

IFCA INTERNATIONAL • YOUTH CONVENTION

NATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY TRAINING AREA (MTA)

Rules & Guidelines

➤ **PURPOSE**

To encourage and strengthen the desire and abilities of students to use sign language in the local church.

➤ **RULES**

1. All entries must choose a song that has a Biblical message or theme that would be appropriate for a worship service in a local church.
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 entries should use ASL grammatical structure as the form for the signing.
4. Each entrant must submit 3 copies of the evaluation form at registration, having their name and information completed.
5. The name of each delegate shall be submitted to the Youth Committee by each Regional Ministry Training Area Coordinator by **May 15**. All entries must qualify at the Regional level. Individuals are responsible to submit a registration from to the Youth Committee.
6. The same presentation must be used throughout the Regional and National MTA's.

➤ **EVALUATION**

1. A panel of 3 persons will evaluate each entry. There are 6 categories of evaluation on the Sign Language 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 including the names of the participants, church, regional, title of song and who is performing the song.
3. The lead evaluator will be the official timekeeper. The length of each program should be long enough to present the art and message. Each entry needs to be no longer than 10 minutes

with no minimum for both Jr. and Sr. High division. Time does not include the introduction before the message, or prayer.

4. Dress Guidelines

Boys: Dress pants, dress shirt with collar, and dress shoes. No flip-flops.

Girls: Loose fitting dress or skirt with dress shirt, dress shoes.

Questions? Contact:

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