

CAST RULES 2023

➤ Quiz Officials

- A. Quizmaster
 1. The quizmaster is the presiding head official during every quiz of CAST.
 2. The quizmaster is responsible for asking the Bible quiz questions.
 3. The quizmaster is responsible for judging the correctness of all answers.
 4. The quizmaster is the only official who can award or disallow points.
 5. The quizmaster may confer with the other officials concerning the correctness of an answer, but the final decision lies fully with him.
 6. The quizmaster has the authority to call an official time out at any time.
 7. **The Quizmaster may act as both the judge and scorekeeper if there is not enough personnel to fill all positions.**
- B. Judge
 1. The judge is to be the official timekeeper.
 2. The judge is to help watch the light panel.
 3. The judge may, when asked by the quizmaster, help judge the answers.
- C. Scorekeeper
 1. The scorekeeper is responsible for the accurate recording of a quiz. He must accurately record the following:
 - a. Individual correct and incorrect answers
 - b. Question number
 2. The scorekeeper may assist the quizmaster in judging.

➤ Quizzers

- A. Each team will consist of exactly 2 members.
- B. **In the event a team shows up with only 1 team member, that member will be allowed to find another team member from the spectators or to quiz by themselves without the ability to “double-quiz out.”**
- C. **In the event an entire team does not show up, the room will quiz with the other two teams or other one team. Brackets will not be recreated on the day of the tournament (they take days to create).**

➤ Quizzing Procedures

- A. Questions
 1. Each question must be from one of the following categories:
 - a. There are two types of interrogative questions (who, what, when, why, how, where):
 - i. Partial reference questions must contain a book and chapter citation (e.g. “Who was the mother of Jesus in Matthew 1?” Answer: “Mary.”)
 - ii. Full reference questions contain the entire reference at the beginning of the question (e.g. “According to Matthew 1:21, what shall they call His name?” Answer: “Jesus.”)
 - b. “Finish this verse” (or “Finish these two/three verses”) questions contain at least the first five words of a verse. The quizzier must quote the remainder of the verse verbatim to answer the question.

- c. "Quote this verse" (or "Quote these two/three verses") questions will contain the full reference of a verse. The quizzer must quote the entire verse verbatim to answer the question.
 - d. "Give the reference" questions contain at least the first five words of a verse. The quizzer must give **the book, the chapter number, and the verse number** to answer the question.
2. Each quiz will consist of 15 questions for 3-team quizzing.
 3. Any question asked is a question whether it is answered correctly, answered incorrectly, not answered, or misread. A quiz does NOT have to end on a correctly answered question.
 4. In the case of a tie after 15 questions in Round Robin, no question will be asked. In a Playoff-type match, a 1 tie-breaker question will be given.
 5. Answering interrogative questions should be done according to the following:
 - a. The answer may not contain any incorrect information.
 - b. The answer must be **started and completed** within 30 seconds from the time the quizzer is recognized.
 - c. Time begins when the quizzer is recognized.
 - d. The quizzer should be seated after finishing his answer.
 - e. Quizzers may not quote an entire passage to answer a question. A verse quoted verbatim will only be accepted as an answer if it contains no unnecessary information to give a complete answer.
 - f. Paraphrasing is allowed under the following stipulations:
 - i. Use of a part for the whole (e.g. "Jesus" for "Jesus Christ," or "Peter" for "Simon Peter")
 - ii. Use of substituted words that have identical meanings (e.g. "Holy Spirit" for "Holy Ghost," or "pigs" for "swine," or "food" for "victuals," or "house" for "home," or "Messiah" for "Christ")
 - iii. Use of substituted prepositions or articles (e.g. "a house" for "an house," or "went into the room" for "went in the room")
 - iv. Rearranging the words to form a coherent sentence.
 - v. Use of a pronoun when the antecedent is mentioned in the question.
 - vi. Use of a pronoun when the antecedent is not mentioned in the verse(s)/chapter given in the question.
 - vii. **Use of a different verb tense to make grammatical sense (e.g., "endured" instead of "endureth").**
 - g. Paraphrasing is NOT accepted under these conditions:
 - i. Use of generic terms for specific (e.g. "temple" for "synagogue")
 - ii. Substituting titles when the verse uses a specific title (e.g. "Jesus" for "Son of God," or "God" for "The Father").
 - iii. Use of a pronoun when the antecedent is not mentioned in the question and is clearly in the verse(s)/chapter given (e.g., "ye" instead of "brethren").
 - iv. Use of a group when only part of the group is specified (e.g. "Pharisees" for "the strictest sect of the Pharisees")

