



## ODACS RULES JUNIOR HIGH, LEVEL II, GRADES 7-9

### 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](http://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 competition 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.

#### Category 2: Bible Memory

Rules and outlines are in the appendix on pages 87-88 and 95-110. The cycle is as follows:

2025-2026	God's Promises	2026-2027	The Wisdom of God	2027-2028	Soul Winning
2028-2029	The Triune God	2029-2030	Sin and Salvation	2030-2031	Prayer

#### BIBLE MEMORY

Outlines for each level are on pages 89-134.

Cycle	Elementary	Year	Junior/Senior High
	God's Promises	2025-2026	God's Promises
	Soul Winning	2026-2027	The Wisdom of God
	Prayer	2027-2028	Soul Winning
	God's Promises	2028-2029	The Triune God
	Soul Winning	2029-2030	Sin & Salvation
	Prayer	2030-2031	Prayer

Competition will be conducted in the traditional spelling bee fashion.

1. Students are not required to provide judging forms for Bible Memory.
2. All students will stand, forming a single line facing the Memory Master. The Master will question from left to right. At ODACS Competitions: All students will wear identification badges.
3. All questions will be taken from the official memory material.
4. The Master will conduct two styles of quizzing as follows:  
 Style 1: Master cites reference; student recites verse. Master may continue this style for as many rounds as he chooses. ODACS Variation: Master will continue Style 1 quizzing for no more than 5 rounds.  
 Style 2: Master refers to application of verse; student cites both reference and verse. Master may continue this style for as many rounds as he chooses.
5. Each student will be given a question different from that given the preceding student.
6. The student will not begin speaking until the master's questioning is completed.
7. A student will be permitted one error before his elimination. Upon commission of his second error, the student will be eliminated by the master with confirmation from the judges.
8. 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 web site for current publication and ordering information. The text of the Bible verses used for Bible Memory competition appear in the outlines on pages 83-128 of this manual and are taken from the King James Version, ISBN 978-0-718-09754-7.
9. The following will constitute errors:
  - a. Any incorrect reference citation.



- b. Any deviation from the verbatim quotation of Scripture, i.e., any addition, omission, reversal, or change of words.
  - c. Incomplete answers at the call of time.
  - d. Only one error per question may be scored against a student.
  - e. Pronunciation mistakes will not constitute errors.
  - f. Having begun to either cite a reference, quote a verse, or both, a student may stop and begin again, repeating exactly as begun; but in the repeating, there can be no change of reference or quotation. If such a change occurs, the student will be declared in error.
10. *The student will have 15 seconds to begin to say a verse or verse reference but must finish within 35 seconds of the start of the timer.*
- a. Timing will begin at the Master's signal of "Time!"
  - b. If the student wishes a repetition of the question, to prevent the starting of the clock, he will signify his request by saying, "Please repeat the question."
  - c. Only one repeat request per question will be permissible.
11. Having already correctly cited a passage, a student will not be asked to recite the same passage in a later round.
12. The correct citation or quotation or both will not be given after a response has been deemed in error. However, a contestant who has been ruled in error may immediately request that the master give a brief summary of the nature of the error.
13. A student may state a challenge for one of the following reasons:
- a. The student believes that the Master ruled an incorrect response of another student to be correct.
  - b. The student believes that the Master ruled a correct answer to be incorrect.
  - c. The student believes that the Master has not correctly enforced a rule.
- The challenge must be stated immediately following the response to the question being challenged. The student will initiate the challenge by saying, "Excuse me, Mr. Quiz Master, I would like to challenge." The Master will have sole authority to accept or reject the challenge.
14. After a student's elimination, the proceedings continue as normal. The next question from the master's official list will then be given to the next student.
15. When the students will have been reduced to two, provided that each student has committed one error, or that each student is errorless, the elimination procedure changes, but not before the completion of the current round. At that point, when one student commits an error, the opponent will be given opportunity to correctly answer that same question. If the opponent will answer correctly that same question, plus answer the next question correctly on the Master's list, then he will be declared champion.
16. If one of the last two students commits an error and the other student, after correcting the error, commits an error on the extra question, then the first student may attempt to answer the extra question. If the first student then succeeds in correcting that error and then correctly answers another question, he will be declared champion.
17. If both the finalists commit errors on the same question, both will continue in competition. The question will be answered correctly by the Master, and the competition will continue with the next question directed to the one who erred first on the prior question. The competition will resume under Rule 15 and 16.
18. Any protest relating to the reference or quotation of a verse will be referred to the judges immediately. Only a student participant may lodge a protest. The deadline for lodging a protest will be before the affected student would have received his next question had he not been eliminated. No protest will be entertained after a contested question has been given another student. When only two students remain, a protest must be made immediately, i.e., before the second student has begun to answer the question, or, if both have missed the same question, before the correct answer is given the audience.
19. When oral quizzing has continued for at least 20 rounds or for at least 1.5 hours without producing a winner (whichever comes first), the master will institute written quizzing.
- a. If, when written quizzing is instituted, some competitors have one error while others are errorless, the errorless competitors shall be allowed three unpenalized errors in written quizzing.
  - b. In written quizzing, the competitors will be given ten verse references. The competitor must write the reference(s) and verse(s) from memory.



- c. A ten-minute time limit will be established for written quizzing. If a competitor finishes his writing before the time limit expires, he may turn in his work, and the time elapsed will be recorded on his paper. All work will be collected when the time limit has expired.
  - d. In written quizzing, errors will be weighted numerically. Any word error (incorrect word, omitted word, or added word) will be given a weight of 3. Any error in spelling, punctuation, or capitalization will be given a weight of 1. ODACS Variation: The use of a hyphen to divide a word at the end of a line of written text will not be counted against a contestant. Also, failure to indicate italics in the Bible text will not be counted against a contestant.
  - e. At ODACS State Competition, if a tie remains after the writing is scored, the times for competitors (19.c) will be used to break the tie. In the case of a continuing tie, the entire writing process will be repeated for the tied competitors.
20. The Master and Judges have complete authority and control. Their decision will be final.