

IFCA INTERNATIONAL • YOUTH CONVENTION

# **NATIONAL PUPPETRY**

## **MINISTRY TRAINING AREA**

### *Rules & Guidelines*

➤ **PURPOSE**

To encourage disciplined performance of puppetry with the objective of courteously presenting biblical truths in the ministry in their local church.

➤ **RULES**

1. All entries shall consist of only scripts with a biblical message presenting a biblical truth. Material/scripts may be written by the puppet coach, the delegate, or purchased from any drama/puppet production source.
2. There are two categories for this Ministry Training Area – Novice and Senior. The Novice Category shall consist of those in which all members of the team have had two (2) years or less of puppetry experience. The Senior Category shall consist of those in which one or more members of the team have had more than two (2) years of puppetry experience.
3. There are two options for this Ministry Training Area – Live and Pre-taped. (The Pre-taped performance may be either purchased from a drama production source or prepared by the team.) Each person may only compete on one puppet team or as an individual, and each team or individual may submit only one entry, whether live or pre-taped.
4. The same script and team must be used throughout the Regional and National Ministry Training Area. In the event of an emergency, substitution can be made in the entry, but only with the approval of the Youth Committee.
5. All entrants must provide three (3) copies\* of the script, along with three (3) copies of the Evaluation Forms for their category of Ministry Training at the MTA registration table on the first day of the convention. No exceptions. Please **DO NOT SEND** your script prior to convention.

\*On teams in which there is a scholarship-eligible puppeteer, a fourth “Scholarship Script” must also be submitted. This copy must have the part of the scholarship-eligible puppeteer highlighted. In the case of more than one scholarship-eligible puppeteer, this script may be appropriately highlighted in two (2) or more colors.

➤ **EVALUATION**

1. A panel of 3 persons will evaluate each entry. There are 6 categories of evaluation for Puppet Ministry Training Area Evaluation Form. Each evaluator will 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.

<b>Final Division Rating</b>	<b>Average Score</b>
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 one of the team members to explain the theme, and prepare the audience to understand what is happening the minute the presentation begins. The introduction must also include the names of the participants, church, regional, and the title & author of the script.
3. There will be an official timekeeper. The length of each presentation should be an appropriate length for the audience to receive the application and/or to enhance a sermon/lesson. The presentation should not be greater than 15 minutes. This does not include the team introduction, or the play introduction made by a team member before the play.
4. Dress Guidelines  
Boys: Dress pants, dress shirt with collar, and dress shoes. No flip-flops.  
Girls: Loose fitting dress or loose fitting dress shirt with skirt or dress pants and dress shoes.

➤ **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships given by the scholarship judge will only be awarded to those in grade 11 or 12 who are on a Senior team whose team receives a Division 1. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the scholarship evaluator and the youth committee. These decisions, as are all evaluators' decisions, are final.

**Questions? Contact:**

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