- h. When the quizzer gives information that, although correct, is not part of the question or answer, it will be considered an error because the quizzer provided too much information that could have answered many different questions.
7. Scoring
 - a. 20 points will be given to all six participants at the beginning of the quiz.
 - b. 20 points will be awarded for every correct answer to a question.
 - c. 10 point penalties will be given for every error.
8. Quizzing out
 - a. Any quizzer answering 4 questions, in any combination of right or wrong, has “quizzed out” and must be taken out of the quiz.
 - b. “Top Quizzers” are determined by the highest **average** points per quiz.
- B. Time limitations
 1. The Quiz will be given 10 minutes to finish. The moment the questions are brought into the room, the 10-minute clock begins. An official will come and stop the quiz once the 10 minutes are up.
 2. 10 seconds are given to answer once the quizmaster has finished reading a question. If no quizzer jumps, the next question is read.
 3. 30 seconds are given for the quizzer to complete the answer once he is recognized.
 4. Teams who are not present at the beginning of the quiz may miss questions but may join the quiz before the next question is read to complete the quiz.
- C. Interrupted questions: a quizzer may jump at any time during the reading of the question. The quizmaster will then stop and recognize the quizzer. The quizzer must then answer the question without any further information. If the quizmaster has not started the relevant part of the question, they will merely be eliminated from that question, **and the Quizmaster will ask the question again to the remaining quizzers.**
- D. Time-outs
 1. There are no time-outs given to the teams in these quizzes.
 2. The quizmaster will call an official time-out after questions 5, 10, and 14.
 3. Each time-out is 10 to 30 seconds in length, at the complete discretion of the quizmaster. Usually, the quizmaster will briefly stop for a score check and then move on.
- E. Errors--an error occurs when, in the judgment of the quizmaster, the quizzer:
 1. Gives incorrect information.
 2. Gives too much information.
 3. Fails to complete his answer before time is called.
 4. Moves to jump, then sits back down. The Quizmaster may allow someone else to answer in this case.
- F. Challenges—There are NO challenges in this event. **Quizzers who attempt to challenge will be disqualified from the next question.**
- G. Fouls
 1. There are NO fouls in this event. A team or a single quizzer may be disqualified from the next question for bad behavior:
 - a. Displaying an improper attitude.

- b. Answering a question when the quizzer's light is not lit. If his teammate's light is on, the quizmaster will give an error to the one who spoke.
 - c. Talking while a regular question is being asked or while a quizzer is recognized.
 - d. A coach or quizzer speaking out during quizzing or trying to influence the decision of the quizmaster.
 - e. Jumping before the question has been asked. (A question is considered "asked" if the quizmaster starts the first word, such as "acc—," "in," "fin—," "quo—," "gi—").
2. During a quiz, there will be no open Bibles/Scripture portions/Memory Cards in the quiz room, other than those of the quizmaster and judges. Breaking of this rule will result in removal from the room for that quiz.
- H. The Final Five
- 1. For the top-5 teams **with the highest combined average from the morning and afternoon rounds**, there will be a double elimination tournament.
 - 2. For the first quiz, starting with the number 1 seed, the teams can choose whether they would rather quiz or have a bye in the first quiz until the choice is mandated by either 2 teams already selecting a bye or three teams already selecting to quiz.
 - 3. Subsequent byes are rewarded based on the following criteria
 - a. Most number of quizzes
 - b. Best High-Middle-Loss record
 - c. Most points in loss
 - d. Seed at the start of Top-5
 - 4. There will be a penalty on questions 14 and 15 for a team who, at the discretion of the quizmaster, is not attempting to answer the question correctly in an attempt to give another team a loss.
 - 5. The quiz does not need to end on a correct answer. A 1-question tiebreaker breaks all ties
 - a. If 1 team involved in the tie has had both quizzers answer 4 times,
 - i. The entire question will be read to the remaining team
 - ii. The quizzer on that team with fewer points will be required to answer that question
 - iii. Neglecting to answer such a question is treated like an error.
 - b. A correct answer gives the answering team a win
 - c. An incorrect answer gives the answering team a loss

➤ Other tidbits

- A. Every quiz will have exactly 3 teams. When there are only 2 teams remaining, an entirely new set of rules will be given. Those rules may, or may not, be similar on any of these points.
- B. All Round Robin standings will be determined by **averaged** points. In case of a tie, head-to-head quizzing will be considered first. Subsequent Tiebreakers will be given upon request.
- C. The King James Version of **Matthew 5, 6, 7** will be used in this competition.