



Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain
Bristol-Cardiff Region
Regional Bible Kalotsavam 2019



Competition Rules & Guidelines – Version 1

Theme

“Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4: 12)

Date: Saturday, 19th October 2019

Time: 9:00am to 9:00pm

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General rules:

For all competitions items please use the following Bible versions:

English - The New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition.

Malayalam - POC Bible.

You are advised to conduct unit level competitions as Parish / Mission / proposed Mission and entries to the regional competition should be selected from unit level competition.

Number of participants for regional competition from each Parish / Mission / proposed Mission is to be decided by regional co-ordinators.

All participants and co-ordinators are requested to kindly read this document carefully.

- Each participant can only take part in a maximum of 3 individual items and 3 group items including 'All' category. *(amended in Kalotsavam 2019)*

- Bible Quiz is considered as a solo item.

- 'All' category is open to all age groups i.e., can be a mixture of all ages.

Age categorisation

The age considered is based on the child's age as on 31/08/2019. It has no bearing on the date the competition is conducted. Should you conduct your unit level or regional level competition before 31st August 2019, you must ensure the participants fall within the age group as on 31/08/2019.

| Age | Up to 7 yrs | 8-10 yrs | 11-13 yrs | 14-17 yrs | 18-24 yrs |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Date of birth range | 01/09/2011 to 31/08/2015 | 01/09/2008 to 31/08/2011 | 01/09/2005 to 31/08/2008 | 01/09/2001 to 31/08/2005 | 01/09/1994 to 31/8/2001 |
| School Years | Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 | Year 4,5 & 6 | Year 7,8 & 9 | Year 10,11, 11, 12 & 13 | |

Proof of age may be requested in case of any queries.

Registration

- To participate in Regional level competitions, the participant should duly fill the registration form and email their Regional coordinators respectively.
- To participate in SMEGB Bible Kalotsavam, the Regional coordinator should confirm with the eligible winners and forward the list of their regional participants to smbcr@smegbbiblekalotsavam.com
- Registration is complete only when the payment has been made to the Regional co-ordinators.
- To enable smooth organisation of events, eligible winners are encouraged to confirm their participation in SMEGB Bible Kalotsavam and make their payments soon after the results are announced on the day of their Regional Bible Kalotsavam. This will greatly help the Regional coordinators.

Closing date for Registration: 6/10/2019

Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted due to organising and planning difficulties.

Confirmation

We will email you to confirm your entry after 6/10/19.

Scheduling

- Please check if the timings of your item clashes with another item you are interested in participating. This may mean you cannot participate in 2 items at the same time and you will be required to make a choice. However, it may be possible to participate in both if you can finish one item on time and can be present for the other.

E.g. you may finish painting which is for 30 mins (11-12 Noon) and attend solo song competition which is 5 mins per song (11- 12 Noon). As long as you have registered early, you can attend both before the end of that session. If there is a clash between the timings of your selected items, we will try our best to accommodate this.

- No special requests will be considered on the day to avoid overrun and delays.
- If there is less than three entries for an item / category, that item is likely to be withdrawn & the registrants will be notified.

Registration fees

Solo (up to 3 items) including postal Essay Writing - £10

Group items with 4 or more participants- £20 per group item

Bible Quiz Adult (Couples) 2 participants - £10

Complaints

Participants or their parents/guardians are not allowed to contact judges regarding any judgement issues. Any queries regarding the judgement should be reported to the Appeal Committee. Appeal committee will re-check the tabulation of marks.

Re-performing or re-judgement will not be allowed.

The decision reached by the Appeal Committee will be final.

Complaints/appeals are to be submitted through Regional Kalotsavam coordinator within one hour after the result is announced.

The fees to file a complaint / appeal is £25 (cash) which will be refunded if the appeal is successful. Failed appeal payments will be added to SMEGB Bible Kalotsavam Organising Fund.

