

**The United Methodist Church - Philippines Central Conference**  
**BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP**  
900 United Nations Avenue, Manila

In cooperation with the  
**PHILIPPINE BIBLE SOCIETY**

**13<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ MECHANICS**

**Objectives:**

1. To strengthen the conviction that God's Word is the only basic foundation of a happy and peaceful life in this world;
2. To raise awareness among the youth on the teachings of the Bible and as these are internalized, they will apply them in their daily lives;
3. To draw the attention of the parents in assisting their children to study the teachings of the Bible which ultimately will foster harmonious family relationships;
4. To stimulate the interest of Christian educators and church workers on the value of studying the Holy Bible regularly as an effective value formation tool.

**Eligibility of Participants**

1. All participants must be bona fide United Methodist Church (UMC) youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years, in or out of school. Juniors must be 12 years old at the time of local church elimination; Seniors must be 15 years old.  
(Junior Level: 12-14 years; Senior Level: 15-17 years).
2. Must submit the following (for the Grand Finals):
  - a. written approval of participation from parents
  - b. endorsement from the local church pastor
  - c. birth certificate and/or baptismal certificate
  - d. 2 x 2 ID picture and one whole body picture
  - e. certification of eligibility from the Annual Conference Board of Discipleship and Quiz Committee chairpersons
3. Children of members of the National Bible Quiz Executive Committee, Quiz Administration Committee, and Staff of BCED and their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified from joining the contest.

**Schedule**

<b>2025:</b>	September 15-30	–	Local Church Eliminations
	October 15 - 31	–	District Eliminations
	November 15 - 31	–	Annual Conference Eliminations
	December 15-		Submission to BCED of Annual Conference Grand Finals Contestants.

**2026:**        January 31    –        Grand Finals

*Venue:* Central United Methodist Church  
          T.M. Kalaw Street, Ermita, Manila  
*Time:* 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Note:* In case of natural calamities such as typhoons, disturbances, and other reasons that will compromise the safety of the contestants and participants, the Bible Quiz Committee of the level concerned reserves the right to postpone the contest, except in the Grand Finals where the NBQ EXECOM shall decide.

## **Grand Finals Prizes**

Junior and Senior Levels

First Prize:        P50,000 with trophy and gift packs

Second Prize:    P40,000 with trophy and gift packs

Third Prize:        P30,000 with trophy and gift packs

## **Prescribed Attire**

### ***Local, District, Annual Conference***

Male    – pants and white polo shirt/polo barong

Female – skirt and white blouse

### ***National Grand Finals***

Male    – barong (long sleeves), black pants and black shoes

Female – Filipiniana; long skirt with kimona top

## **Official Bible Version**

The 10<sup>th</sup> National Bible Quiz Commemorative Diglot Bible will be used as the official reference.

## **Punctuality**

1. All contestants are required to time-in thirty (30) minutes before the start of the contest by affixing their signature on the official timekeeper's record.
2. A grace period of ten (10) minutes will be given after which latecomers shall be disqualified.

## **Rules of Conduct**

1. Misconduct or unruly behavior of any contestant or adviser, which results in disrupting the proceedings, will result in a warning. If behavior is persistent, the person concerned shall be disqualified.
2. If the Grand Finals winner is found to have falsified his/her credentials, all prizes and other benefits due him/her shall be nullified, and the second-place winner shall be declared Grand Finals winner.

## **Protest**

1. All questions or clarifications during the proceedings shall be addressed by the contestants to the Quiz Master who shall bring it to the Board of Judges.
2. All questions shall be made during the round (easy, difficult) and must be resolved before the next round starts.
3. The Board of Judges shall answer all protests.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final.
5. In the unlikely event of a controversy involving the results of the Grand Finals, the NBQ Executive Committee may conduct a review and settle the issue no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the Grand Finals.

