



## NON-SCHOLARSHIP GROUP CATEGORY PUPPET TEAM (3 OR MORE PEOPLE)

### REQUIRED PRESENTATION

Each team is required to present a puppet skit centered on Biblical characters, a Biblical account, or a story that emphasizes a Biblical truth. You are allowed to use a professionally produced tape or CD.

You may use a song that emphasizes the Biblical truth in the skit; however, the skit is the most important part of the puppet presentation. The presentation should be designed to motivate the audience to some particular action (e.g., salvation, sharing).

Before the presentation, the coach, a member of the puppet team, or the puppets themselves must introduce the puppets to the judges so they can connect the puppets to their characters. The introduction will not be part of the time limit.

Puppet team members are required to provide and operate all equipment (e.g., tape or CD player, lights, sound) related to the performance. No adult is allowed behind or in the puppet stage area, nor can any adult communicate with the team members during the performance.

### MANUSCRIPT

Supply the judges with an original copy of your puppet skit. If the skit is out of print and under active copyright, you must obtain written permission from the publisher to photocopy it and must make the letter available to the judges if they ask for it.

### STAGE

You should bring your own stage. The stage should be an average size stage that adds to the performance, not distracts from it. If you desire to use

another team's stage, you are responsible for making those arrangements.

### TIME

The presentation (not including the introduction) must be at least six minutes and no more than eight minutes in length. Any group that uses less than six minutes or more than eight minutes will have points deducted from its final score.

### CHURCH MINISTRY

To be eligible for state competition, you must present your puppet play in your local church (or in some other ministry opportunity approved by your pastor). You must submit to the state judges a signed statement from your pastor or youth leader that you have done so.

### ADJUDICATION AREAS

*Skits*—Biblical theme; leads to an action

*Puppets*—good condition; appropriate costumes

*Mouth action*—proper movement; accurate lip-syncing

*Eye contact*—with audience and other puppets

*Posture*—straight

*Puppet action*—smooth; well timed

*Entrances and exits*—well timed; proper ascending / descending action

*Character development*—reaction to other puppets; hand and facial movement

*Stage and other equipment*—correct use; proper working order

*Difficulty of presentation*