Individual rules for each item

Bible Reading English & Bible Reading Malayalam (Code: BRE & BRM)

- Duration: 2 mins. Bell on time.
- Up to 30 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the reading continues over 30 seconds after the time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.
- Participants will be asked to read from one of the following passages listed in the table below.
- The reading should be directly from the Bible. (English - The New Revised Standard Version - Catholic Edition, Malayalam - POC Bible.)
- Bookmarks can be used to identify the passages for up to 7 yrs and 8-10 yrs.
- Ages 11-13 and 14 to 17 will be given the Bible at the door with bookmarks and will be assessed on their ease of using the Bible.

| Bible Reading English | Bible Reading Malayalam |
|---|---|
| Age: up to 7yrs Passages: 1 Luke 10:29-37 2 Mark 4: 1-9 | |
| Age 8-10 yrs Passages: 1 Luke 6: 27-38 2 Jeremiah 1: 4-12 | Age 8-10 yrs Passages: 1 Luke 6: 27-36 2 Jeremiah 1: 4-12 |
| Age 11-13 yrs: Passages: 1 Luke 12:22 - 34 2 Proverb 4: 1-15 | Age 11-13 yrs: Passages: 1 Luke 12:22 - 34 2 Proverb 4: 1-15 |
| Age 14-17 yrs: Passage will be given at the door | Age 14-17 yrs Passage: Jeremiah 17: 5-14 1 Timothy 4: 6-16 |

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Follows scripture reading rules as per Syro-Malabar custom.
(Starts with 'Brothers and sisters, a reading from the letter of to the.....')
Example 1 : 'Brothers and sisters, a reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 5 to 13.....'
Example 2: 'Brothers and sisters, a reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 5, verses 1 to 11.....'
Ends with a meaningful silence, then the Bible is closed respectfully. There is no need to say 'The word of the Lord'.)
- Clarity, proper word usage and pronunciation.
- Tone quality, projection, appropriate voice modulation, meaningful emphasis and eye contact with audience
- Poise, confidence, personal style and flavour of reading.

Bible Quiz (Code: BQ)

Couples: Comprises of spouse or a child

This has 5-6 rounds, with different formats, including writing, direct answering and activities to perform. There will be also questions on general topics related to the Bible and the Church. All questions will be asked in Malayalam and English.

Age: Individuals: 8-10 yrs, 11 to 13 yrs, 14-17 yrs, 18-24 yrs.

Duration: 30 mins

There will be both objective type and short descriptive type questions. 5 questions will be on general topics related to the Bible and the Church.

- The quiz is based from: English - The New Revised Standard Version - Catholic Edition; Malayalam - POC Bible.

| Bible Quiz Topics | Bible Quiz Topics |
|---|---|
| Age 8-10yrs <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Gospel of John 1-10➤ Gen 42-45➤ Acts of the Apostles 1-3 | Age 11-13yrs <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Gospel of Luke➤ Book of Joel (1-3)➤ Letter to Titus (1-3) |
| Age 14-17yrs <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Gospel of Matthew➤ Book of Isaiah 1-5➤ Letter from Jude | Age 18-24yrs <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Gospel of Mark➤ Book of Joshua 1-8,23-24➤ Letter of John 1,2 (2 Chapters) |
| Couples (Spouse/Children) <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Gospel of John➤ Book of Job 1-10,40-42➤ Book of Revelations 1-12,20-22 | |

Oration English (Code: OE)

- Not to exceed 3 minutes. Bell on time.
- Up to 30 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max-2)
- If the talk goes over 30 seconds after the time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.

| Oration English Topics |
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| 8-10 yrs: Jesus-My True Friend and Guide |
| 11-13 yrs: The importance of being grateful |
| 14-17 yrs: Holy Catholic Church-My Mother and Teacher |
| 18-24 yrs: The inspiring life of Chiara Luce (The Co-Patroness of Year of Youth) |

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Theme clearly stated, summarization, logical organization of theme, original in content, bibliography or source and maturity of thought
- Christian message emphasis
- Proper word usage and pronunciation
- Eye contact with audience and involvement, tone quality and projection
- Poise and appearance
- Gestures
- Memorisation

Oration Malayalam (Code: OM)

Not to exceed 3 minutes. Bell on time.

