



# GUIDELINE REVISIONS

## (A list of changes to the National JBQ Guidelines 2023)

All questions and answers must come from the NLT version of the Bible Fact-Pak	Page 6, Match Guidelines, Match Preparations, Bullet 1
Teams may quiz with one quizzer at a quiz meet with quiz coordinator approval. Teams may not register with only one quizzer for the season.	Page 6, Match Guidelines, Team Privileges and Restrictions, Bullet 1
Coaches and inactive quizzers may nonverbally communicate at any time among themselves as long as they do not hinder the match.	Page 6, Match Guidelines, Team Privileges and Restrictions, Bullet 8b
No form of communication is allowed between active quizzers or between active quizzers and team members except as permitted under the guidelines for Coach's Appeals and timeouts.	Page 6, Match Guidelines, Team Privileges and Restrictions, Bullet 8c
Communication is not allowed between team members and the audience anytime during the match.	Page 6, Match Guidelines, Team Privileges and Restrictions, Bullet 8d
The audience may quietly communicate solely with others in the audience only during a timeout.	Page 6, Match Guidelines, Team Privileges and Restrictions, Bullet 8e.
Audio and video equipment may be used to record a match but must first be approved by the quizmaster, head coaches of both teams, and the quiz coordinator  <b>Pen Florida Addendum: Live streaming a quiz match, under any circumstances, is not permitted. This includes live streaming to social media, face time calls, etc. and uploading a video (that may or may not be live) of a quiz match during a quiz meet. If a team live streams a quiz match or shares a video of a quiz match during a quiz meet, the team at fault will forfeit the quiz match.</b>	Page 7, Match Guidelines, Electronic Equipment, Bullet 2
Audio and video materials are not permitted to be viewed or listened to by the teams or the officials during the duration of the match. (No instant replays)	Page 7, Match Guidelines, Electronic Equipment, Bullet 3
An active quizzer improperly communicates. If two or more quizzers are communicating, each quizzer will be assessed a foul.  <b>Pen Florida Addendum: Team foul only for a maximum 5 point penalty.</b>	Page 9, Match Guidelines, Fouls, Quizzer Fouls, Bullet 5
The quizmaster and judges determine by a majority vote that flagrant hand or body movement by an active quizzer was an	Page 9, Match Guidelines, Fouls, Quizzer Fouls, Bullet 6

attempt to distract the opposing team, draw the opposing team into reacting, or signal their teammates.	
The quizmaster and judges determine by a majority vote that an un-Christlike or unsportsmanlike attitude was expressed by an active quizzer.	Page 9, Match Guidelines, Fouls, Quizzer Fouls, Bullet 7
A coach's appeal is obviously used solely as a timeout.	Page 9, Match Guidelines, Fouls, Team Fouls, Bullet 4
The quizmaster and judges determine by a majority vote that an un-Christlike or unsportsmanlike attitude was expressed by a coach or inactive quizzer.	Page 9, Match Guidelines, Fouls, Team Fouls, Bullet 6
<p><b><i>Pen Florida Addendum: All technology (except for the quiz box) should be silenced during a quiz match. If a device sounds during a quiz match, the team responsible will be assessed a team foul.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>This rule does not apply to medical devices (even if originating from a cell phone) or emergency alerts (e.g. weather warnings, amber/silver alerts, etc.) Officials are encouraged to use their best judgement when assessing these fouls.</i></b></p>	
Unless the quizmaster is 100% certain that the completion of a question and/or answer is correct or incorrect, the response should never be called "correct" or "incorrect" before the calling of "time."	Page 10, Officials' Guidelines, Quizmaster and Judges, Duties During the Match, Bullet 13
<p>If a judge believes a quizmaster erred in a decision, the judge should quietly ask the quizmaster for a judges' ruling. The normal voting procedure will take place. (See guideline 15 below).</p> <p><b><i>Pen Florida Addendum: Although a judges' ruling is supposed to occur without a discussion among the officials, since the quizmaster is responsible for the integrity of the quiz match, the quizmaster may call an officials timeout prior to the vote. During the officials timeout, the quiz room should be silent and the quizmaster should refer the judges to the ruling in the guidelines. After reading the guideline, the quizmaster should ask the judges if they would still like to vote and follow procedures accordingly.</i></b></p>	Page 10, Officials' Guidelines, Quizmaster and Judges, Duties During the Match, Bullet 14
<p>If the quizzer was on the same team as the quizzer who buzzed in, the question, whether interrupted or not, will then be reread to the team which did not commit the foul, unless it was being read to only one team.</p> <p><i>Per the National Festival Committee, this is a TYPO in the guidelines. The question should be voided and substituted like in years past.</i></p>	Page 11, Officials Guidelines, Quizmaster and Judges, Duties During the Match, Bullet 11a.
It is NOT a foul if a coach says "Point of order--I'd like a coach's appeal" or "Point of order--I'd like a timeout."	Per the National Festival

<p>A coach's appeal is permitted to change the decision of the quizmaster and/or judges concerning the correctness of a response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Any coach may call an appeal.</li> </ul> <p>The head coach has 30 seconds to state the appeal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The head coach should state the guideline in the appeal (page number/section is unnecessary).</li> <li>-The head coach may confer with ONLY one team member (quizzers or assistant coaches).</li> </ul>	<p>Page 15, Corrective Procedures, Coach's Appeals</p>
<p>When quizzers from opposing teams are both ruled incorrect on the same question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The team who first responded to the question has the right to appeal first.</li> <li>-If that team declines to appeal, they forfeit their right to any further coach's appeals on that question (except as follows)</li> <li>-Following that team's appeal or decline to appeal, the opposing team then has the right to appeal. If they appeal and the judges reverse their decision to "correct," the team who responded to the question first may appeal only to attempt to reverse the decision concerning the correctness of the opposing team's response.</li> </ul>	<p>Page 15, Corrective Procedures, Coach's Appeals</p>
<p>Perfect Quotation: a quotation in which no word, syllable, or letter of the alphabet is omitted, repeated, added, or changed. A stumble, cough, mispronunciation, lisp, stutter, accent, etc. is not considered making a quotation imperfect.</p> <p><b><i>Pen Florida Interpretation: A stumble, cough, mispronunciation, lisp, stutter, accent, etc. are all considered accidental repetitions--meaning the quizzer could not help it.</i></b></p>	<p>Page 19, Glossary, Perfect Quotation</p>