## **Quiz Rules and Procedures**

1. The Quiz Master shall read each question twice. The contestants may write the answer immediately after the first reading.
2. The timekeeper starts the countdown after the second reading, for 5 seconds.
3. At the call, contestants must give their answers.
4. The Board of Judges is responsible for the validity of the answers.
5. Contestants who fail to follow instructions will have their answers invalidated.
6. In case of any problems affecting the contestants, contestants may raise their hands/flaglets to inform the Quiz Master. (Accredited adviser may also be allowed to raise questions.)
7. No one in the audience will be allowed to coach or raise any questions at any point in the contest.
8. Questions of process should be submitted to the Quiz Committee after each round.

## **Elimination Round: Local Church and District Levels**

1. The Bible Quiz will revolve around memory verses and the books assigned to the age levels.
2. Junior level contestants (12-14 years old) will memorize 50 verses, while the Senior level (15-17 years old) will memorize 100 verses.
3. Quiz Questions for the Local Church Level will be prepared by the District Bible Quiz Committee. Questions for the District Level will be prepared by the Annual Conference Board of Discipleship and the Conference Bible Quiz Committee. Questions for the Annual Conference level shall be prepared by the Philippine Bible Society for the National Bible Quiz Committee.

4. Local Church & District Levels: Verse recognition

Part I: Quizmaster will read the passage and participant will give specific verse.

Part II: Quizmaster will read the verse number or reference and the contestant will recite the verse.

1st part: 20 Questions (Easy Round)

2nd part: 10 Questions (Difficult Questions)

### Semi-Final Round: Annual Conference Level

- Part 1 Question and Answer
- Part 2 Memory Verses
- Part 3 Verse Exposition

### Grand Finals: National Level

- Part 1 Question and Answer
- Part 2 Memory Verses
- Part 3 Verse Exposition

### Point System (Cumulative)

	<u>No. of Questions</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Total</u>
Part 1 Question and Answer:			
Easy	20	5	100 pts.
Difficult	10	10	100 pts.
Part 2 Memory Verses	1	40 pts.	40 pts.
Part 3 Verse Exposition	1	60 pts	<u>60 pts.</u>
Total =			<u>300 pts.</u>

### Part 1 - Question and Answer

20 Questions will revolve around the Books assigned for the 15-17-year-old group and 20 questions from the books assigned for the 12-14 age group.

### Part 2- Memory Verse

#### Rules and Procedures

1. Contestants will pick a number from the Quiz Master to determine who will recite first, second, etc...
2. Following the order of numbers drawn from the Quiz Master, contestant picks the verse he/she will recite. Each contestant will be given 15 seconds to think and then recite the verse.
3. Point System:
  - A. Correct and no mistake - 40 pts.
  - B. Less 5 points on each mistake (e.g. mistake - word replaced, word not mentioned, additional word, etc.)

### Part 3- Verse Exposition

#### Rules and Procedures

1. Contestants pick their numbers from the Quiz Master to determine who goes first.
2. Contestants pick the verse he/she will expound on.
3. Each contestant will be given 1 minute to think and 3 minutes to speak.
4. Verse Exposition should be in straight English or Filipino.
5. Point System:

A. Message Imparted	20 pts.
B. Coherence and Clarity of Answer	20 pts.
C. Consistency of Language	10 pts.
D. Stage Presence	<u>10 pts.</u>
Total	<u>60 pts.</u>

#### Definition of Terms

*Message Imparted* - Ability of the contestant to explain the importance and relevance of the verse to his/her own life, to the church, and to the community.

*Coherence and Clarity of Answer* - Ability of the contestant to focus his/her message within the context of the verse, and express his/her ideas clearly.

*Consistency of Language*- Ability of the contestant to deliver the message in straight English or straight Filipino.

*Stage Presence*- Ability of the contestant to face the audience with confidence and command attention.

#### Types of Questions

**A. Easy** - question is answerable with 1 or 2 words, name, place, or an event.

Example:

Who am I? What is my name? Name of place or event, First name, Tell the reference, Who said these words, Alphabet Game, and Multiple Choice.

**B. Difficult** - Analytical type of question that will require familiarization and mastery of the Holy Bible.

Example:

Name and word meanings, Fill in the blanks, Complete the verse, and matching type.