



# **CCEA Bible Olympics**

## **Coordinator's Handbook**

Calvary Chapel Education Association • West Coast Region

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## **I. Statement of Purpose and Philosophy**

The CCEA Bible Olympics has both a spiritual and educational purpose. The spiritual purpose is to teach young people to practice their God-given strengths and talents in order to discover how God can be glorified in who He created them to be. The educational purpose is to develop skills and confidence in communicating their faith in various ways.

In the Bible Olympics setting, the educational purpose is accomplished in several ways. As students study prepared materials, they will gain Scriptural and historical background knowledge to help strengthen their foundation which will help them develop a confidence in communicating their convictions. The task of studying and practicing for the upcoming event will provide a strong motivation for learning. In preparing original materials, students will gain ownership of the Biblical concepts they will present to others. Students will also gain knowledge, encouragement, and inspiration from observing presentations from others.

The spiritual purpose is accomplished in various ways as well. As stated above, as students prepare to present their chosen works, they will gain more than a familiarity with the content and using the information will develop an ownership that will help them to apply Biblical truths to their own lives. They will study, ponder, reflect, and become involved with that work. Since the Bible Olympics focus is upon the Word of God itself and works that properly represent His Word, the meditation of the mind will be a focus upon Biblical principles and concepts. Feedback from spiritually mature church leadership will help them to learn sound doctrine, to gain skillful use of spiritual knowledge, and to become more effective leaders in their own youth groups, schools, and churches. This practice of presenting biblically sound information and inspiration will help to encourage young people to share their faith, to become active in local church leadership, and to stand firm and “shine as lights in the world.”

Each student will be adjudicated and will receive a “Speak Boldly/Daniel” certificate and an adjudication sheet filled with encouragement and constructive comments on presentation and instruction on sound doctrine for original works.

## **II. General Information**

### **A. Objectives**

1. To provide the opportunity for CCEA students to unite together in encouraging one another in the Word, as well as in challenging and inspiring one another to draw closer to Jesus and to walk a more sanctified life.
2. To give each student the benefit of evaluation from mature Christian leaders who are well-versed in God’s Word and aimed at growing closer to God themselves.
3. To provide occasion for our students to present a well-studied teaching, exhortation or inspiration to urge others to deepen their knowledge of the Scriptures and their relationship with Jesus.
4. To help develop a sense of community and unity with the body of Christ. Teach students that each member is a valuable part of the whole and has been gifted to play a role in the equipping and nurturing of the saints.

5. To help develop a sense of responsibility and excitement in properly representing Jesus to believers and non-believers alike.
6. To inspire our youth to find excitement and satisfaction in Jesus most of all.
7. To encourage our students by giving them the benefit of practicing Romans 1:11-12, "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end you may be established; that is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."

### ***B. Registration and Fees***

Schools register on the Student Activities Registration Form that is mailed to each school in August of the upcoming school year. The registration form and fees must be postmarked by September 21<sup>st</sup> to qualify for the early registration fee. Student participation fees must be mailed to the CCEA Office 30 days prior to the event. One school check is to be made payable to CCEA. All fees must be paid prior to the event in order for students to participate.

### ***C. Description***

The CCEA Bible Olympics is comprised of four major categories:

1. Writing – Students may submit any original written work that conveys sound Biblical concepts. Works may include poetry, short story, essay, personal narrative or monologue, devotion, or evangelistic tract. All works must be submitted for approval at least 30 days in advance with participant's name, age, category, and contact information including email address.
2. Speech – Students recite works from Christian sources: leaders, missionaries, authors, founding fathers, poetry, Bible passages, personal narratives or monologues, dramatic readings, devotions, short sermons, or original speeches. Works from Jewish historians may be considered. All works must be submitted for approval at least 30 days in advance with participant's name, age, category, and contact information including email address.
3. Application and Exhortation – Students will present devotions, short sermons, and object lessons. All works must be submitted for approval at least 30 days in advance with participant's name, age, category, and contact information including email address.

### ***D. Eligibility***

Students must be members of a Calvary Chapel Church or registered in a Calvary Chapel School comprised of students in grades K-12 in order to participate in the CCEA Bible Olympics.

## **III. Guidelines**

### ***A. Attire for Students***

Students are to be dressed modestly and neatly: in school uniforms, or girls in dresses or dressy slacks, and boys in shirts, ties, and slacks.

1. Girls are to be dressed modestly and neatly. No tight clothing no bare midriffs, no low necklines, no spaghetti straps (straps must be a minimum of 2"), no skirts more

than 3” above the knee, no slits more than 3” above the knee, no blue jeans, no shorts, no T-shirts. Dress slacks may be worn. Shoes must be worn at all times and must have a back strap (no flip-flops, scuffs, etc.).

