

# NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL BIBLE DRILL GUIDELINES 2021





**CHILDREN:** Children will have the opportunity to be recognized at all 3 levels of drills for 2021-- church, associational and regional levels. In the interest of safety during COVID, children will not participate in person at a BSCNC organized regional drill but will have the opportunity to participate in the regional drill at their church if their church chooses to host an optional regional drill. Churches may also opt for a score that qualifies for the regional certificate at either their church drill or associational drill. A score of 20 or more qualifies for a state winner score. Churches have the option to offer the church drill only or all 3 levels of drills for a driller to qualify as a state winner. Copies of the children's regional drill will be provided by the BSCNC Bible Drill office through a secure link that leaders will receive via email by March 1, 2021

Because the children will not be participating in state convention organized drills in April 2021, churches and associations will not have to meet the March 29 deadline for registration. This allows churches to extend their children's Bible Drill season this year.

The deadline for churches to register their children for a regional certificate for 2021 will be July 1, 2021. Registration for children's Bible Drill certificates will be available after April 1 on the Bible Drill website: [www.ncbibleddrill.org](http://www.ncbibleddrill.org).

Leaders: After the drills, please register your children on the Bible Drill website. Be sure to have the following information available to complete your registration:

1. Driller name
2. Driller score
3. If the driller is a 3-year winner

This will assist us in preparing the certificates for your driller. Certificates will be mailed to drill leaders.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**March 1** Leaders will receive an email to access the children's regional drill.

**April 1** Registration opens for leaders to register their drillers for regional certificates.

**July 1** DEADLINE to register children drillers for a regional participation certificate which will also include any perfect score or 3 year awards.



**YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL:** Youth and high school Bible Drillers who have a qualifying score will have the opportunity to participate at the regional level to qualify to advance to State Finals to compete for the Bible Drill scholarship. Registration for regional youth/high school drills will open March 1, 2021 and close March 29, 2021. After registration closes, drillers will be assigned a specific time for their drill at the location they have chosen. They will be notified of their assigned time in an email sent to the leader after registration closes. Drills will be on the hour in order to allow for cleaning and sanitization of facilities between drills. There will be no celebration service at regionals.

On the day of the event, drillers and their guests, will remain in their vehicles until time for their drill. At their assigned time, drillers and their guests will enter the building wearing masks, go through a temperature check and proceed to their assigned drill location. Once there, they will receive their pre-assigned number, meet with the caller, be reminded of the rules, complete the drill, and then return to their vehicles with their guests. They will be required to wear a mask at all times until they are in place for their drill. Upon completion of the drill, drillers will be required to wear a mask upon exiting the drill. Accommodations for social distancing will be made during the drill for all participants and guests. The Bible Drill office will provide a Bible for the competition that will be used only once that day. *Certificates will be mailed to the leaders.*

\*\*There will be no videoing, livestreaming or pictures allowed during the drills. This is a distraction to the drillers. A brief time for picture taking will be allowed **after** the drill.

NOTE: Drillers must participate at one of the regional drill locations on April 10 or April 17 to qualify for state finals on May 1.

**GUESTS & BIBLE DRILL LEADERS:** Each driller will be allowed 2 guests plus 1 Bible Drill leader per church group. NO CHILDREN under the age of 12 will be allowed in the drill area. Seating will be socially distanced. Masks will be required at all times for all guests. Bible Drill leaders or guests who have been exposed to COVID-19, have COVID-19 symptoms, are awaiting COVID-19 test results or have COVID on the day of their assigned drill will not be allowed to attend regionals.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL:**

- March 1-29** Registration for youth/high school participants planning to advance to regionals on April 10 or April 17 (register at [www.ncbibleddrill.org](http://www.ncbibleddrill.org))
- April 10** Regionals - Parkwood Baptist Church, Concord
- April 17** Regionals - Flint Hill Baptist Church, Shelby
- May 1** State Finals - Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Hudson
- June 17-18** National Invitational Tournament - Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas

### **SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS FOR REGIONAL PARTICIPANTS WITH COVID:**

Youth or high school participants who have been exposed to COVID-19, have COVID-19 symptoms, are awaiting COVID-19 test results or have COVID on the day of their assigned drill will not be allowed to participate at a regional location. However, they will qualify for the Special Youth/High School Accommodations below.

### **SPECIAL YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Youth or high school drillers who do not feel prepared to participate in regionals on April 10 or April 17, or cannot participate due to exposure to COVID-19, have COVID-19 symptoms, are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test or have COVID-19, but would still like to participate in regional drills in order to qualify as a 2021 state winner, will have the opportunity to do so after April 17, 2021. The regional drill will be available to all church leaders after April 17 for drilling their participants who are not able to compete at a regional drill location. After a driller has participated in a regional drill, church leaders may submit their information on the website to receive a regional certificate and any appropriate 3, 6 or 9-year winner awards. In order to receive recognition at the regional level, all information must be submitted by July 1, 2021. *Certificates and special awards will be mailed to the church leader.* Drillers who participate in the special accommodations, **will not be eligible** to qualify for state finals. Drillers must attend a regional drill April 10 or April 17 to be eligible to qualify for state finals.

Please have the following information available when registering:

1. Driller's name
2. Driller's score
3. Perfect Score: yes/no?
4. 3-, 6- or 9-year winner?

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THOSE NOT PARTICIPATING ON APRIL 10 OR APRIL 17:**

**April 18** Leaders will receive an email to access the regional drills.

**July 1** DEADLINE to register drillers for a regional participation certificate.



**SPEAKERS TOURNAMENT:** All speakers must register and submit their written speech by March 29, 2021. A video submission is to be sent through a secure link provided by NC Baptist Bible by April 9, 2021. Judges will score the speeches and the top 3 speakers will have the opportunity to present their speech at State Finals at Mt. Zion, Hudson May 1, 2021. The top 3 scoring speakers will receive notification via email.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**March 1-29** Speaker registration, written speech.

**April 9** Video submission deadline.

**April 23** Speakers will be notified via email for State Finals advancement.

**HONORARY SPEAKERS TOURNAMENT 2020:** NEW for 2021 only! Speakers who prepared a speech for 2020 will have the opportunity to be recognized and honored for their hard work. They may submit their written speech and a video presenting their speech by May 1, 2021. This speech from 2020 will not qualify for any of the 2021 awards, but each participant will be scored by judges and an honorary certificate will be sent from the state Bible Drill office. Participants may submit their speech and video through a secure link provided by our office. Please notify the state Bible Drill office as soon as possible if you have a speaker from 2020 that would like to participate in the Honorary Speakers Tournament.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

May 1 Written speech and video deadline.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is working to provide a safe venue for all 2021 Bible Drill participants. Be sure and check your emails, the NC Bible Drill website and Facebook page for the most recent updates!

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