

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 it well (2 Tim. 2:15).

➤ **RULES**

1. All entries shall consist of an expository sermon based on the observation, interpretation and application of a main text of Scripture.
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 of a typed sermon outline along with 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. The same message/sermon must be used throughout the Regional and National MTA events and must be one that has not been previously evaluated at the IFCA National Youth Convention.
5. 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 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 presenter, which includes his name, church, IFCA region 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** participants will be limited to a **minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 20 minutes**. **Junior High** participants 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. Evaluators will meet with each student to give verbal feedback in addition to their written feedback. Evaluation forms and materials will be returned to students via their church leaders at the end of Convention.

➤ **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. Presenters should begin with a passage of Scripture and preach through that passage. The proposition (main idea), main points, and supporting material for an expository sermon come directly from this one passage of Scripture. Cross-references and illustrations are used to support an idea communicated by the text. Presenters should **not** begin with a 'topic' and then find 'proof texts' to support their topic.
3. Example Outline of an expository sermon (the outline of the sermon reflects the outline of the text being preached):

Passage: Hebrews 9:11-15

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

- I. Introduction
- II. Christ Our High Priest
 - A. Christ is the Perfect Tabernacle. (v. 11)
 - B. Christ is the Superior Sacrifice (vs. 12-14)
 - C. Christ is the Perfect Mediator (v. 15)
- III. Conclusion/ Application

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

➤ **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

Questions? Contact:

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