

## **NORTHWEST NYI FIELD BIBLE QUIZ MINISTRY GUIDELINES**

As an integral component of the ministry to the students of the Northwest NYI Field (“NW Field”), the Bible Quiz Ministry (“BQM”) on the NW Field aims to become:

1. An avenue of meaningful Bible study for youth to attain to a deep and intimate knowledge of Scripture;
2. A means of increasing fellowship and interaction among youth around the NW Field and the world;
3. An integral part of the outreach and discipleship aspects of local church youth ministry;
4. A medium for the training and mentoring of youth leadership;
5. A catalyst for encouraging active participation in ministry and mission projects;
6. A bridge for building relationships between youth from different world regions; and
7. An arena for exciting Christian competition.

In order to fulfill this mission of the BQM, the NW Field will host an annual Field Finals Quiz. The annual Field Finals Quiz will occur no earlier than the last weekend of March. In any year the NW Field hosts a Spring event occurring on or after the last weekend of March, the annual Field Finals Quiz shall occur during the event. The annual Field Finals Quiz will be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in this document.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The NW Field adopts the eligibility rules outlined in the most recent version of the *Nazarene Youth Quizzing Rule & Guidelines* (or similar document) as published by the USA/Canada Nazarene Youth International as amended by the NW Field NYI Council. In particular, the eligibility rules are as follows:

- 1.1 Participation of NYI members:
  - 1.1.1 Any youth who is an NYI member of a local Church of the Nazarene shall be eligible for participation in NYI Bible Quizzing Ministry at any level of competition pending rules or decisions made by district, field or regional councils or authorities.
  - 1.1.2 Local NYI membership consists of those who affiliate themselves with an NYI group by participating in its ministries and joining the local group (see NYI Local Ministry Plan, Article I, Section 1.1).
  - 1.1.3 Each participant in NYI Bible Quizzing Ministry is encouraged to regularly attend and participate in the NYI of a local Church of the Nazarene throughout the quiz season.
  - 1.1.4 The ministry focus of NYI is to youth ages 12 and older, college/university students, and young adults. District and Local NYI councils may modify the ministry focus as seen fit for the purposes of programming and events, consistent with the ministry plan for that level (see the sections regarding “Ministry Focus” in the Ministry Plans, Articles I, Sections 2).

- 1.2 Guidelines for participation of non-NYI members or non-Church of the Nazarene affiliated teams:
  - 1.2.1 Any youth who is not an NYI member of a local Church of the Nazarene or local non-Church of the Nazarene affiliated team may participate in NYI Bible Quizzing Ministry at a zone/district invitational if approved by the district quiz director in consultation with the District NYI Council in advance of competition. Youth or teams may participate in open tournaments provided the tournament allows for such participation.
  - 1.2.2 Eligibility for participation in the local, zone or district final events shall be a reflection of the ministry focus and/or event focus as determined by the local or district NYI council (see sections on “Ministries” in the Ministry Plans, Articles V).
- 1.3 All eligibility issues shall be resolved as follows:
  - 1.3.1 The local quiz director and the Local NYI Council shall resolve any eligibility issues at the local level (see Local Ministry Plan, Sec I).
  - 1.3.2 The district quiz director and the District NYI Council shall resolve any eligibility issues at the zone or district levels (see District Ministry Plan, Section I).
  - 1.3.3 The field quiz director and the Field NYI Council shall resolve any eligibility issues at the field level (see Field Ministry Plan, Sec I). *All youth who are deemed eligible by their local and district quiz directors and the respective NYI Councils shall be eligible to compete at Field Finals. (NW Field NYI Council addition)*
  - 1.3.4 NYI shall uphold all decisions reached by local, district, and field NYI leadership concerning eligibility at the local, district, and field levels respectively.
  - 1.3.5 NYI shall consider eligible for participation at all non-quizzing specific international events (e.g., Global NYI Convention) or USA/Canada events (e.g. NYC) any youth who is considered eligible for participation in his/her respective field finals by the field quiz director and Field NYI Council. NYI shall consider eligible for participation at all USA/Canada quizzing specific events (any Q event) any youth who is considered eligible for participation in his/her district monthly events.

