
to Accelerated Christian Education, Inc., incorporated in Texas, currently located in Hendersonville, Tennessee,
to use without compensation my child’s submitted still photography and/or motion picture for marketing and/or
promotional purposes. I also give my consent and grant permission to Accelerated Christian Education, Inc.,
to use without compensation any still photograph and/or motion picture(s) taken at the convention of the above named
student for marketing and/or promotional purposes.

I UNDERSTAND AND HEREBY AGREE TO ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS WHICH MAY BE ENCOUNTERED
WITH MY CHILD’S PARTICIPATION IN THE ABOVE NAMED CONVENTION, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES
PRELIMINARY AND SUBSEQUENT THERETO, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SC. In
consideration of my child being permitted to attend and participate in SC, I do hereby agree to hold Accelerated
Christian Education, Inc., dba School of Tomorrow, Accelerated Christian Education Ministries, Inc., the Host
Campus, and their agents and employees, harmless from any and all present and future liability, actions, causes
of actions, claims, expenses, and damages on account of injury, including death, to my child or property which is
not the result of gross negligence, intentional neglect, or willful or wanton conduct by the ministry, or its agents,
representatives, or employees, in connection with SC.

I expressly agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as
permitted by the laws of the State of Texas and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance
shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This release contains the entire agreement between the
parties hereto and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNITY
AGREEMENT, KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF, AND I SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AS MY OWN FREE
ACT. This is a legally binding agreement that I have read and understand.

Parent’s or Guardian’s Signature ____________________________ Parent’s or Guardian’s Signature
Parent’s or Guardian’s Printed Name ____________________________ Parent’s or Guardian’s Printed Name
Address __________________________________________________ Address ____________________________
City, State, ZIP ____________________________________________ City, State, ZIP ______________________
Telephone ________________________________________________ Telephone __________________________
Date _____________________________________________________ Date _________________________________

6-15 CF6
PARENT/GUARDIAN’S AUTHORIZATION
TO CONSENT TO HEALTH CARE FOR MINOR
AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I, _________________________________________________, am the custodial parent having legal custody of _________________________________________________, a minor child, age ____________, born _____________________ I authorize ____________________________________, an adult sponsor (hereinafter, Sponsor) in whose care I have entrusted my child to do any acts which may be necessary or proper to provide for the emergency health care of the minor child, including, but not limited to, the power

(i) To provide for such health care at any hospital or other institution, or the employing of any physician, dentist, nurse, or other person whose services may be needed for such emergency health care, and

(ii) To consent to and authorize any emergency health care, including administration of anesthesia, X-ray examination, performance of operations, and other procedures by physicians, dentists, and other medical personnel except the withholding or withdrawal of life sustaining procedures.

(iii) To give my child Tylenol/Advil, cough syrup, or Pepto-Bismol if needed. Yes □ No □

This consent shall be effective throughout my child’s attendance and participation in the Student Convention, including activities preliminary and subsequent thereto, through ______________, 20__, or unless specifically extended or rescinded earlier by either party.

In consideration of my child being able to attend and participate in Student Convention, I do hereby agree to hold Accelerated Christian Education, Inc., Student Convention, director, or dean and their agents and employees, harmless from any and all present and future liability, actions, causes of actions, claims, expenses, and damages on account of injury, including death, to my child or property, which is not the result of gross negligence, intentional neglect, or willful or wanton conduct by the Student Convention, director, or dean and their agents and employees, in connection with any medical treatment deemed necessary and authorized by the terms of this Medical Consent Form.

Current Medical Conditions:
(Include nature of any required attention, medications, or other treatment and/or allergies to medication.)

_________________________________________________________________________________________
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9-10-14 CF8
Date of Last Tetanus or Booster: ________________________________________________

Name of Physician: ___________________________________________ Phone ( ) ______________

Medical Insurance Information: _______________________________ Policy # __________________

(company name)

Emergency Telephone Number(s): ________________________________________________

By signing here, I indicate that I have the understanding and capacity to communicate health care decisions and that I am fully informed as to the contents of this document and understand the full import of this grant of powers to the agents named herein. I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN HEREUNDER AS MY OWN FREE ACT.

