

ODACS State Competition 2nd Place Advancing from Regionals New Rule, Effective in 2018

New Rule (Replaces the rule on page 2 of the ODACS Competition Manual for 2016-2020, under Registration/State Competition)

State Competition: Level II and Level III winners at the regional competitions will be automatically registered for the State Competition. *Additionally, a second-place finisher at the regional competition will be registered for the State Competition provided that one of the following criteria applies.*

Bible Quiz: The first-place team finishes with one loss.

Bible Sword Drill: The margin of victory is 30 points or less.

Bible Memory and Spelling: The second-place finisher is eliminated in the 11th round or later.

Judged Categories: The average margin of victory per judge is 1.0 point or less.

Bible and Academic Testing: The margin of victory is 3 test items or fewer.

Categories Judged by Ordinals: The second-place finisher receives at least one first-place vote.

Third-place finishers will not advance to State Competition, even if one of these criteria applies. When there is a tie for second place and one of these criteria applies, then both or all of the tied contestants will advance to State Competition. Two debate teams will advance only when the judges' opinions are split and a first-place tie is declared.

Old Rule (2015-2017)

State Competition: Level II and Level III winners at the regional competitions will be automatically registered for the State Competition. Additionally, **for any Regional category in which there were at least four entries, the second-place finisher will be automatically registered for State Competition.**