

COASTAL PLAINS JUNIOR CONVENTION GUIDELINES

SECTION I

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND REGISTRATION PROCEEDURE

These Guidelines are the official guidelines for the Coastal Plains Junior Convention, 11138 Hayslip Lane, Houston, Texas 77041.

ABSENTEE entries will not be accepted. Contestants must attend the entire Convention. Rally attendance is required.

We requests that ALL VOCAL AND WRITTEN ENTRIES be presented in the ENGLISH LANGUAGE. We apologize that we are not able to grant any exceptions. All Bible quotes must be from the King James Version (not New King James Version).

QUALIFICATIONS

Contestants may be enrolled in any of the following types of schools in which Accelerated Christian Education material and procedures are implemented by students and staff: Formal day schools with a campus Learning Center such as:

Church School

Church Homeschool (homeschool students under the direct control of a day school as outlined in item 9 on the following page)

Institutional School

Mission School

Private School

(Any or all of the above will be referred to herein as a "day school.") Parent- or guardian-administered:

Homeschool

All of the above must adhere to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all appearance and dress code standards.
2. Compliance with the conduct code.
3. Compliance with age limitations.
4. Compliance with all event limitations.

5. Curriculum is diagnosed and prescribed according to the.
6. The student is not enrolled in any other educational program in pursuit of a high school diploma, except for part-time or distance learning college courses.
7. Each contestant must be currently enrolled and actively studying in a complete course of at least two of the five core subjects using the ACE Program (Math, English, Social Studies, Science, or Word Building).
8. Homeschool students from different homeschools may combine for group events, provided they register as a single school, and must adhere to the same event limitations as a day school.
9. Church homeschool students may compete with the church school students, provided:
 - a) Church school staff diagnoses and prescribe curriculum.
 - b) Final tests are completed under supervision of church school staff.
 - c) Church school maintains academic and permanent records.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER SCHOOL

In events involving more than four students, or in a group elimination event such as PACE Bowl, Basketball, and Volleyball, the limit is one entree per event per school.

In other elimination events (Checkers, Chess, Table Tennis, and Tennis) a school is allowed six entries per event.

In One Act Play and Bible Bowl, a school is allowed three entries.

In all other events, a school is allowed six entries per event.

Each contestant may have only one entry in an event. (For example, your school may have two vocal mixed trios, but no student may be entered in both.)

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

1. Students that are twelve years and younger

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1. A contestant may enter any six **performance** events with exceptions noted below. (Performance events are events that require the participant to compete during the actual Convention; that is, all athletic events, speech and drama, Bible Memory, and so on.)

2. A student may enter numerous nonperformance events, as approved by his/her parents. (Nonperformance events are events that only require the participant to submit his/her entry.)
3. The total combined number of performance and nonperformance events must not exceed twelve.

Exceptions and Clarifications:

1. Each student may enter only four elimination events. (Elimination events are Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Chess, Checkers, and PACE Bowl.) Those who participate in any two of these events may enter only two other performance events that involve four or more contestants.
2. Each contestant may enter no more than four athletic events.
3. A student may not participate in two identical events (that is, two male duets, and so on).
4. Each contestant must be present the entire Convention and must attend all scheduled rallies.

Note: Color Guard and Flag Corps are performance events and count toward the total number of allowed performance events (six).

All art, sculpture, needle/thread, and photography entries must have a 3" x 5" card with the **entry name, contestant's name, school name, customer number, address, and telephone number** securely attached to the entry.

A COLOR PHOTO IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PLATFORM EVENTS, MUSIC EVENTS, AND NEEDLE/THREAD (GARMENTS ONLY) ENTRIES.

A color photo (snapshot or Polaroid) of the contestant(s) simulating his/her performance **MUST BE** provided at the time of competition (that is, student holding puppets, singing, and so on). This is not to be a school picture or portrait. For platform events and music events, this must be a snapshot or Polaroid of the contestant or contestants wearing the outfit or costume in which the event will be performed.

Girls submitting a Needle/Thread entry (garment only) must each include a color photo of the garment being modeled. Please print contestant's name, school name, customer number, and complete address on the back of the photo.

BE SURE TO READ EACH DIVISION'S REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING FORMS. POINTS WILL BE SUBTRACTED FOR NOT PROVIDING PROPER CURRENT JUDGE'S FORMS WHERE REQUIRED.

EVENTS OF THE HEART

The Events of the Heart category is designed to allow students who are mentally or physically challenged to compete in events and be recognized at the Awards Ceremony. The contestant may participate alone, with the help of another student, or with the help of an adult. Events of the Heart students may not compete in any group event (e.g., ensembles, one-act plays)

Qualifications:

- 1) Contestants must be mentally or physically challenged to the extent the student is incapable of entering any regular competition
- 2) The Qualification Affidavit must accompany judges' forms and be properly signed.

