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**Regional Talent Test Rules & Regulations**

Warm Christian Greetings,

The Church Of God Central West Region, Youth Department has decided to conduct the Regional Talent Test next year with the Regional Youth Camp from November 9th - 12th, 2023. Following are the rules and regulations that have to be followed for the talent test.

**AGE GROUP**

GROUP	AGE LIMIT	PARTICIPATION FOR REGIONAL TALENT TEST
Beginners	3 - 5	NOT ALLOWED
Primary	6 - 9	NOT ALLOWED
Sub Juniors	10 - 13	NOT ALLOWED
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>14 - 17</b>	ALLOWED
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>18 - 21</b>	ALLOWED
<b>Youth</b>	<b>22 - 30</b>	ALLOWED
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>31 - 45</b>	ALLOWED
Super Seniors	Above 45	NOT ALLOWED

The age groups namely **Beginners, Primary, Sub Juniors and Super Seniors** can take part only in their respective **Church/District competitions**. They will not be allowed to participate in the Regional talent test.

Every District has the right to make or change rules (in their district committee) only for these groups (**Beginners, Primary, Sub Juniors and Super Seniors**).

The age groups namely **juniors, Intermediate, Youth and seniors** are allowed to take part in the Regional talent test. Rules and regulations for these groups have to be strictly followed according to **this letter**.

**Cutoff Date for the Age Groups-**

The Cut -off date for all the age groups was decided as **August 15th, 2023** for district as well as for regional talent test.

**Program List for Different Groups**

**ONLY FOR DISTRICT LEVEL**

<b>Beginners</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Sub Juniors</b>	<b>Super Seniors</b>
Action Song	Action Song	Solo Song	Solo Song Female
Solo Song	Solo Song	Speech	Solo Song Male
Story Telling	Story Telling	Verses Competition	Speech
			Essay Writing
			Verses Competition

**FOR REGIONAL LEVEL**

<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Seniors</b>
Solo Song Female	Solo Song Female	Solo Song Female	Solo Song Female
Solo Song Male	Solo Song Male	Solo Song Male	Solo Song Male
Speech	Speech	Speech	Speech
Essay Writing	Essay Writing	Essay Writing	Essay Writing
Verses Competition	Verses Competition	Verses Competition	Verses Competition
Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz
<b>COMMON PROGRAMS</b>			
Group Bible Quiz	Classical Song	Bible Reference	Group Song

## COMMON RULES

1. Districts should conduct their talent test and should give the names of the participants by **1st Week of September, 2023**
2. Points for all the programs:

1st Position	5 Marks
2nd Position	3 Marks
3rd Position	1 Marks

3. **Overall Champion:** The individual getting maximum points will be the Overall Champion in the regional level. Districts can also give the award to their overall champions if they want to. One of the common programme can be taken as points if needed for tie breaker.
4. Three judges for solo song, action song, group song, classical songs.
5. Judges for song should have knowledge about music and singing.
6. Minimum two judges for speech, essay, verse completion and bible quiz, they should also have knowledge about above said.
7. Try to invite Judges from outside our churches and also use **chest numbers** instead of individual name, church name or district name to be clear of partiality and favouritism Judges should judge according to the criteria that we shall give.
8. Regional YPE Officials/Executives, District YPE Officials (Secretary, Jt. Secretary & Treasurer) & Wives of Pastors cannot participate in any program in the talent test.

## RULES FOR PROGRAMMES:

### SOLO SONG

1. Maximum Time: 3 Minutes
2. Classical and semi classical songs are not allowed.
3. For each group, only one or two member can take part up to district level.
4. For regional level, in all the groups from Junior to seniors, the first position holder in the district is eligible.
5. Using Mic for solo song is not allowed.
6. There will be a final bell after 3 minutes.