________________________________________________________

Date Custodial Parent/Guardian’s Signature

________________________________________________________

Custodial Parent/Guardian’s Printed Name

________________________________________________________

Address

City St./Prov. ZIP/Postal Code

________________________________________________________

Home Telephone

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Name of School

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School Customer #

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School Phone

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*ISC Open Competition
**Elimination Event
CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM: Accelerated Christian Education is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students who participate at an A.C.E. Student Convention. All churches, schools and other organizations that bring students to an A.C.E. Student Convention are expected to have a proper and adequate child protection program in place and in use for screening and protection against child abuse. All sponsors, chaperones, coaches, parents and other adults present at the A.C.E. Student Convention must have been screened and approved through your organization’s child protection program. By signing this document you are certifying on behalf of your church, school or other organization that (i) your organization has an ongoing child protection program in place for screening and protection against child abuse, (ii) such child protection program is being enforced, and (iii) all sponsors, chaperones, coaches, parents and other adults from your organization who will be present at the A.C.E. Student Convention have been screened and approved through your organization’s child protection program.

School Name ________________________________

Customer Number ________________________________

School Address ________________________________

School City, State, ZIP ________________________________

Administrator’s Name (print) ________________________________

Administrator’s Signature ________________________________

Signature Date ________________________________

Convention Location ____________________ Date __________________
### AREAS OF EVALUATION

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#### Concept
- Define purpose
- Creativity and originality
- Meets A.C.E. standards

#### Thought
- Accuracy of display
- Thesis developed/question answered
- Degree of difficulty

#### Workmanship
- Neatness
- Handling of materials
- Design of layout

#### Thoroughness
- Research documented
- Cited sources used

#### Display clarity
- Proper documentation submitted
- Meets A.C.E. Guidelines

**TOTAL POINTS 100**

**COMMENTS**

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_______________________________________  (Judge’s Signature)

Name ______________________________________________________________ Date ___________________
School ______________________________________________________ Customer No. __________
School Address ______________________________________________________________________________
City _____________________________________________________ State ________ ZIP _________________
Entry ______________________________________________________________________________________

2-1-18 CF24
### AREAS OF EVALUATION

| **Theme**—Essay demonstrates an evangelistic, inspirational, Biblical, Christian growth, patriotic, persuasive, or historical theme should be given in a precise thesis statement which is examined and discussed logically |
| 10 |

| **Composition** |
| Essential points given logically and stated in parallel form | 15 |
| Use of examples and illustrations | 10 |
| Cogency and unity—everything in the essay directly supports the thesis | 10 |
| Valid argument and persuasion without exhortation or preaching; strong closing statement | 10 |
| Creativity and individuality of presentation | 10 |
| Outline included; properly followed and formatted | 5 |

| **Mechanics** |
| Neatness, general appearance | 5 |
| Spelling, punctuation, grammar (subject-verb agreement, pronoun agreement, no misplaced modifiers, etc.) | 15 |
| Progression of ideas and argument/transitions, length of paragraphs | 5 |

| **Proper documentation submitted** | 5 |

| **TOTAL POINTS 100** |

**NOTE:** As many as 10 points may be subtracted if essay is not between 500 and 700 words in length.

**COMMENTS**

________________________________________

(Judge’s Signature)
**AREAS OF EVALUATION** | **POSSIBLE POINTS** | **POINTS AWARDED**
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**Theme**—Poem demonstrates an evangelistic, inspirational, Biblical, Christian growth, patriotic, persuasive, or historical theme with one central idea; unity in viewpoint
Unity and coherence | 10 | 
Clarity of theme | 10 | 

**Use of poetic material**
Sentiment and emotion—sincerity | 10 | 
Vocabulary—exact, colorful, concrete | 10 | 
Meter—established and effective | 10 | 
Sounds—rhyme, assonance, consonance, alliteration, etc. | 10 | 
Poetic devices—figures of speech, symbolism, and patterns | 10 | 
Creativity—originality and freshness | 5 | 

**Mechanics**
Format and general appearance | 5 | 
Usage, punctuation, spelling | 15 | 
Proper documentation submitted | 5 | 

**TOTAL POINTS** | **100** | 

NOTE: As many as 10 points may be subtracted if a poem is not 8 to 30 lines in length and is not typed on plain white paper.