- Up to 30 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max-2)
- If the talk goes over 30 seconds after the time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.

| Oration Malayalam Topics |
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| 8-10yrs: ഈശോ എന്റെ കർത്താവും എന്റെ ദൈവവും (Eesho ente Karthavum ente Daivavum) |
| 11-13yrs: ഈശോ എന്റെ യഥാർത്ഥ സ്നേഹിതനും വഴികാട്ടിയും (Eesho ente yadhartha snehithanum vazhikattiyum) |
| 14-17yrs: തിരുസഭ എന്റെ മാതാവും ഗുരുനാഥയും (Thirusabha ente mathavum gurunadhayum) |
| 18-24yrs : ക്യാര ലൂച്ചെ ജീവിതസന്ദേശം (Chira Luce: The Co-Patroness of Year of Youth) |
| Adults: Topic will be given at the door |

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Theme clearly stated, summarization, logical organization of theme, original in content; bibliography or source and maturity of thought
- Christian message emphasis
- Proper word usage and pronunciation
- Eye contact with audience and involvement, tone quality and projection
- Poise and appearance
- Gestures
- Memorisation

Colour Painting (Code: CP)

Ages: up to 7 yrs

- Duration: 30 mins.
- Participants will be asked to paint based on a Biblical theme. A colouring page will be provided to the children.
- All other materials/equipment (crayons, colour pencil, sketch pen etc.) should be brought by the participants.

Ages: 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs

- Duration: 30 mins.
- Only water colour is allowed (water colour pencil is not allowed).
- Only plain paper will be provided.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Content relevancy of the drawing to the given theme
- Elements of drawing
- Beauty of art
- Detailing & expression of individuality / creativity
- Christian message content

Pencil Sketching (Code: PS)

Ages: up to 7 yrs

- Duration: 30 minutes.
- For children up to 7 years, a model / object will be displayed.
- Only paper will be provided. All other required materials/equipment (pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners etc.) should be brought by all participants.

Ages: 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs

- Duration: 30 minutes.
- Participants will be asked to do a sketch based on a Biblical theme.
- Only paper will be provided. All other required materials/equipment (pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners etc.) should be brought by all participants.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Content relevancy of the drawing to the given theme
- Elements of drawing
- Beauty of art
- Detailing & expression of individuality/ creativity
- Christian message content
- Time limit exceed (-2 marks)

Essay Writing (Code: EW)

Duration: 30 minutes. Topic will be given at the start time.

Age 8-10 yrs: Essays should be of a maximum of 300 words.

Age 11-13 yrs: Essays should be of a maximum of 500 words

Age 14-17 yrs: Essays should be of a maximum of 650 words.

The essay writing competitions below are only for Eparchial Bible Kalotsavam and not for Regional Kalotsavam.

Age 18-24 yrs: Postal submission of essay containing 1200 words in English

Topic : John Paul II and the Youth

Adults: Postal submission of essay containing 1500 words in English or Malayalam*

1. Malayalam Topic: – ക്രൈസ്തവ രക്ഷാകർതൃത്വം : യാഥാർത്ഥ്യവും പ്രതീക്ഷകളും
 2. English Topic: Christian Parenting : Reality and Hopes
- Please include a reference list. The reference list is not part of the word count.
 - Deadline to receive by post/ email is 20th **October 2019**.
 - Address: Fr Paul Vettikkattu, St Joseph's Church, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 3QT.
Email : frpaul@smegbbiblekalotsavam.com

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Logical organisation of thoughts, creativity, ingenuity of ideas
- Christian message content
- Appropriate word choice, poetic alliteration, good use of English language, correct spelling
- Space, pages number, margins
- Imagination, subject approach

Bible Mono Act (Code: MA)

Ages: 8-10 yrs & 11-13 yrs

- Duration: 4 Minutes. Bell on time.
- 30 seconds after the time limit, negative marks will be given (max-2)
- If the act exceeds 4.30 mins, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.
- The act should be based on a Bible story or a Christian theme.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Quality of idea
- Christian message content
- Effectiveness of impersonation of character and conveying the theme.
- Voice modulation, memorisation, emotion
- Appearance, poise, use of props and stage presence

