

Greetings!

Our National Youth Leadership Team met the second week of November and made the following changes (which will go into effect immediately) regarding IBQ:

Section C. TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

2. All teams must be from a Pentecostal Church of God (PCG) church, or one in full fellowship with the PCG, with a PCG credentialed pastor, or a youth group registered with the National Youth Department.

Previous Wording: All team members must be from the same local church, that church being a Pentecostal Church of God (PCG) or one in full fellowship with the PCG with a PCG credentialed pastor or a youth group registered with the National Youth Department.

3. If a church (from any age division) desires to quiz and there are not enough willing participants to form a team, those quizzers may join with other churches in their district to form one team. The maximum number of quizzers from one Church that could be on the combined team is 3 quizzers.

Previous Wording: If a quizzer of senior age desires to quiz and there are not enough willing participants from that same age group desiring to form a team, that quizzer may quiz with another church from their section. If there are no teams in their section, they may quiz with another church in their district.

***These rule changes are designed to do two things:** First it brings clarity to exactly how churches who don't have enough students to quiz can still be involved, and secondly it creates a little more latitude & flexibility for multiple churches coming together to form one team. So, for example: The maximum number of quizzers on a team is 8; now a team can have representatives from multiple churches as long as the maximum number of students from one church is 3. So, you could have Church A with 1 quizzer, Church B with 3 quizzers, Church C with 3 quizzers, and Church D with 1 quizzer – all combined together to make 1 quiz team. We hope this will help with the churches who are desiring to get quizzing started but just do not have enough coaches or students.

Section D. IBQ NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

1. All registered IBQ Teams are eligible to enter the IBQ National Tournament. Those teams with District competitions must participate in those competitions to be eligible for the IBQ National Tournament.

Previous Wording: The first and second place teams in each level of each district will advance to the IBQ National Tournament. If the first and second place teams are unable to represent their district then the third place team may become the representative.

***This rule change is designed to** help grow awareness & excitement about the IBQ Program by expanding the National Finals Competition to include **ALL teams** registered for the current quiz season. Our desire is that the national tournament will grow to have multiple teams showing up per division to foster better competition and an overall more exciting IBQ Finals!

I want to thank each of you for your commitment to teaching our students the word of God through IBQ! I believe that we have some exciting days ahead in our IBQ program!

If you ever have any questions or ideas that you would like to share with me in regard to IBQ, please drop me an email at: randyl@pcg.org or give me a call at: 817-554-5900 ext: 351

I hope to see you and your quizzers at our IBQ Finals, June 20-23, 2023 in Gatlinburg, TN.

Serving this Generation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Lawrence Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Randy Lawrence Jr.

Director Impact PCG Student Ministries