2. Boys are to be dressed modestly and neatly. No baggy pants, no undergarments showing, no blue jeans, no shorts, no T-shirts. Shoes must be worn at all times and must have a back strap (no flip-flops, scuffs, etc.). Hats or caps are not to be worn indoors.

### ***B. Conduct of Students***

Students are to behave in a respectful manner and follow all instructions and directions of their teacher or chaperone, the Bible Olympic Chairperson, and Judges. There should be no talking, whispering, shouting, or whistling during any performances or instructions. Students are to remain seated during the event until it is their turn to perform. Sufficient adult supervision for your students (1 adult for every 1-10 students) must be provided.

### ***C. Attire for Adults:***

Adults are to be dressed modestly and neatly.

1. Ladies are to be dressed modestly and neatly. No tight clothing, no bare midriffs, no low necklines, no spaghetti straps (straps must be a minimum of 2”), no skirts more than 3” above the knee, no slits more than 3” above the knee, no blue jeans, no shorts, no T-shirts. Dress slacks may be worn. Shoes must be worn at all times, and must have a back strap (no flip-flops, scuffs, etc.).
2. Men are to be dressed modestly and neatly. No baggy pants, no undergarments showing, no blue jeans, no shorts, no T-shirts. Shoes must be worn at all times. Hats or caps are not to be worn indoors.

### ***D. Conduct for Parents***

School Coordinators are asked to include the following statement in their communication to parents:

“Dear Parent,

The CCEA Bible Olympics is intended to encourage our children and students to seek to glorify God in who they are and in all they do. Therefore, we would appreciate your cooperation in setting good examples in the following areas: modest dress and orderly behavior, (please, no shouting or whistling to acknowledge student performances). Applause is appropriate. Thank you for your cooperation.”

## **IV. Responsibilities for the Church/School Coordinator**

As the Church/School Coordinator you are the person responsible for your church’s/school’s registration for the CCEA Bible Olympics. The checklist below shows the usual duties of the church/school Coordinator.

- A. Assist students in finding and choosing materials.
- B. Guide students who are writing original pieces.
- C. Submit all student selections to the Chairperson 30 days prior to the event.
- D. Read the contents of this Coordinator’s Handbook thoroughly.

- E. Complete and mail the participant selections, adjudication forms and fees to the event Chairman. Make one school check payable to CCEA, not the host school nor the Chairperson. The deadline for mailing selections, forms and fees is thirty days prior to CCEA Bible Olympics. Fees are \$10.00 per participant; \$20.00 if postmarked less than 30 days before the event.
- F. Recruit adult sponsors/chaperones (minimum of 1 per 10 students).
- G. Additional adults as needed: Provide one adult to serve as needed by the Chairperson (i.e. security, foods assistant, crowd control).
- H. Distribute information flyer to all teachers and parents (maps, schedule, etc. as received from the Chairperson).
- I. Confirm transportation arrangements.
- J. Complete CCEA Student Activity Event Evaluation and return to Chairperson prior to leaving the event.

## **V. Sample Adjudication Sheet**

Will be available soon

## **VI. CCEA Bible Olympics Synopsis**

The CCEA Bible Olympics, held in April, provides the opportunity for young people to practice their God-given strengths and talents and also to develop skills and confidence in communicating their faith in various ways. An important goal is for students to discover how God can be glorified in who He created them to be.

Categories include:

- Creative Writing: Poetry and Prose, Short Story, Essay/Bible Tract, Devotion, Exhortation
- Bible Trivia (Teams)
- Object Lesson (e.g., using an apple to illustrate that God is Three-In-One)
- Devotion (Oral)
- Original Speech (Exhortation)
- Poetry (Recite from our selection or submit one for approval)
- Bible Memorization (from KJV, NKJV, or NIV)
- Biblical Guidance (What does the Bible say about...)

(All recited selections will be chosen from a CCEA list, or must be submitted in advance according to schedules to be announced.)

A panel of three judges will evaluate each participant's work. An average of the three scores will determine the student's merit rating. All students will receive a certificate of merit indicating Superior, Excellent, or Good. Students will also receive copies of the judge's evaluations.

All original works must be word-processed and submitted by e-mail one month prior to the scheduled competition.

**VII. Evaluation Form**

**EVENT EVALUTATION FORM**

**Student Activities: CCEA Bible Olympics - Coordinator's Handbook**

School \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Event: CCEA BIBLE OLYMPICS Location: DOWNEY

Your opinion of this CCEA Student Activities event is important. Through constructive comments and criticism we hope to improve and maintain an outstanding event for our students. Please cooperate by filling out this form and returning it to the Chairperson or mailing to CCEA Corporate Office 12808 Woodruff Avenue, Downey, and CA 90242.

Thank You!

Your evaluation of the overall event (circle one):

Excellent                  Very Good                  Fair

What went well?

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What might be improved upon?

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