Elimination Events

Elimination events are any event where a participant or team plays an opponent and the winning team plays another winning team until a first place winner is decided.

APPEARANCE

The manner of appearance and dress of the Coastal Plains Student Convention participants reflect an image of Christian modesty, refinement, and self-discipline. Students and sponsors are expected to support the Student Convention image, program, and requirements in appearance and dress. Appropriateness and modesty are the basic principles governing all appearance and dress for the Student Convention. The principle of showing deference should be the lifestyle of Christian leaders. Students and sponsors are to be dressed completely and according to the guidelines upon arrival and while attending Student Convention. The dress code, as stated in the guidelines, must be observed by everyone officially associated with Student Convention. Participants, contestants, sponsors, guests (staying on campus) and coaches are to dress in conservative, appropriate, modest attire. Fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be allowed. Participants are asked to show deference to the intent of the appearance guidelines. Violators will be asked to change their clothing or to leave the convention. Dress requirements will be followed throughout the entire convention, including

ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE. Only those meeting the dress and appearance requirements will be allowed to register and remain on the premises. **It is the responsibility of the sponsor to ensure that all students and parents are informed of the dress and appearance guidelines prior to departing for convention. THE SPONSOR IS ALSO ACCOUNTABLE FOR ENSURING THAT STUDENTS MEET THE DRESS AND APPEARANCE REQUIREMENTS WHILE AT CONVENTION.**

MALE

Male students, sponsors, and coaches must have a neat, trim, conservative haircut. The hair is to be tapered or blocked and is to be off the collar. It is to be above the ears, with sideburns no longer than the middle of the ears.

Dying or coloring the tips of the hair is not allowed. No braided or spiked hair styles will be permitted. For boys with curly hair or afros, the cut needs to be short, not to exceed one inch in length. No facial hair is permitted on contestants. Male sponsors may wear neatly trimmed mustaches and/or beards. Those that require a haircut ***will not be permitted to register*** until they have located a barber and complied with the Student Convention standards.

Button shirts **with collars** and long conservative trousers are the appropriate attire for convention. Belts must be worn with trousers that have belt loops. Denim jeans, cargo pants (pockets sewn to the outside), bicycle shorts, swimsuits, or fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be permitted. **Button shirts with collars, ties, and dress shoes (no tennis shoes) are to be worn to all rallies and the evening meal.** Only the top mutton may be left unbuttoned, when the shirt is worn without a tie at appropriate events. Clean athletic shoes may be worn during the day.

Sandals are not allowed. Closed toe and closed heel shoes are allowed.

For participation in nonathletic events where costumes are not worn, each male contestant is to wear a button shirt with collar (shirt tucked in), sports coat, dress pants or suit, dress shoes, and tie, or school uniform that meet the Convention standards. Clothing should be clean and neatly pressed; shoes should be shined. Male students and sponsors must fully clothed in street attire (with shoes) anytime they are outside the dorm rooms.

PLEASE NOTE - MALE SPONSORS, AND COACHES: NO JEWELRY OTHER THAN WEDDING BANDS, WRISTWATCHES, AND CLASS RINGS. NO BODY PIERCINGS ARE ALLOWED.

Male (Athletic Wear)

Male competitors in athletic events must wear loose-fitting, full length sweat pants, warm-up pants, trousers, or **knee length** hemmed shorts. Sleeveless shirts will NOT be allowed. (Exception: A numbered tank top over a T-shirt is acceptable for athletics. T-shirts must match the color of the tank top or be white). Sleeves must stay draped over the shoulders at all times. Uniformity in dress is mandatory for athletic competition only. Shoes must be worn to participate in events.

Full-length sweat pants, warm-up pants, or trousers must be worn over athletic short while en route to or from competition. Athletic participants may wear athletic attire to meals (as described above) if they are scheduled to compete that day. When competition is over for the day, students must change into appropriate Convention attire. Athletic shorts are **NOT** allowed at any time in open competition areas or in any other area on campus. Only students competing in athletics may wear athletic attire. No jewelry is allowed in athletics.

BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL TEAMS: *Nonmarking soles are required for all athletic shoes worn on gym floors.*

FEMALE

An image of Christian discretion and modesty is to be portrayed. All female sponsors, coaches, and students must wear dresses, skirts (which are no shorter than the bottom of the knee, standing or sitting), or culottes (see requirements for culottes under Female Athletic Wear). **Slits must be no higher than the bottom of the knee.** Dresses and blouses must come to the neckline in front (to the clavicle bone) and back (to the bottom of the neck), without see-through material. **TIGHT-FITTING ATTIRE** and fad extremes are in appropriate and will not be allowed. Midriffs must be covered at all times in all positions. Denim, cargo, stone-washed clothing, T-shirts, slacks, shorts, swimsuits, bicycle shorts, V-neck, or sleeveless dresses or blouses will not be allowed. Conservative, natural-colored hosiery and dress shoes must be worn to all rallies and while competing in nonathletic events.

