

RITUAL COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

Bethel Guardians, please provide a copy of these rules to each competing daughter.

The Ritual Competition will be held at Grand Session on Thursday, July 10, 2008.

- ❖ Daughters age 10 through 19 as of July 10, 2008 are eligible to compete in the Individual Member categories and/or Team category if they are in good standing in their Bethel.
- ❖ Daughters may enter only ONE individual category and be on ONE team. All members of the team must be from the same Bethel.
- ❖ All work MUST be memorized. All floor work, hand positions and instructions must be as per Ritual, except as noted for the Story of Job.
- ❖ The Daughter may enter and leave the competition room in any manner she wishes. The manner of entering the competition room is not part of the judging.
- ❖ After the Daughter has entered the competition room, one of the judges will give the Daughter instructions regarding prompting. The Daughter may ask questions or ask for clarification at this time. Once the Daughter is seated in her station, the judging will begin when the judge indicates that she may begin. The judging will end when the Daughter has completed her part and returns to her station. One of the judges will thank the Daughter and let her know she may exit the room.
- ❖ There will be NO spectators allowed in the competition room.
- ❖ There will be two judges in the competition room. The verbatim judge will judge memory work, one judge will judge poise and delivery.
- ❖ There will only be ONE Ritual in the competition room, used by the verbatim judge. The verbatim judge will prompt only when requested. Five points will be deducted for each prompt given. This is applicable to both the individual and team competitions.
- ❖ One point will be deducted for EACH word omitted, added, repeated, or changed. The verbatim judge will not give negative points – the lowest score a daughter/team can receive is zero. This is applicable to both the individual and team competitions.
- ❖ A daughter must achieve a score of at least 75 points to be considered for award placement in their individual category. Daughters competing in the Story of Job category must achieve a minimum score of at least 270 points to be considered for award placement. A team must achieve a score of at least 375 points to be considered for award placement in the Messenger team category.
- ❖ All Daughters competing will wear official regalia - white robe with sewn attached white cord, headband, white hose, white shoes, and white slip over white undergarments. The cord will be tied and jewelry will be allowed per Law.
- ❖ Measurements will be taken of the robe, cord, and headband by the robe judges. Daughters must be prepared to have their robes judged 15 minutes prior to the start of their Ritual competition time.
- ❖ The Bethel Guardian shall sign the entry forms indicating the Daughter's eligibility and that the Daughter's dues are paid up to and including the competition date of July 10, 2008.