Bible Costume (Code: BC)

Ages: up to 7 yrs, 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs

- Duration: 30 sec on stage. Extra 30 seconds is allocated to set up props, if required.
- Bell on time and up to 15 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the act is beyond that time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.
- Only individual participants are allowed.
- The costume should be based on a Bible story or a Christian theme.
- Participants are allowed to express / explain their character by verbal or visual means but no external involvement is allowed.
- Props are allowed but background sound & light effects are not permitted.
- Same rules apply for all age groups.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participant:

- Costume details, originality
- Christian message content
- Make up, effective use of props
- Expression & stage presence
- Quality of idea & presentation

Song Solo (Code: SS)

Ages: up to 7 yrs, 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs, 18-24 yrs, Adults

- Duration: 5 minutes.
- Up to 30 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the song continues 30 seconds after the extra time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.
- Only devotional songs will be allowed.
- Karaoke will not be allowed.
- Songs sung in Malayalam may get additional points.
- One microphone on stand will be provided. Hand holding of microphone is not allowed.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Christian message content
- Voice quality
- Choice of music, pitch accuracy, rhythm
- Balance & blend, degree of difficulty, diction, memorization
- Style, phrasing, tempo, dynamics and emotional involvement
- Appropriate appearance, poise, posture, general conduct, mannerisms, facial expression.

Song Group (Code: SG)

Ages: 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs, 18-24 yrs, Adults

- Duration: 5 minutes.
- Up to 1 minute over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the song continues 1 minute after the extra time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the team. Participants may continue and finish the item.
- Only devotional songs will be allowed.
- *Group Size:* Minimum of 4 participants. Not to exceed 8 singers (4 microphones on stands will be provided for the group. Hand holding of microphone is not allowed)
- Teams with less than 4 or more than 8 participants on the stage will be disqualified.
- Only devotional songs will be allowed.
- Karaoke or live instruments will not be allowed.
- Songs sung in Malayalam may get additional points.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Christian message content
- Voice quality
- Choice of music, pitch accuracy, rhythm
- Balance & blend, degree of difficulty, diction, memorization
- Style, phrasing, tempo, dynamics and emotional involvement
- Appropriate appearance, poise, posture, general conduct, mannerisms, facial expression.

Single Dance (Code: DS)

Ages: up to 7 yrs, 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs

- Duration: 5 minutes.
- Up to 30 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the dance continues 30 seconds after the extra time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.
- All dance music should be based on Bible/Christian theme.
- Songs should be provided at least one week in advance to the organising committee.
- If a song is deemed inappropriate by the committee/judges the participant may be disqualified.
- All dance forms will be judged in the same manner. No preference/ extra points will be given for the type of dance i.e., classical /folk/ modern forms

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Dance style & choreography
- Christian message content and depiction of theme, choice of music
- Expressions and impact
- Finesse and synchronisation
- Costumes, use of props and stage presence

Dance Group (Code: DG)

Ages: up to 7 yrs; 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs

- Duration: 5 minutes.
- Up to 1 minute over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the dance continues 1 minute after the extra time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the team. Participants may continue and finish the item.
- *Group size:* Minimum 4; not to exceed 8 participants
- Teams with less than 4 or more than 8 participants on the stage will be disqualified.
- All dance music should be based on Bible/Christian theme.
- Songs should be provided at least one week in advance to the organizing committee.
- If a song is deemed inappropriate by the committee/judges the participant may be disqualified.
- All dance forms will be judged in the same manner. No preference/ extra points will be given for the type of dance i.e., classical /folk/ modern forms.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants

- Dance style & choreography
- Christian message content and depiction of theme, choice of music
- Expressions and impact
- Finesse and synchronisation
- Costumes, use of props and stage presence

Margam Kali (Code: MK)

Open to all ages. (Teams can be from any age category.)

