

2019 Bible Bowl Official Guide: Rules & Procedures

Update Summaries & Explanations

1.3.0.3	Added code of conduct rule and adjusted 1.3.0.1 and 1.3.0.2 to remove redundancy.
2.6.4.3	Specifically allows the option for quotation bonuses to give partial credit for giving the answer in essence. <i>Explanation: The purpose of this update is to make memory verse bonuses less of an all-or-nothing bonus type. Our goal is to reward teams who know the material well, if not word perfectly, while still giving a greater reward to those who know it word for word.</i>
2.6.5.2	Allows answers on "specific answer" type toss-ups to also include its direct modifier(s) and insignificant words. <i>Explanation: This change was made because on specific answer questions it is frequently unclear if the direct modifier is a required part of your answer, or something that will cause you to be incorrect. This should solve that, while maintaining the spirit of specific answer questions.</i>
2.6.6.6	A player is permitted to use a pronoun to replace an antecedent as long as it is not required for the answer.
2.6.6.7	Makes singulars and plurals, as well as verb tenses, interchangeable in most cases. <i>Explanation: We are clarifying that in most cases singular and plural are interchangeable, because in most instances there is not a significant change to what the text means. For example, if the text said, "Moses raised his hands" and the player said, "Moses raised his hand" that should be correct. However, if the text said, "David slew the Philistine" (meaning Goliath) and a player said, "David slew the Philistines" that should be incorrect. Likewise, if a list bonus asks for nationalities, animals, etc. those will almost always be interchangeable.</i>
2.6.6.8	Clarifies that interchangeability only applies if the resulting answer does not grossly change the meaning of the required answer(s).
2.6.6.10	Makes contractions and their expanded form always interchangeable, even on questions requiring a quote. <i>Explanation: This is a quality of life change for both players and quizmasters. There is no difference between "I am" and "I'm", and players will no longer have to worry about accidentally slurring them together, while quizmasters will no longer have to determine if they heard the contraction or not.</i>
2.6.7	Added entire section governing new "Buzz-Out" rules for Beginner Bible Bowl. <i>Explanation: Please see https://home.biblebowl.org/news-posts/beginner-bible-bowl-announcements/ for an expanded reasoning.</i>
2.7.2.4	A player may only contest that a toss-up is invalid if they buzzed AFTER the invalid part was read. <i>Explanation: It is not in the spirit of the rules of Bible Bowl to have a question invalidated when the team contesting was not misled due to missing the toss-up prior to the misleading information. Also, this brings some of our replacement rules into sync. When a quizmaster misreads, and Team A has already missed, the replacement is only read for Team B. Likewise, now if Team A misses before the misleading information comes out, then only Team B may contest that a toss-up was invalid.</i>
2.7.2.8	Added verbiage clarifying that, when the quizmaster leaves the room on a contention, discussion OF THE CONTENTION should not take place; other conversation is allowed. <i>Explanation: It was brought to our attention that people believed no discussion was allowed when a quizmaster left the room to seek additional help. We want to make it clear that discussion of the contention is not allowed, but people are allowed to talk while the quizmaster is out.</i>

2.7.2.9	Clarifies that in a specific situation where an answering player was "cut-off," a replacement toss-up is read even if time has expired.
2.7.4.X	Removed rule stating that invalid toss-ups are not replaced if time has expired.
3.1.2.4 3.4.2.5	Quizmaster and Timekeeper duties updated for new Beginner Buzz-Out rules.
4.1.2.11	Changes finals for Individual Tournament to remove the 50-point cap.
4.3.1.2	Changes which type of verses are asked during the preliminary quote bees.