

IFCA INTERNATIONAL • YOUTH CONVENTION

NATIONAL WORSHIP LEADING MINISTRY TRAINING AREA (MTA)

Rules & Guidelines

➤ **PURPOSE**

To equip students for leading biblical worship in their local churches (Col. 3:16-17).

➤ **RULES**

1. All entries should consist of a worship order guided by biblical themes and/or Scripture. Entries should include Scripture reading, biblically-faithful hymns/songs (see the “Statement on Choosing Music Wisely” attachment below), prayer and transitions between these elements.
2. The Junior High Division shall be limited to those in which all members of the team are in grades 7-9, and the Senior High Division to those in grades 10-12. (A group entry is considered a Senior High entry when any member of the group is in grades 10-12)
3. All entrants must provide three (3) copies in outline form of the “Order of Service” they will be presenting (“order of service” includes everything that is going to take place, even supporting material), along with three (3) copies of their music and three (3) copies of a correctly filled-out evaluation form. **These three (3) copies of all MTA submission materials must be presented at registration on the first day of convention.** The final deadline for all MTA materials to be received in the Convention Office is no later than 8pm the first day of Convention.
4. Entrees may consist of one person or a team of people.
5. The same presentation must be used throughout the Regional and National Ministry Training Area. In the event of an emergency, substitution of group members can be made in the entry, but only with the approval of the Youth Council.
6. Presentation Attire Guidelines
 - All clothing must be **modest**—appropriate for the worship environment. Any questions or concerns can be directed to mta@ifcayouth.org.
 - **Young Men:** Dress pants (no jeans), dress shirt with collar, belt and dress shoes; no flip-flops. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed.
 - **Young Ladies:** Dress or blouse with skirt or dress pants (no jeans). Dress shoes or sandals; no flip-flops. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed.

➤ **EVALUATION**

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

<u>Final Division Rating</u>	<u>Average Score</u>
Division 1 (highest)	1.0 – 1.5
Division 2	1.6 – 2.4
Division 3 (lowest)	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 one of the team members to explain the theme. The introduction must include the names of all participants and the name of their church.
3. The length of each presentation should be between 10 and 15 minutes.
4. Dress Guidelines
Young Men: Dress pants, dress shirt with collar, belt, and dress shoes. No flip-flops. Hair must be clean and well-groomed.
Young Ladies: Dress or blouse with skirt or dress pants. All clothing must be modest with shoulders covered and hem lines at or below the knee. Dress shoes must be worn. No flip-flops. Hair must be clean and well-groomed.

➤ **HINTS**

1. Acoustic or electronic drum set, microphones, and piano or keyboard will be available for use at the convention for each team’s presentation. (All other instruments must be brought by individual teams.)
2. DI boxes and XLR cables for sound will be provided. Amps, instrument cables and other misc. equipment will not be provided.

➤ **SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Scholarships will be awarded to students in grades 11 or 12 who are awarded an overall Division One rating.
2. Only those students who have a primary musical or leadership role on the worship team will be eligible for scholarships.

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