### ACTION SONG

1. Maximum Time: 3 Minutes

2. As given in solo, only one chorus and one stanza can be sung with action.

## **STORY TELLING**

1. Only for beginners and primary
2. Districts have the right to decide the rules regarding this program.

## **SPEECH**

1. Time limit is 7 minutes for all groups. After 5th minute there will be a 1st warning bell. After the 6th minute there will be a final warning bell, and then 1 minute can be taken. If more than 7 minutes are taken, points will be deducted.
2. For juniors, 3 topic that will be already decided shall be given to the participants and one topic among the given topics will be selected and given to them 10 minutes before.
3. Intermediate to seniors, topic will be given 10 minutes before, and key verse will not be given.
4. **Only Bible or reference Bible** can be used for preparation. Mobiles, Internet, books etc. cannot be used.
5. During the speech, only normal Bible can be used.
6. For making notes, only sealed paper can be used, which shall be given on demand.
7. Participants of the junior are not allowed to read from their paper or notes.
8. For regional level, in all the groups from Junior to seniors, the first position holder in the district is eligible.
9. Using mic is not allowed.
10. Languages permitted: English & Hindi  
Malayalam can be used only by participants from ages 31 to 45

## **ESSAY WRITING**

1. For juniors, 3 topic shall be decided earlier and one topic among the given topics will be selected 10 minutes before.
2. Topic will be given then itself for the remaining 3 groups i.e Intermediate, Youth & Seniors.
3. Time For preparation: 10 minutes
4. Time for writing: 15 minutes.
5. Max 500 words limit.
6. Only **normal Bible** can be used for preparation. **Reference Bible, Internet, books, and mobiles or any sort of helping objects cannot be used.**
7. For preparation, sealed paper shall be given in which notes can be made, but while writing essay Bible cannot be used.
8. For regional level, in all the groups from Junior to seniors, the first position holder in the district is eligible. .
9. Language: English, Hindi & Malayalam

## **VERSES COMPETITION**

- 1 Only for Sub Juniors, the verse competition will be oral.

2. Time limit will be 15 minutes.
3. Bible Versions: English NKJV, NIV, in Hindi Pavitra Shastra (Bible Society of India), in Malayalam Satya Veda Pustakam (Bible Society of India) can only be used.
4. Verse should have more than 3 words.
5. If words change, the verse will be cancelled.
6. If no reference is written, the verse will be cancelled.
7. While writing from the same book, can write the name of the book as heading and write the verses under it, otherwise you have to write at least first three letters of the books or Bible book abbreviations and then reference.
8. Selected books will be given.
9. From the same chapter more than 3 verses cannot be written.
10. A Verse should begin after a full-stop and end with a full-stop or question mark. It should be written along with the punctuation marks as it is given in the Bible.
11. In English, one should write the name of version on the first page.
12. Verses can be written only on sealed paper.
13. For regional level, in all the groups from Junior to seniors, the first position holder in the district is eligible.

### **BIBLE QUIZ INDIVIDUAL**

1. There will be 10 questions and time limit will be 7 minutes.
2. Only sealed paper can be used.
3. For regional level, in all the groups from Junior to seniors, the first position holder in the district is eligible.
4. Questions will be asked from selected books.
5. For tie breaker, extra 5 questions will be used.
6. This is a written competition for all groups.

### **BIBLE QUIZ GROUP**

1. There will be 10 questions and time limit will be 15 minutes.
2. Only sealed paper can be used.
3. For tie breaker, extra 5 questions will be used.
4. Group of maximum 3 people can participate.
5. Question will be asked from the whole bible.
6. Participants should be from ages 14-45.
7. This is a written competition.
8. Suggestion: A common bible quiz can be conducted at district level and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position holders can be sent as team to the regional level.

### **BIBLE REFERENCE**

1. Only one (male or female) member can take part from ages 14 to 45.
2. Bible can be opened for reading only after the verse is said in all the required languages and only when instructed by the judges to do so.
3. Rest all the instructions will be given by the judges.
4. Church and district can make one more group below 14.(optional)
5. For regional (14-45), only one i.e the first position holder from the district is eligible.

## **GROUP SONG**

1. Minimum Participants: 3
2. Maximum Participants: 7
3. Participant should be from age group 14-45
4. Classical, Semi-classical is not allowed
5. Timing: 5 Mins

### NOTE:

- A. Violation of the above said rules will result in the disqualification of the participant.
- B. If the names of the participant and other information are not given on or before the first week of September 2023, it will not be accepted afterwards.
- C. If any of the participant's proof of date of birth is asked, it has to be shown.
- D. Final decision will be of respectable judges.

*Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Cor. 1:3*

Suggestions are invited at Email Id- [info@cogypecwr.com](mailto:info@cogypecwr.com)

May GOD bless you All.

Yours in His Vineyard,



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