



ODACS RULES ELEMENTARY, LEVEL I, GRADES 4-6

AREA ONE: BIBLE

GENERAL RULES

1. ODACS and AACS will use the KJV Bible for judging Bible competition categories. The King James Version will be the only authorized translation used in any competition category. See the AACS website, www.aacs.org, for current publication and ordering information. This specific publication is the official version and must be used for judging. Other printings may have slight variations in words or punctuation. Answers must be correct according to the AACS selected publications.
2. For ODACS Bible Sword Drill only, students will use the hardback KJV Bible, ISBN #978-1-56320-654-2.
3. Students will be penalized for going over time or under time in any category of competition where time limits are established. See General Information page 5, Time Limitation and Disqualification, for more information.

BIBLE PREACHING GENERAL RULES

1. Entry will be restricted to young men.
2. Each student will prepare a sermon between 3 and 7 minutes in length. (See General Information, page 5.)
3. *Artificial intelligence tools or software may not be used to generate content. AI tools may appropriately be used to suggest edits or revisions to student-created content as long as the software does nothing more than suggest changes. All revisions must be made by the student.*
4. A timer, visible to the preacher, will be provided to help him stay within the time limits.
5. Each student will present three copies of his typewritten sermon outline to the judge at the time of delivery.
6. The outline guidelines are as follows:
 - a. It should be done in a standard subordination format.
 - b. It *may* be done in sentence form *or in topic form*. *The outline must include transition sentences.*
 - c. It should include a written introduction and conclusion.
 - d. It should include a title, *thesis*, and Scripture references.
6. The King James Version will be the only authorized translation for ODACS competition.
7. Only one round of competition will be conducted.
8. Recording is absolutely prohibited except for the recording of a single entry by representatives of the participant's school for personal use. The recording of all or portions of the performance of more than one entry in any event is prohibited. In any case, the head judge may prohibit recording. No recording made by anyone other than competition officials may be considered for adjudication purposes.

Category 5: Evangelistic Preaching

Time Limit 3-7 minutes

An evangelistic sermon may be expository, topical, or textual, but one which is primarily directed toward the lost, with the goal of drawing them to Christ. Since an evangelistic sermon may be textual in nature, it is good to have a definition of textual preaching also. A textual sermon is one in which the main divisions are derived from a text consisting of a brief portion of Scripture. Each of these divisions is then used as a line of suggestion, and the text provides the theme of the sermon.