

## 2022 Bible Bee Contestant Rules

The Bible Bee is Structured as follows:

1. The Bible Bee is open to Churches whose association dues are current
2. Each church is asked to submit a least one or more teams in each of two divisions- Elementary and combination of Middle and High School. Team size can be one (1) to five (5) contestants.
3. Within each grade level, each team will pull for a number placement in the Bee. Once numbers are assigned, teams will respond in the assigned numerical order.
4. **Once the Bee starts, all non-participants cannot communicate with their teams. The audience cannot cheer, applaud, and make "shout-outs" during the contest.**
5. **Study notes, bibles, cell phones, I-Watches, and other paraphernalia are not allowed in team possession during the contest.** They must be put away in backpacks, purses, pockets are given to a church member for safe keeping. If found in the hands of a team member during the contest, the team will be disqualified.
6. **Officially, a team is given 15 seconds to respond immediately after a question is read.**
7. The questions, represented by the number from the reader's sheet/study guide, will be placed in a basket/bowl and pulled by a team member. The question will be read by the reader and answer given by the team during the allotted time, (15 seconds). A round is understood as completed when every team competing has a chance to answer a question.
8. Points designated for each round will be announced at the beginning of the round. There will be a minimum of three rounds.
9. A team will receive points upon successfully giving an answer to a question as determined by the **Judges. The judges will determine if the responses given were correct. The decisions of the Judges are final.**
10. **Questions that are not answered correctly per Judges, will be used in tie- breaker rounds, if needed, or a bonus round.**
11. **The Bonus round will consist of the three teams with the highest scores for a division.**
12. Designated Readers: will read the contest questions. Each question will be read two times for clarity.
13. Time Keeper: will watch time as designated in contest.
14. Division winner is determined by the counting of points given for correct answers. The team with the highest number of points will be first place winner for the division. The team with the second highest number of points will be second place winner for the division. The team with the third highest number of votes will be the third place winner for the division.

Church Representation: Teams are encouraged to wear their church t-shirts with appropriate attire and shoes.