**COMMENTS**

(Judge’s Signature)
AREAS OF EVALUATION                  POSSIBLE POINTS  POINTS AWARDED

**The story**
- Characters consistent, plausible, and motivated                           15
- Details of setting (place/time) woven into the action of the story              10
- Well-planned plot with incidents that build to a main conflict            15
- All incidents build to a climax that resolve the conflict               10
- Story demonstrates an evangelistic, inspirational, Biblical, Christian growth, patriotic, or historical theme 10
- Story indicates creativity on the part of the author                        15

**Mechanics**
- Neatness and general appearance                                             5
- Spelling                                                                       5
- Punctuation                                                                   5
- Grammar is correct, tenses are consistent, subjects and verbs agree, and pronoun and antecedents agree 5

**Proper documentation submitted**                                              5

**TOTAL POINTS 100**

NOTE: As many as 10 points may be subtracted if story does not come within 600 to 1000 words and is not printed/typed double-spaced on plain white paper.

COMMENTS
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(Judge’s Signature)
CREATIVE COMPOSITION AFFIDAVIT

Date ______________________________

I, ______________________________________________________________, affirm that the attached
Student’s Name

Creative Composition entry in ________________________________________________ is my original
Specific Category

work in its entirety.

________________________________________________________________________

Student’s Signature

________________________________________________________________________

Supervisor’s Signature

________________________________________________________________________

School Name

________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s Signature
SOULWINNING AFFIDAVIT

Date ________________
__________________________________________________________ has made a public profession of salvation to
Convert’s Name
Christ and was introduced to Christ by ___________________________________________ Student’s Name

Name of Church _____________________________________________________________
Church Address _____________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ___________ ZIP ______________

Name of Convert’s Pastor _____________________________________________________
Pastor’s Address ____________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ___________ ZIP ______________

COMPLETION OF SOULWINNING PACE

Date ________________
This is to certify that _______________________________________________________ has
Student’s Name
successfully completed the A.C.E. Soulwinning PACE.

Customer No. ________________________________
School ______________________________________________
School Address ______________________________________
City ___________________________ State ___________ ZIP ______________

_____________________________________________ Supervisor’s Signature

2-1-18 CF29A

2-1-18 CF29B
### MEMORIZATION AFFIDAVIT

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Date _____________________________

According to Student Convention Guidelines, _______________________________________________ has successfully quoted from memory the required Scripture for this event during the school year of _______.

School _______________________________________________________ Customer No. _______________

School Address __________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________________________________ State _______ ZIP ______________

Entry __________________________________________________________________________________

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School Administrator’s Signature                  Supervisor’s Signature

This form requires the signatures of the Learning Center Supervisor and the School Administrator.

2-1-18   CF30

Christian Worker - Colossians; I and II Thessalonians; I and II Timothy; Titus; Philemon; Hebrews; James; I and II Peter; I, II, and III John
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**Engaging**

| Visually                        | 5               |                |
| Mentally                        | 5               |                |

**Elements**

| Variety                         | 5               |                |
| Appropriateness                 | 5               |                |
| Browser-friendly                | 10              |                |
| Graphic design                  | 10              |                |

**Content**

| Clear                           | 5               |                |
| Appropriate                     | 10              |                |
| Accomplishes goals              | 10              |                |

**Proper documentation submitted**

| 5                              |                |

**TOTAL POINTS**

| 100                            |                |

**COMMENTS**

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**TOTAL POINTS 100**

**COMMENTS**

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## AREAS OF EVALUATION POINTS AWARDED

Circle 1 on each line  **Poor (1)**  Average (Middle Number)  **Excellent (Highest Number)**

### Composition
- Distinct clarity in light and dark masses 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Color tones are balanced in hot and cool values 1 2 3 4 5
- Harmonious balance maintained throughout 1 2 3 4 5

### Rhythm
- All lines and masses flow with meaningful continuity 1 2 3 4 5
- Technique convincingly conveys mood 1 2 3 4 5
- Composition leads into one focal point 1 2 3 4 5

### Logic
- Direction of light is clearly defined 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Perspective is convincing 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### Handling of media
- Construction of subject is confidently expressed 1 2 3 4 5
- Contrast and highlights are effectively used 1 2 3 4 5
- Multiple textural effects are used 1 2 3 4 5

### General merits of entire presentation
- Degree of difficulty 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Artist delivers proof of his understanding of subject 1 2 3 4 5
- Frame is in harmony with composition to enhance project 1 2 3 4 5
- Artwork has a hanger 1 2 3 4 5

### Proper documentation submitted
1 2 3 4 5

**TOTAL POINTS 100**

### COMMENTS

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(Judge’s Signature)

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Name ______________________________________________________________ Date ___________________
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Entry ______________________________________________________________________________________

**JUDGE’S FORM**
BRUSH/PEN

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**JUDGE’S FORM**
**METALWORKING/CLAY SCULPTURE**