- Duration: 7 minutes.
- Up to 1 minute over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max - -4)
- If the dance exceeds 1 minute over the time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the team. Participants may continue and finish the item.
- Group size: Not to exceed 8 dancers and up to 2 singers. Maximum 10 participants including singers.
- Teams with more than the maximum number of participants on stage will be disqualified.
- Nilavilakku will be provided if required.
- Song quality is judged and live songs will have additional marks. Pre-recorded music is also allowed.
- Songs should be provided to the organising committee at least a week in advance.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants

The event will be judged on overall performance and adherence to the Aaattaprakaram.

- Dance style & choreography
- Christian message content & depiction of theme, choice of music
- Expressions and impact
- Finesse & synchronisation
- Costumes, use of props & stage presence

Bible Tableau (Code: BT)

Open to all ages. (Teams can be from any age category.)

Duration: maximum stage set-up time is 5 minutes; 1 minute on stage after curtain raising.

- Up to 20 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If it goes more than 40 seconds over the time limit, bell to inform the disqualification of the team. Participants may continue and finish the item.
- Groups should consist of no more than 8 participants.
- Teams with more than the maximum number of participants on stage will be disqualified.
- The tableau should be based on a Biblical event or a Christian theme.
- You may play a soundtrack (to be made available in advance to the organising committee).

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Content, quality of idea
- Christian message content
- Use of props, music, stage presence
- Picturisation and overall appeal
- Characters tell the story

Instrumental Keyboard (Code: IMK)

Ages: 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs

- Duration: 3 minutes
- Up to 30 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the performance continues more than 30 seconds over the time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.
- Only manually played chords are allowed. Contestants are not allowed to use any original inbuilt/pre-recorded accompaniment or rhythm in keyboard.
- Only devotional songs will be allowed.
- Please bring your own equipment.
- Microphone connections will be provided if required.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- General effectiveness
- Christian message content
- Technique, interpretation and accuracy
- Balance of melody
- Balance and blend
- Poise and appearance

Instrumental Guitar (Code: IMG)

Ages: 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs

- Duration: 3 minutes.
- Up to 30 seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the performance continues more than 30 seconds over the time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.
- Only devotional songs will be allowed.
- Please bring your own equipment.
- Other instrumental effects are not permitted.
- Microphone connections will be provided if required.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- General effectiveness
- Christian message content
- Technique, tone quality, rhythm, interpretation and accuracy
- Bowing – strings ; Articulation - winds
- Balance and blend
- Poise and appearance

Instrumental Violin (Code: IMV)

Ages: 8-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs

- Duration: 3 minutes.
- Up to 30seconds over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -2)
- If the performance continues more than 30 seconds over the time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the participant. Participant may continue and finish the item.
- Only devotional songs will be allowed.
- Please bring your own equipment. Other instrumental effects are not permitted.
- Microphone connections will be provided if required.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- General effectiveness
- Christian message content
- Technique
- Bowing style
- Balance and blend
- Poise and appearance

Skit (Code: BS):

Open to all ages (teams can be made up of any age category).

- Duration: 10 minutes. All age groups can participate
- Maximum stage set-up time of 5 minutes
- Maximum stage clearance time of 3 minutes
- 10 minutes on stage after curtain raising.
- Up to 1 minute over the time limit, negative marks will be given (max -4)
- If the skit goes beyond 1 minute after the time limit, a bell will ring to inform the disqualification of the team. Participants may continue and finish the item.
- *Group Size:* Minimum of 4 participants. Not to exceed 8 participants.
- Teams with less than 4 or more than 8 participants on the stage will be disqualified.
- The skit should be based on a Biblical event or a Christian theme.
- Participants can either deliver the dialogue live on stage or play pre-recorded dialogues. Extra points will be considered for live dialogues. 3 hanging microphones will be provided on the stage to those rendering the dialogues live on stage.
- Pre-recorded skits downloaded from the internet or any other media is also acceptable.
- Basic lighting effects will be provided on the stage. Participants can use their own lighting effects if required. Lights should be set up during the stage set up time.
- Should you have any clarifications, please free to contact us.

Below are the criteria to judge the performance of the participants:

- Originality, creativity, clarity and depth of the theme
- Quality of idea and power of message
- Performance- acting and dialogue delivery
- Costumes, effective use of props and stage
- Overall presentation