

## **Judging Youth Bible Drill - Questions and Answers**

### **Has judging Youth Bible Drill changed any since I was a Youth Bible Driller (5, 10, 20 ...years ago)?**

Judging guidelines have not significantly changed in many years. However, the ability for youth to advance has changed. Before 2000/2001, only the top scorer at the Associational and Regional Levels was able to advance. In other words, no more than 8 students could even participate in the State Bible Drill.

### **What are the mistakes that Youth can be counted off for in Youth Bible Drill?**

The Youth Bible Drill Rules and Guidelines posted on our website state:

No points (regular or bonus) are given if a participant:

- \* Fails to step out within 8 seconds
- \* Gives an incorrect response. This includes any participant who raises his hand indicating an incorrect reference.
- \* Fails to stand straight or keep his eyes on the drill leader until the command “start” is given.
- \* Steps forward before the index finger is on the correct response.
- \* Fails to handle the Bible according to the instructions or abuses the Bible.

Note: These mistakes are also listed on the score sheet posted to our website (<http://dm.gabaptist.org>)

### **Who decided on what counts as a mistake in Youth Bible Drill?**

This section of Rules and Guidelines (list of mistakes or times when no points are awarded) was taken from the original document that LifeWay Produced for Youth Bible Drill. When LifeWay discontinued Youth Bible Drill around 2000/20001, the State Conventions agreed to continue using this standard.

### **How do you communicate these mistakes that are counted off for in Youth Bible Drill?**

These expectations are communicated through several channels:

1. Website posting of rules and guidelines and score sheet.
2. Reminding drillers in the warm-up room to keep their eyes on the caller and to put their index finger on the verse, etc.
3. At Bible Drill retreat training for youth drillers and leaders, we offer a Bible Skills class for youth where these rules were explained.
4. In our Bible Drill Leader’s Guides that have lesson plans for each verse of each cycle, this is woven into the teaching material in the learning the drills section.

**Do you really have to count off if a youth driller doesn't keep their eyes on the caller or doesn't have their finger on the verse before stepping out? They did learn the verse and can quote it correctly.**

Because of our participation in the National Tournament, we are expected to hold to these standards. Our judges must hold to the rules. To ignore them would be unfair to other drillers who have prepared following the rules and guidelines.

**How many points do youth drillers have to have to advance to the Associational Drill?**

Drillers must score 180 points or higher to advance to the Associational Drill.

**How many points do youth drillers have to have to advance to the Regional Drill?**

Drillers must score 225 points or higher to advance to the Regional Drill.

**How many points do youth drillers have to have to advance to the State Drill?**

Drillers must score 270 points to advance to State Drill.

**How is the score tabulated?**

Youth Bible Drill is scored differently from Children's Bible Drill. It is on a 100 point scale. Different calls are worth different amounts (Books and Scripture Searching are worth 3 points, Identifying Verses are worth 4 points, and Doctrinal and Bible Answers are worth 5 points.)

The score is a sum total of points from all 4 judges, not an average (as in Children's Bible Drill).

Each of the 3 regular point judges can award 100 points for a perfect drill. The bonus points judge adds an extra point per call to the driller that steps out first.

Illustration: If a driller misses 3 calls at the regional drill (for example: 2 in the Identifying verses drill (4 points each) and one in the doctrinal drill (5 points each), they would not advance to state drill:  $100 - 13 \text{ points } (4 + 4 + 5) = 87$ .  $87 \times 3 = 261$ .

Unless the driller has 9 bonus points, there's no way for them to advance with missing the 3 calls.

The only ways a driller could advance missing 3 calls would be:

1. All 3 calls would have to be worth only 3 points (missing only book or scripture searching calls)
2. The driller would have to have significant enough bonus points to cover the mistakes made.

There are 25 calls in a drill and a driller has to receive 90% of the points basically at the regional level (270 of 300 points to advance). Unless he receives 90 points from each of the 3 regular point judges, without significant bonus points, a driller will not advance to state.

**I only missed one call in the Doctrinal Drill. Why were 15 points deducted when each call in this section is 5 points?**

When a driller missed a call (in this example in the Doctrinal Drill), each of the 3 judges must deduct the missed number of points.

To illustrate this point from the example above:

Judge 1 would deduct 5 points from the total score of 100

Judge 2 would deduct 5 points from the total score of 100

Judge 3 would deduct 5 points from the total score of 100

Therefore a total of 15 points would be subtracted from the grand total of 300 points for the one missed call.

**What kind of training do judges go through? I've noticed that our church and/or Associational Judges don't count off for things that the Regional/State Judges do.**

Our Regional and State judges go through annual judge training, regardless of how many years they have been judging.

Because we do not administer the Church and Associational Drills, we cannot guarantee that there are trained judges at these levels. We have no control over judging at these levels. Each individual church and association enlist their own judges. We can inform and make material available, but often untrained judges are used that do not follow the rules and guidelines or give feedback, therefore, students often don't receive much needed feedback on areas that need to be improved.

**Why won't you give us the Youth Bible Drill scores after a Regional/State Drill?**

It has been a long-time policy of this department not to give out scores from the drills. Instead we give out feedback sheets. These are mailed to the Bible Drill leaders and contain judge comments/feedback if needed to give to drillers for future improvement.

**Our church did not receive a Youth Bible Drill Feedback form after the regional drill. Why is this? (Or we received a feedback form and some of our drillers received feedback while no feedback was listed beside other driller names and/or numbers,)**

Often if you did not receive a feedback form or if certain drillers had no feedback listed, it means that the judges did not feel any feedback was needed.

Judges do not typically give feedback under the following circumstances:

1. Drillers do not make a mistake. (They did great, there wasn't any room for improvement as viewed in that particular drill)

2. Drillers missed calls due to not stepping out in the time limit or incorrectly quoting the answer. The purpose of the feedback form is to help drillers in areas that they may not be aware that they need to improve (for example, making sure finger is on the verse, etc.) By the regional/state level, judges assume that youth drillers know why they missed a call if they did not step out in the time limit or if they incorrectly quoted the answer.

However, if you think that you did not receive a form in error, feel free to contact our office.