### **ORGANIZATION OF ANNUAL FIELD FINALS QUIZ**

The annual Field Finals Quiz will use the most recent version of the *Nazarene Youth Quizzing Rule & Guidelines* (or similar document) as adopted and published by the USA/Canada Nazarene Youth International.

To the extent possible, the NW Field will offer two levels of competition at the annual Field Finals Quiz: (i) the combined District All Star and District Champion Division and (ii) the Rising Stars Division. Only students competing in the combined District All Star and District Champion Division will be eligible to represent the NW Field at any competition involving Field Teams composed of the top students from each Field in the USA/Canada Region (or involving other teams from other World Regions).

Combined District All Star and District Champion Division. The combined District All Star and District Champion Division will consist of the following teams:

- District Champions: Each District on the NW Field may enter a team consisting of students from the same local church or a team from no more than two local churches in close proximity (as determined in the sole discretion of the Field Quiz Director) who regularly practice together and have competed as a single team for most, if not all, of the quiz season. A District Director may request adding a student to a District Champion team if the District Champion team has less than 5 students; provided, however, the local church leader must approve of the addition and the District Director must request approval of the Field Quiz Director prior to the annual Field Final Quiz. A District is not required to enter a District Champion team.

- District All Stars: Each District on the NW Field may enter a team consisting of students who regularly compete at their District Quiz Meets. The District All Star team can be determined by any method deemed suitable by the District Director. A District is not required to enter a District All Star team.

The combined District All Star and District Champion Division will conduct a round-robin team competition involving all District All Star teams and District Champion teams. If time and/or resources do not allow for a full round-robin competition, a partial round-robin will be conducted. The round-robin competition will determine the placing into the elimination tournament and the placing into the individual competition that determines the students who will represent the NW Field on a Field Team.

The District All Star teams and the District Champion teams will compete in separate elimination tournaments. In other words, only District All Star teams will compete against other District All Star teams in the elimination tournament. Similarly, only District Champion teams will compete against other District Champion teams in the elimination tournament. The team placement will be determined in accordance with the results of the elimination tournament.

The top individuals from the round-robin of the combined District All Star and District Champion Division will compete in an individual competition to determine the members of the Field Team(s) representing the NW Field at the next level of competition (i.e., National Quiz, Q-event, etc.) as well as for purposes of awarding any scholarships by Northwest Nazarene University. Any tie that determines eligibility for a Field Team or a different scholarship will be broken by a 5-question tie-breaker quiz consisting of 3 General Questions, 1 According To Question and 1 Memory Question (which can be a Quote, Finish or Reference Question). The Field Quiz Director will inform the participants in advance of the annual Field Final Quiz of the method, schedule and scoring of the individual competition.

Rising Stars Division. Any student not competing in the combined District All Star and District Champion Division may participate in the Rising Stars Division. A team in the Rising Stars Division may consist of a District team, a Local Church team or, upon Field Quiz Director approval, a team consisting of individuals from more than one District. No student who is participating on a District All Star or District Champion team can participate in the Rising Stars Division.

The Rising Stars Division will conduct a round-robin team competition involving all Rising Stars Division teams. If time and/or resources do not allow for a full round-robin competition, a partial round-robin will be conducted. The round-robin competition will determine the placing into the elimination tournament and individual placement. The team placement will be determined in accordance with the results of the elimination tournament involving only Rising Stars Division teams. The Rising Stars Division teams will not compete against any District All Star or District Champion team.

### **FIELD TEAM MATTERS**

The members of a Field Team will be determined by results of the individual competition among the top placing students from the combined District All Star and District Champion Division round-robin. If a student qualifies for a Field Team, but is not able to attend the next level quiz, the next highest placing student from the individual competition will replace the student who is unable to attend. The alternates for a Field Team are based on the final standings of the individual competition.

The Field Quiz Director shall appoint a coach of any Field Team with the Field Quiz Director having the ability to appoint themselves as one of the coaches.