Sandals are NOT allowed – shoes must have a closed toe and closed heel. (No socks may be worn o rallies.) Hosiery or socks must be worn during the day. Makeup and jewelry should be conservative and minimal – only one earring (smaller than a dime in size) per ear, in the earlobe. No other body piercings are allowed. Girls and ladies must be fully clothed in street attire (with shoes) anytime they are outside the dorms

Female (Athletic Wear)

Loose-fitting culottes and tops are to be worn for competition in volleyball, track, and table tennis. Culottes must be full, loose-fitting, and have the appearance of a skirt. When in an upright standing position, culottes must be **below the knee**. For modesty reasons it is recommended that white athletic clothing, especially culottes, NOT be worn. (**A T-shirt must be worn under V-neck athletic shirts.**) Sleeves must stay draped over the shoulders at all times.

Guidelines for Appropriate Dress During Platform Events:

Gentlemen: Dress shirts, ties, and jackets should be worn for all Platform Events with the following exceptions:

1. School uniforms or a tuxedo with either a vest or cummerbund without a jacket may be worn to perform.
2. Jackets are not required for PACE Bowl or Puppets.
3. Jackets and ties are not required in the following categories:
One Act Play, Dramatic Dialogue, Illustrated Storytelling, Clown Act, Famous Speech.

Ladies: Nice church outfits should be worn for all Platform Events with the following exceptions:

1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. Formal attire that meets the modesty requirements for Student Convention may be worn.
3. Formal attire or church outfits are not required in the following categories:
One Act Play, Dramatic Dialogue, Dramatic Monologue, Illustrated Storytelling, Clown Act.

Guidelines for Appropriate Dress During Music Events:

Gentlemen: Dress shirts, ties, and jackets should be worn for all Music Events with the following exceptions:

1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. A tuxedo with either a vest or cummerbund without a jacket may be worn.
3. Choir robes may be worn over shirt, tie, and pants.

Ladies: Nice church outfits should be worn for all Music Events with the following exceptions:

1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. Formal attire that meets the modesty requirements for Student Convention may be worn.
3. Choir robes may be worn to perform over dresses, skirts, and blouses.

APPEARANCE CHECK

All athletic competition clothing (male and female) will be checked at the beginning of scheduled competition by the athletic staff. No coach or team member in violation of the dress code will be allowed to participate.

Appearance will be checked at registration, prior to all rallies, and before the evening meals. **To avoid embarrassment, please abide by the dress code.** Here are some checklists for the staff to use with the dress code

Is your school ready for Registration Dress Check?

Use this checklist to make sure **ALL** of your students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) are ready for dress check. **Convention Appearance Guidelines will be enforced. Consult your Student Convention Guidelines for appearance standards. The following checklist covers areas most frequently addressed.**

FEMALES

Appearance is to be conservative, modest, and neat.

☐ Hair:

Hair must be a natural color, no fads.

☐ Jewelry:

Jewelry must be conservative and minimal.

Only one earring per earlobe (smaller than a dime in size) is permitted.

☐ Blouses/Tops:

No form-fitting tops are permitted.

Necklines must come to the clavicle in the front and to the bottom of the neck in the back.

Midriffs must be covered at all times and in all positions.

No see-through tops, denim, or stone-washed clothing is permitted.

☐ Dress, Skirt, or Culottes:

No form-fitting dresses, skirts, or culottes are permitted.

Slits may not extend higher than the bottom of the knee.

Hemlines of dresses, skirts, or culottes must be no shorter than the bottom of the knee (when standing or sitting).

Skirts with see-through fabrics must be lined or worn with slips.

No cargo (pockets sewn to the outside of skirt), denim, or stone-washed clothing are permitted.

☐ Shoes:

Only closed toe and closed heel shoes are to be worn. No sandals or flip-flops are permitted.

Shoelaces are to be neatly tied.

Please evaluate each of these areas before you enter registration. Schools may not finish registration until all students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) have successfully completed dress check. I have checked **each** of my students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus). They **each** meet the convention dress guidelines and **are ready for dress check.**

Female Head Sponsor's Signature School Name

Is your school ready for Registration Dress Check?

