



GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING AN ASSOCIATION CHILDREN/YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL

GENERAL PREPARATION

1. Notify all churches of the details of the Drill.
2. Determine the need for KJV Drills, ESV drills and/or CSB Drills.
3. Enlist three regular judges, (additional two bonus judges will be needed for youth and high school), and an experienced timekeeper. Plan for a meeting to be sure the judges understand materials and rules. Review instructions sheet.
4. Check with churches to find out how many children to expect to participate in the Association Drill. Plan for the anticipated number (If more than 12 children, call two drills). Translations may be combined in one drill.
5. Make numbers to identify children for the judges. Place on the right shoulder.
6. The Association Drill is provided by the BSCNC. Prepare enough copies so that each judge may follow the response of participants. The drill copy is front and back but may be printed as single pages.
7. Make copies of Scoring Sheets, Instructions to Judges, Registration Forms, etc. necessary to carry out and report your Association Drill. These may be enlarged and copied from your *NC Bible Drill Leader's Manual* or downloaded from the Bible Drill website: www.ncbibledrill.org.

BEFORE THE DRILL (Preparing Participants)

1. Ask children/youth to come at least 30 minutes ahead of time. Meet with them in a special room for instructions and registration.
2. Use your own registration method for registering participants.
3. See that each participant has a Drill Bible (KJV, ESV or CSB). (A Bible will be provided for each participant to use at the Regional Drill.)
4. When instructing participants, remind them to:
 - a. Hold Bible properly when the calls "ATTENTION" and "PRESENT BIBLES" are given.
 - b. Place INDEX finger on any part of a page of Bible and look up BEFORE stepping forward.
 - c. Keep eyes on leader at all times when not searching in Bible or reading when asked to respond. If participant discovers they cannot give correct response if called upon they do not step back, but raise hand to indicate an error. Wait to step back into place until after the command "ATTENTION" has been given. All should step back to original position at the same time.
 - d. Do not lift or turn pages after stepping forward. The rule states that the verse or portion has been located and the finger is on the verse or on the correct passage before stepping forward.

- e. When in doubt, drillers are encouraged to step out even if time is called and allow judges to decide if they have stepped forward in time.
5. Line up groups of with no more than twelve children in a group. Attach a number on the RIGHT shoulder of each participant and refer to participant by number rather than by name during drill. Participants should line up so that participant #1 is to the left of the audience.
6. Give a sample call before beginning the official drill to acquaint drillers with caller's voice and cadence.

DURING THE DRILL

1. After welcoming audience and drillers, say a few remarks about the purpose of the Drill. Participants not in the current drill need to wait outside the assembly room until their drill is called with an adult present to supervise. After a group has completed the drill, the drillers can sit in the assembly area and watch the remaining drills. They should not leave the assembly room until all drills are completed.
2. Begin the drill with prayer.
3. Conduct the drill.
4. Pause briefly to give participants a second or two to think before saying "Start."
5. If the caller makes a mistake in giving a call or if there is a general misunderstanding about a call, simply ask the judges to disregard the call and give the alternate call.
6. Be sure judges are ready each time before moving on to the next call.

AFTER THE DRILL

1. Gather the judges' scoresheets and give to the person tallying scores. Judges do not need to meet unless there is a discrepancy in scoring.
2. Announce the dates and places for Regional Drills.
3. Announce the results of the Drill respecting both winners and those who did not achieve a score that allows them to move to the next level of competition. A penciled score on the back of a certificate is usually sufficient for informing of the actual score.
4. Associational leaders will need to register the drillers advancing to regional drills at www.ncbibleddrill.org by the deadline set by the Bible Drill Ministries of North Carolina.

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