

2018 FM Bible Quiz Finals Team Advancement Information

The **Senior Teen Rookie** division has only two teams. A survey a couple of years ago soliciting the coaches' opinions about this division indicated that almost all coaches agree that with fewer than four teams the Senior Teen Rookies should be merged with the veterans at finals. We will follow that process this year.

There are 30 **Senior Teen** teams that will be initially sub-divided into four balanced sub-divisions (8,8,7,7). After day one, the top two in each sub-division (8 teams) will have earned a position in the Alpha division.

On day two, the eight teams that are qualified for the Alpha division will compete in their own complete round robin, earning their rank among the first eight tournament seeds.

The remaining 22 teams will be divided into four balanced sub-divisions, (5,6,6,5) seeded based on their performance on day one (with some possible flexibility to maximize the number of different regions represented in each subdivision).

At the end of day two, the top two teams in each of the non-alpha-bound sub-divisions will earn one of the 8 next seeds (9-16) in the Alpha division. Their standings from both days will be used to determine their relative seed. The next 14 teams will advance to the Mixed B Double Elimination division.

There are 18 **Young Teen Veteran** teams that will be initially sub-divided into three balanced sub-divisions (6,6,6). After day one, the top two in each sub-division (6 teams) will have earned a position in the Alpha division.

On day two, the six teams that are qualified for the Alpha division will compete in their own complete round robin, earning their rank among the first eight tournament seeds.

The remaining 12 teams will be divided into two balanced sub-divisions, (6,6) seeded based on their performance on day one (with some possible flexibility to maximize the number of different regions represented in each subdivision).

At the end of day two, the top five teams in each of the non-YTVA sub-divisions will earn one of the 10 next seeds (7-16) in the Benson division. Their standings from both days will be used to determine their relative seed. The next 2 teams will advance to the Mixed B Double Elimination division.

There are 8 teams in **Young Teen Rookie**. They will compete in two complete round robin tournaments over two days. The first day will be only practice quizzes! Only quizzes on Wednesday will count toward tournament seeding.

Any **Combined teams** (*see paragraph 57 in the rules*) will be moved into the Mixed B division (in a position relative to their performance over the first two days) after day 2.

There will be one **Mixed B Double Elimination Division** merging the teams from various divisions who don't qualify for their respective division's A tournament. Trophies will be awarded at the awards ceremony for the top teams in all divisions.