Use this checklist to make sure **ALL** of your students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) are ready for dress check. **Convention Appearance Guidelines will be enforced. Consult your Student Convention Guidelines appearance standards. The following checklist covers areas most frequently addressed.**

MALES

Appearance is to be conservative, modest, and neat.

Hair:

- Men must have neat, trimmed, conservative haircuts – no fads.
- The hair is to be tapered or blocked, not touching the ear or collar.
- Sideburns** may be no lower than the middle of the ear.
- Neither dying nor coloring the tips of the hair is allowed.
- No braided or spiked (if in doubt, comb it down) hairstyles are permitted.
- Extra curly or afro hair is not to exceed one inch in length.

Facial Hair:

- No** facial hair is permitted on students.
- Male sponsors may wear neatly trimmed mustaches and/or beards.

Acceptable Jewelry:

- One watch and one ring is permitted.
- All other jewelry must be removed.

Shirts:

- Button-up shirt (polos are acceptable) with a collar and sleeves is appropriate.
- Only top button may be left unbuttoned.
- Shirts with tails are to be tucked into pants.

Pants:

- Slacks, dress pants, or long, conservative trousers are appropriate.
- Denim jeans, cargo pants (pockets sewn to the outside), bicycle shorts, swimsuits, or fad extremes are inappropriate and are not permitted.
- Pants are to be worn properly (at the waistline).
- Belts must be worn with pants, slacks, or trousers that have belt loops.

Shoes:

- Dress shoes or sneakers with matching socks are appropriate.
- Only closed toe and closed heel shoes are to be worn. No sandals or flip-flops.
- Shoelaces are to be neatly tied.

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Male Head Sponsor's Signature School Name

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT

RALLY ATTENDANCE

Sponsors and students must attend all rallies. All students must sit with their own sponsor during the rally. Sponsors are also expected to PROHIBIT students from booing or using flash attachments at inappropriate times. Students who are too ill to attend scheduled activities are to remain in the care of their sponsor.

CONDUCT

“Abstain from all appearance of evil . . .” must be the guiding principle of all interaction between the young men and the young ladies attending the Convention. Maintaining the highest possible standard of behavior is a God-given responsibility. Sponsors and staff should be constantly alert and should not hesitate to correct any behavior that is “unseemly.”

The “six-inch” rule must be followed at all times. Couples should not isolate themselves from the group and should be properly chaperoned at all times. At no time are students allowed in cars, buses, vans, or in dimly lit areas without a sponsor. It is the sponsor’s responsibility to ensure that all students comply with Convention curfews. These guidelines are applicable to all Convention attendees. Remember: Contestants need rest to do their best in competition.

SPONSORS

Sponsors are the key to good attitudes among the students and a cooperative spirit at the Convention.

Each student must be directly responsible at all times to a specific sponsor. There must be one male sponsor for every one to eight boys and one female sponsor for every one to eight girls. Sponsors must be at least eighteen years of age at the time of Convention. Parents may serve as the sponsor for their children (father/daughter, mother/son) if staying off campus.

In exceptional cases, a school may assume responsibility for students from another school, provided this does not exceed the one-to-eight ratio. In such cases, both schools must pay the school registration fee. Sponsors must reside with their students. Sponsors must meet the appearance dress code. Only those conforming to these requirements will be allowed to register and to remain on the premises. Sponsors are responsible for enforcing the dress and conduct guidelines with all students in their care. Sponsors will be accountable for damaged or missing items belonging to the host campus or other contestants.

Each church, school, or organization must complete a Student Convention Screening Form (JrCF16) prior to convention. All sponsors must also complete a Sponsor Registration Form (JrCF 5) and an Adult Consent to Emergency Health Care and Indemnification (JrCF 7).

SPECTATORS AND GUESTS

Guests are welcome to attend Convention and are encouraged to meet the age and appearance standards. Spectators are welcome to attend events and rallies. Guests must register upon arrival and may purchase individual meal tickets at the Information Center.

OTHER GUIDELINES

Checklist of Personal Things To Bring

Bible	Competition entries
Appropriate clothing	Paperwork, judge form
Notebook	Snacks
Clothing	Spending money
Toiletries	Camera
Slippers	Robe
Prescription medicines (to be kept by nurse)	Athletic equipment

Note: Each sponsor should bring a lockable suitcase for valuables such as watches, rings, awards, and prescription medicines. It is imperative that **ALL** items be labeled. The Coastal Plains Junior Convention is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Things NOT permitted on Campus:

Tobacco	Video games
Firearms/weapons	Fireworks
Toy guns (except those used for props)	TVs
Alcohol	Clock Radios
Narcotics	Secular magazines books
Radios	Skateboards/roller blades
MP3 Players	Scooters
CD Players (except those used for competition)	