Name __________________________________________________________ Date ____________
School ____________________________ Customer No. ___________________
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**TOTAL POINTS** 100

**COMMENTS**
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(Judge’s Signature)
PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT
(Special Effects Only)

Name_________________________________________ Date__________________

School_________________________________________ Customer No.________________________

School Address__________________________________________________________

City_____________________________________________ State________ ZIP________

Category (circle all that apply) Scenic, Still Life, Plants and Animals, Special Effect, Computer Enhancement, Character Trait (List Trait) ______________________ Color

Camera (circle all that apply) 35mm, digital, Twin or Single Lens Reflex, Panoramic, Large Format, Pinhole, Rangefinder, Other _______________________________________________________

Film (circle) 35mm 110mm 120mm 4x5 629 Other __________________________________________

If digital (circle) 2mp 3mp 4mp 5mp 6mp

Lens (circle) Wide Angle Telephoto Other______________________________________________________

Explain enhancements or effects used for Special Effects of Computer Enhancements
(circle) Matte box Filters Mirrors Kaleidoscopes Masking Blur Computer

Describe: ___________________________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________________

Exposure data Aperture _____________ Shutter speed _______________ Film speed (ASA)__________

Lighting conditions (circle) Outdoors Indoors Describe: _____________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________________

Photofinishing (circle) Darkroom Commercial Photo Lab Store

Describe steps taken: _______________________________________________________________________

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COMMENTS__________________________________________________________

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_____________________________________________ (Student’s Signature)

_____________________________________________ (Supervisor’s Signature)
## JUDGE’S FORM

### PHOTOGRAPHY

**PARTICIPANT**
Name __________________________
School __________________________________________________
School Address________________________________________
City__________________________________________
State__________
ZIP ___________________________
Category ___________________________________________________________________________________

**ENTRY**
Title __________________________________________________
Camera Make and Model ______________________________________
Lens Used (if SLR) ____________________________________________
Focal Length________________ ISO___________
Aperture____________ Shutter _______________________

Circle 1 on each line  **Poor (1)   Average (Middle Number)   Excellent (Highest Number)**

### IMPACT

**Uniqueness**—Selection of subject shows creative effort 1 2 3 4 5
**Perspective**—Angle and distance between camera and subject is ideal 1 2 3 4 5
**Intensity**—Immediately captures the viewer’s attention 1 2 3 4 5
**Resonance**—Evokes an emotional response 1 2 3 4 5
**Memorability**—Creates a lasting impression 1 2 3 4 5

### COMPOSITION

**Positioning**—Subject location(s) within the composition is pleasing and balanced 1 2 3 4 5
**Isolation**—Subject is obvious within its setting (breadth and depth) 1 2 3 4 5
**Insulation**—Subject is captured in a manner that eliminates distractions 1 2 3 4 5
**Orientation**—Choice of portrait or landscape format is ideal 1 2 3 4 5
**Difficulty**—Capturing this image required extra physical effort 1 2 3 4 5

### EXPOSURE

**Focus**—The focal point and depth of field capture the entire subject 1 2 3 4 5
**Brightness**—Whites are not “blown away” and darks are not without definition 1 2 3 4 5
**Contrast**—Full dynamic spectrum ranging from highlights to shadows 1 2 3 4 5
**Clarity**—Strong resolution free from noise, pixilation, artifacts, and dust spots 1 2 3 4 5
**Color**—Correct white balance with good saturation and appropriate vibrancy 1 2 3 4 5

### PRESENTATION

**Color**—Choice of mount enhances image rather than detracting from it 1 2 3 4 5
**Texture**—Print paper choice and mount texture complement the composition 1 2 3 4
**Quality**—Print and mount are flat and well adhered to one another 1 2 3 4
**Condition**—Print and mount are free of scratches, stains, and scuffs 1 2 3 4
**Conformity**—Subject matter conforms to A.C.E. Guidelines 1 2 3 4 5

### PROPER DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED

1 2 3

JUDGE ____________________________________________  TOTAL SCORE _______________
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**PARTICIPANT**

Name______________________________ School __________________________________________________

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Category ___________________________________________________________________________________

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Isolation—Subject is obvious within its setting (breadth and depth)  1   2   3   4   5  

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Orientation—Choice of portrait or landscape format is ideal  1   2   3   4   5  

Difficulty—Capturing this image required extra physical effort  1   2   3   4   5  

**EXPOSURE**

Focus—The focal point and depth of field capture the entire subject  1   2   3   4   5  

