

IFCA INTERNATIONAL • YOUTH CONVENTION
NATIONAL PREACHING
MINISTRY TRAINING AREA (MTA)
Rules & Guidelines

➤ **PURPOSE**

To encourage and challenge young men to handle God's Word in an exegetical way so they may become equipped to study and communicate God's Word.

➤ **RULES**

1. All entries shall consist of only Bible messages, with an emphasis on biblical exposition. -(Moving through a "main text" verse by verse.)
2. The Junior High Division consists of young men who have completed grades 7-9. The Senior High Division consists of young men who have completed grades 10-12.
3. All entrants must provide three (3) copies, in outline form, of the message/sermon they will be presenting along with three (3) copies of Evaluation Forms. These copies will be brought to registration on the first day of the convention. *Please DO NOT SEND your outline prior to the convention.*
4. The same message/sermon must be used throughout the Regional and National Ministry Training Areas.
5. The sermon must be one that has not been previously evaluated by the entrant at the IFCA National Youth Convention.

➤ **EVALUATION**

1. A panel of 3 persons will evaluate each entry. There are 6 categories of evaluation on the Preaching Ministry Training Area Evaluation Form. Each evaluator will assign a division 1, division 2 or division 3 rating for each category. The overall score will be calculated by taking an average of the scores awarded from all 3 evaluators.

Final Division Rating	Average Score
Division 1	1.0 – 1.5
Division 2	1.6 – 2.4
Division 3	2.5 – 3.0

Note: The National Ministry Training Area evaluators are advised to consider the age and experience of the entrant in the evaluation process and score accordingly.

2. An introduction must be made by the delegate, which includes his name, church, and the title & passage of his message/sermon.

3. The lead evaluator will be the official timekeeper. The length of each message for Senior High contestants will be limited to a minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 20 minutes. Junior High contestants will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes, with no stated minimum. Time does not include the introduction before the message, or prayer.
4. Dress Guidelines – All contestants must be dressed in at least dress pants, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes.

➤ **HINTS**

1. Expository sermons verbally paint a picture of a singular passage of scripture so that the audience's understanding of the passage is enhanced and appropriate application can be made to their personal lives.
2. The proposition (main idea), main points, and supporting material for an expository sermon come directly from one passage of scripture. Cross-references and illustrations are used to support a point already made by the passage.
3. Example Outline of an expository sermon:

Passage: Hebrews 9:11-15

Proposition: Christ as our high priest is superior in every way to the Old Testament high priest.

Introduction

- I. Christ is a perfect Tabernacle. (v. 11)
- II. Christ is a superior Sacrifice (vs. 12-14)
- III. Christ is a perfect Mediator (v. 15)

Conclusion/ Application

(This is just a skeleton outline for illustration purposes only)

➤ **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships will be awarded to those in 11th and 12th grade who receive an overall Division 1 rating.

Questions? Contact:

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