

Notes for 2020/2021 JBQ Season

Churches Participating:

- New Beginning, Evadale
- MercyGate, Mont Belvieu
- Lindale, Houston
- First AG, San Antonio
- Bethel Covenant, San Antonio
- Braeswood

Three Different Meet Options for 2020/2021 Season

To protect our JBQ family and be as safe as possible, there will be three different meet options. Your church can participate each month on the scheduled meet day, but how you can participate can vary. Question sets before each meet so no matter how you are quizzing, you are still seeing the same questions.

Church Meets:

Church is quizzing against other teams in the church. One leader from the church will act as Meet Coordinator.

- Must have multiple teams in a division to host a Church Meet
- Teams must be registered for the season through the District JBQ
- Officials must have taken the officials test
- Scores need to be submitted by the end of the quiz day

Local Meets:

Churches are quizzing against one other church in their area. One leader from the host church will act as Meet Coordinator.

- Must have multiple teams in a division to host a Local Meet.
- Teams must be registered for the season through the District JBQ
- Officials must have taken the officials test
- Scores need to be submitted by the end of the quiz day

Area Meets:

Churches are quizzing against a few other churches in their area. Either Shae or leader from the host church will act as Meet Coordinator.

- Must have multiple teams in a division to host an Area Meet.
- Teams must be registered for the season through the District JBQ
- Officials must have taken the officials test
- Scores need to be submitted by the end of the quiz day

District Finals:

All groups come together to compete.

COVID-19 Protocols for the 2020-2021 JBQ Season

Our goal as the Soth Texas District is to encourage JBQ to the fullest extent possible while ensuring everyone's safety. We will do our best to follow the CDC guidelines with the expectation that these guidelines may change throughout the JBQ season. Listed below are the safety protocols we have decided as a league to implement:

1. Face Coverings

Face coverings are recommended for everyone at JBQ competitions. If host church requires face coverings, we will comply with their wishes. This includes quizzers, coaches, officials, and all audience members while you are inside of a building. If you have a medical exemption, please speak with your local church coordinator. We want to ensure everyone's safety, but we recognize the inability of some individuals to wear face coverings.

In the quiz rooms, quizzers will still be recommended to wear face coverings unless they are answering a question. When answering, quizzers have the choice to either answer with the face covering on or to remove it. If a quizzer chooses to answer with the face covering on, then he or she must speak clearly and loudly so that the quizmaster can still hear the answer. Additionally, quizmasters will not wear a face covering while reading questions so that all quizzers can hear the questions clearly and see the quizmaster's mouth.

2. Social Distancing

The Quiz Room. Since quiz matches last for 15 - 20 minutes, we want to ensure social distancing is possible in the quiz rooms. If possible, host churches should provide 3-4, 6ft tables per quiz room so that quizzers can socially distance at the table. Ideally, it would be great to have each quizzer 3-feet apart. If this is not possible, then at least 3-feet should be used to separate both teams. Additionally, since quizmasters will not wear a face covering during the match, it would be ideal for the officials to be spaced 3-feet from the quizzers.

Audience members will also be asked to socially distance themselves while watching quiz competitions. If a quiz room is not suitable for social distancing, audience members should remain in the hallway so that the quizzers, coaches, and officials may use the full space of the room to socially distance.

The Sanctuary. To limit exposure, during the opening and closing ceremonies, please sit with your team. This does not mean that you cannot visit with other churches prior to or after the ceremonies, but that you sit with your team when assembled together as a league for any extended length of time.

3. Sanitation

Hand sanitizer will be required upon entry to all quiz rooms. Each church will be asked to provide a bottle of hand sanitizer. Quizzers will also wipe down their paddles and respective areas of the table after the quiz match ends.

4. Sickness

To respect the health and well-being of every JBQ member involved, please stay home if you are sick. This includes symptoms for COVID-19 as well as other contagious illnesses. Churches will not be penalized for a lack of officials, and teams may quiz with only one quizzers for the October and November match if need be. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy.

While we ask that everyone follow these guidelines to the fullest extent possible, we want to ensure as a league that everyone feels welcomed, accepted, and loved as members of the Christian community. Enforcement of these protocols will ultimately be the responsibility of church coordinators. Even though you or members of your church may not agree with these protocols, please understand that these protocols enable everyone to participate in Junior Bible Quiz this season. Additionally, please remember that we need to be respectful of every individual's right to privacy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at stxkids@gmail.com.

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