Brightness—Whites are not “blown away” and darks are not without definition  1   2   3   4   5  

Contrast—Full dynamic spectrum ranging from highlights to shadows  1   2   3   4   5  

Clarity—Strong resolution free from noise, pixilation, artifacts, and dust spots  1   2   3   4   5  

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**PRESENTATION**

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Condition—Print and mount are free of scratches, stains, and scuffs  1   2   3   4  

Conformity—Subject matter conforms to A.C.E. Guidelines  1   2   3   4   5  

Clarity—How obvious is the chosen trait  1   2   3   4   5  

**PROPER DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED**

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JUDGE ___________________________________________ TOTAL SCORE ___________________

JUDGE’S COMMENTS

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PHOTO ENHANCEMENT
Difficulty—How hard was it to achieve the end result  1 2 3 4 5
Execution—How well were the enhancements done  1 2 3 4 5

PROPER DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED  1 2 3 4

JUDGE __________________________________________________ TOTAL SCORE ________

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OVERALL DESIGN AND CREATIVITY
Visual impact that immediately draws you with interest. Appealing and eye catching 1 2 3 4 5
Images and graphics clearly convey the intended theme 1 2 3 4 5
Typefaces chosen clearly convey the intended theme 1 2 3 4 5
Colors chosen clearly convey the intended theme and mood 1 2 3 4 5
Typeface changes are used effectively to prioritize, direct, and give visual interest 1 2 3 4 5
Scripture verse fits and is represented well by the other design elements chosen 1 2 3 4 5

COMPOSITION
Layout priority causes you to see the main subject first and then directs you through all other information in order of priority 1 2 3 4 5
Visual balance is achieved by the way the weight of each element (images, text, color, empty space, etc.) is distributed over the design 1 2 3 4 5
Visual connection of the elements to each other by their placement. Related items are set together so that they are viewed as a group 1 2 3 4 5
Proximity—All the parts “fit together.” Nothing placed randomly without purpose 1 2 3 4 5
Construction of subject is confidently expressed 1 2 3 4 5

EFFECTIVENESS
Target audience is visually engaged through the presentation 1 2 3 4 5
Excitement about ISC is expressed in the presentation 1 2 3 4 5
Desire to attend ISC is created through the presentation 1 2 3 4 5

PRESENTATION
Accurate information of locations, dates, times, Scripture verse, etc. 1 2 3 4 5
Information management is correct in spelling, punctuation, and grammar 1 2 3 4 5
Print is clear, free of flaws, flat, clean and correctly mounted 1 2 3 4 5
Frame is in harmony with and enhances the image and has a hangar 1 2 3 4 5

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY
1 2 3 4 5

PROPER DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED
1 2 3 4 5

TOTAL POINTS 100 __________

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**COORDINATES/DRESSES/FORMALS**

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| Meets A.C.E. Guidelines—Length, cut, modesty | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Pattern and photograph submitted | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Creativity—Pattern changes, color changes, originality | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Overall beauty—Coordination of colors and accessories (such as buttons, bows, etc.) matching of plaids, etc. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Stitching—Machine and hand | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 |
| Seam finish | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Zipper, buttonholes, or fastenings | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Sleeve set and detail | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Collar/neckline detail | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Hem detail | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Proper documentation submitted | 1 2 3 4 5 |

**TOTAL POINTS 100**

**COMMENTS**

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### JUDGE’S FORM
CROCHET/KNITTING/AFGHANS

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AREAS OF EVALUATION

Circle 1 on each line

Pattern submitted

Creativity—Pattern changes, color changes, originality

Overall beauty

Quilt top—Uniformity, size, hand- or machine-stitching goes through all layers of quilt

Size—Meets Convention Guidelines

Finishing for presentation

Proper documentation submitted

TOTAL POINTS 100

COMMENTS

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NEEDLE/THREAD REPORT
This form must accompany your entry in Needle and Thread

Name ________________________________________________________________ Date ________________
School ___________________________________________________________________________ Customer No. __________
School Address ___________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________________________________________ State ________ ZIP ________________
Entry _____________________________________________________________________________________

List of Materials: Cost of Materials:

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Total Cost _____________________________

Explanation of Project – (changes, sources of ideas, etc.)
Use back of page if necessary.

