



## New York District Bible Quiz Annual Newsletter 2010/2011 Season (Gospel of John)

Dear Coaches,

Welcome to another year of Bible Quiz! I am so excited about what we have in store for us this year. Here are some of the things that you should be aware of about the upcoming year

### 1. **The leagues/divisions have been renamed**

The renaming of A League and Novice Division has been done by National Youth Ministries. Some people felt that there was a negative stigmatism with the words "B League" and "Novice". Each district handles B League differently, so each district has a unique name for B League. Since the name has to change, we have changed it to "Empire Quiz" for New York. The question sets and breakdowns do not change at all. It is simply a name change of the league names. Here are the new names.

Old Name	Grades	Material	New Name
A League	6-12	John 1-21	Teen Bible Quiz (TBQ)
Novice Division	6-8	John 1-8	Middle School Quiz (MSQ)
B League	6-12	John 1-8	Empire Quiz

### 2. **The rulebook has changed**

There are only minor changes that deal mostly with national finals. The way we quiz has not changed. Please download the current rulebook. I still saw some coaches and officials carrying around the old rulebook from GPH at district and regional finals. Those rulebooks have been outdated for year. Please do not use them anymore. You can download a current copy of the rulebook on our district website. Here is a summary of the rule changes:

Most of the changes are to the verbiage from Novice to Middle School quiz where it applies as well as the changes regarding tie breakers and playoffs for Nationals. We also increased the scholarship money amounts for Preaching Ministry, Dramatize Quoting, Quoting Bee, Individual Tournament, and One-on-One quizzing.

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Admin. Coordinator for Rod Whitlock, Student Discipleship Director

### 3. **Recruiting**

I have been working hard at trying to get help from the national office, the district office, and youth pastors in the state to help grow the number of teams in our district. To date, this has been unsuccessful. I am not longer going to attempt to waste any more efforts continuing to grow quiz by appealing to leaders. Quizzing has always grown by grass roots, meaning coaches going to other churches and starting teams.

I would appeal to you to reach out and try to start a team in your league. I realize that there should be some type of incentive in doing this. My solution is that any church that successfully starts a team in another church will receive a wild card to district finals. This may not seem like a big deal today, but if each team does this every year, district finals will be full very fast. Guaranteeing your place at districts is a valuable resource.

I cannot do this myself and I need your help!

### 4. **The location of Empire Classic has changed**

I love having events at Binghamton. It is such an easy church to host events. I can walk in and run an event with no headaches. This year, Binghamton is in the middle of a construction project and does not have space for us. Richmond Hill has graciously allowed us to come to their church. If you are in the area, please plan on attending. The goal of this tournament is to bring great teams to NY and start the year off right. This is being done specifically for you. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

### 5. **Richmond Hill finally made it to National Finals!**

I, myself, was a quizzer in the 80's. I have watched Richmond Hill for years be one game away from Nationals for a long time. This streak has FINALLY been broken! Richmond Hill made it to nationals. Congratulations to Caryl and her coaching team for all of the long years that they have put into quizzing. What an accomplishment!

I will update you with anything else that comes up. Thank you for all of your support. I am looking forward to this year.

God Bless,  
Dave