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**JUDGE’S FORM**  
**COLOR GUARD**

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<td>The unit marches forward to present the colors. The distance of march must be 30 steps forward.</td>
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**VOCAL MUSIC**

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**
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| **Characterization**                       |                     |                    |
| Posture, movement, gestures               | 10                  |                    |
| Facial expressions                        | 5                   |                    |
| Appearance                                | 5                   |                    |
| Variety of dramatic skills displayed      | 10                  |                    |
| Interpretation of author’s ideas          | 15                  |                    |
| Audience rapport                          | 5                   |                    |

| **Script**                                 |                     |                    |
| Degree of difficulty                      | 10                  |                    |
| Worthwhile message                        | 10                  |                    |

| **Proper documentation submitted**        | 5                   |                    |

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## JUDGE’S FORM
### ORATORY

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| Title of Entry _____________________________________ | ________________________

### AREAS OF EVALUATION | POSSIBLE POINTS | POINTS AWARDED
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**Mechanics**
- Approach/departure | 5 | ____________
- Appearance | 5 | ____________
- Poise/self-confidence | 5 | ____________
- Voice projection/inflection | 5 | ____________
- Diction/enunciation | 5 | ____________

**Outline**
- Introduction/closing | 5 | ____________
- Major points/facts | 5 | ____________
- Illustrations/anecdotes | 5 | ____________

**Delivery**
- Facial expression | 5 | ____________
- Gestures | 5 | ____________
- Eye contact | 5 | ____________
- Enthusiasm | 5 | ____________
- Persuasiveness | 10 | ____________

**Script content**
- Originality | 10 | ____________
- Ideas clearly presented in a logical progression | 5 | ____________
- Worthwhile message | 10 | ____________

**Proper documentation submitted**
- 5 | ____________

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- Approach/departure: 5
- Voice projection/inflection: 5
- Diction/enunciation: 5
- Poise/self-confidence: 5
- Memory: 5

**Characterization**
- Posture, movement, gestures: 10
- Facial expressions: 5
- Costume: 5
- Variety of dramatic skills displayed: 10
- Overall quality of characterization: 10
- Audience rapport: 5

**Script**
- Originality, creativity (writing skills): 15
- Worthwhile message: 10

**Proper documentation submitted**
- 5

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JUDGE’S FORM
POETRY RECITATION

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### AREAS OF EVALUATION

#### Mechanics
- Approach/departure: 5
- Appearance: 5
- Poise/self-confidence: 5
- Voice projection/inflection: 5
- Diction/enunciation: 5

#### Outline
- Introduction/closing: 5
- Major points: 5
- Illustrations/anecdotes: 5

#### Delivery
- Sincerity and warmth: 5
- Persuasiveness: 5
- Overall presentation (facial expression, gestures, eye contact, etc.): 10

#### Message content
- Content based on Biblical doctrine: 15
- Scripture used to support text: 10
- Application of life: 10

#### Proper documentation submitted
- 5

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ILLUSTRATED STORYTELLING

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AREAS OF EVALUATION              POSSIBLE POINTS              POINTS AWARDED

Spoken material
Shows preparation and planning, not wholly extemporaneous, 10
not just a collection of jokes
Suitable to occasion, has a basic theme and unity, builds to
a message of Christian or patriotic worth 15

Staging
Suitable, personable, well-made characters, props, costumes 10
Effective stage, background, props, etc. 10

Effective presentation
Memory 10
Use of variety: singing, laughing, sighed, taped background
music, etc. 5
Develops character 5
Variation of voice between characters 10
Arouses audience response 5
Timing: natural movements, posture, lip movement, and
entrances and exits 15

Proper documentation submitted 5

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<td>Variation of voice between performer and dummy/puppet</td>
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### JUDGE’S FORM
**INTERPRETATION FOR THE DEAF**

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### JUDGE’S FORM

**GROUP BIBLE SPEAKING**

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*If competition piece does not meet the minimum/maximum time requirements, .5 points will be deducted for each portion of thirty (30) second increments. The identical deduction occurs on each form.*
EVENTS OF THE HEART AFFIDAVIT

Date _______________________________

I, _______________________________________________________________, affirm that

(Print) Administrator’s Name

________________________________________________________ meets the following guidelines in:

(Print) Student’s Name

_____________________________________________.

Event Name and Number

Events of the Heart Student Convention Guidelines
Contestant must be mentally challenged to the extent the student is incapable of entering any regular
competition.

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(Administrator’s Signature)

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School Name

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School Account Number
**JUDGE’S FORM**  
**A.C.E. CHARACTER TRAIT VIDEO**

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