



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC FAITH CHALLENGE GAME RULES, 2017

DEFINITIONS

Bonus Question- The follow-up question offered to the Team that successfully answered the Toss-up Question; worth up to 6 points if answered correctly; partial scores are possible.

Captain- The player designated at the start of each half to answer Bonus Questions for the Team.

Coach- Person registered with the St. Joseph's Catholic Faith Challenge as a Coach, person designated as a substitute by the official Coach of the Team or person designated as a Coach by the Catholic Faith Challenge officials. Person responsible for the Team at all times.

Door/Room Monitor- Person responsible for keeping doors closed during the games and opening them to guests when there is no game in progress. Also assisting the MC in determining that the rules are observed and is responsible for maintaining order during the games.

MC (Master of Ceremonies)- Person who asks the questions and determines correct answers.

Player- Person who is registered with a Team, or has played any game or part of a game of the St. Joseph's Catholic Faith Challenge.

Scorekeeper/Timekeeper-Person responsible for keeping the score of the game on the visual scoreboard, coordinating and agreeing on the current score. Also responsible for keeping the game time, signaling the beginning of the game, monitoring the buzzers and assisting the MC in ensuring the rules are observed.

Team- Group of students who qualify by grade to play in a Division at the St. Joseph's Catholic Faith Challenge.

Toss-up Question- New question offered to both Teams; worth 10 points if answered correctly.

VISITOR AND PLAYER ETIQUETTE

All Players and visitors are expected to conduct themselves with a Catholic attitude and good sportsmanship. If there is a breach of these expectations, the person(s) involved will be cautioned or asked to leave the games.

When a game is to begin, the Timekeeper will ring the bell, and the Door Monitor will close the room doors. No one is to enter or leave the room while a game is in progress. The doors will be opened at the half and at the end of the game. All audience members must wait for those times to enter or leave the room.

Taking notes is permissible, but no electronic recording of questions or answers is permitted during CF Challenge games. No audio or video recording equipment is permitted within the game rooms, except by CF Challenge staff.

Coaches are responsible for all their Team's members at all times during the games **and** while the Team is in their care — during any overnight stay, while traveling, etc.

Any audience member who answers the questions either vocally or mouthing the words will be warned once and, if there is a second offense, will be asked to leave the game.

THANK YOU

We thank most sincerely all those who have volunteered their time to assist us with the St. Joseph's Catholic Faith Challenge.

We are grateful to Rocky Harris and "RC Challenge Inc." in Portland, OR for inspiring these games and giving written permission for us to use many of their questions and rules.

DECISIONS

The MC of each game is the sole authority regarding the correctness or suitability of questions and answers within that game. The St. Joseph's Catholic Faith Challenge Committee will make any other administrative decisions concerning the games. Rulings of the chair of the CF Challenge Committee are final.

SCORING

Each Toss-Up Question is worth 10 points. Each Bonus Question is worth 1-6 points based on how much of the question is answered correctly. The Team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

There are no penalties for a wrong answer **provided that** the player does not interrupt the MC while reading the question. If a player interrupts the MC and responds incorrectly, there will be a 10 point deduction and the team will **not** have another chance to answer that question.

ALTERNATES

For the purposes of the CF Challenge, an alternate player is a full member of a team but only four team members may play at a time for any round. The alternate may step in either in the event of illness or tardiness of a team player, or if he/she has an expertise in a given category. A team coach may switch in an alternate at the "half" point of each round (excluding the written test), or an alternate may play an entire round. The alternate may, if desired, play only the written test.

QUALIFICATIONS

Division 1 Player: Any student in 6th grade.

Division 2 Player: Any student in 7th or 8th grade.

WINNERS

The games are played as a cumulative score. The points of each round of competition are calculated and the team with the most points at the end of the Challenge is the winner.

For each round, including the written test, only four players of the team will compete at once.

In the event of a two-way tie, there will be one 10-minute tie-break; if the score remains tied it will continue in "sudden death" style.

In the event of a three-way (or more) tie, the tiebreak procedure will be:

- 1) Team with the highest average written test, 2) Team with the highest average oral rounds, 3) Team with the highest individual written test, 4) Team with the highest single oral round score.

Prize amounts are determined each year by the St. Joseph's Catholic Faith Challenge Committee. A single cash prize will be awarded to the Coach of each 1st- or 2nd-place Team for distribution to the Players.

REGISTRATION

Teams must register by the established deadline with a Team name, at least 4 Players' names, and the registration fee. No refunds will be given after the registration deadline.

A medical release form will be provided by the St. Joseph's Catholic Faith Challenge. The Coach or chaperone must keep in his or her possession a copy of the signed release form for each Player during the competition.

RULES OF PLAY

A game is played with two Teams, each with at least 3 but no more than 4 Players competing; each Player must be registered. Each Team must have a designated Captain. Teams with more than 4 Players registered must choose 4 who will play at the beginning of the game. Substitutions may be made at the half time. Substitutions at any other time may be made only in cases of emergency and with the approval of the MC.

The game consists of two halves, each of which lasts 10 minutes or 15 Toss-up Questions (whichever comes first). The halves are separated by a 3-minute break. Teams must trade positions at the half.

Play begins when the MC presents a Toss-up Question to both Teams. The first Player to activate the buzzer is recognized. The recognized Player must answer **immediately. No conferring among Players regarding Toss-Up Questions is permitted.** (If a Team is repeatedly warned on this point and refuses to stop, the Team or an individual Player may be disqualified.) If the response is correct, the Team receives 10 points and has the opportunity to answer a Bonus Question worth up to 6. **Players may confer with each other on Bonus Questions.** The MC will allow approximately 5-7 seconds, by which time the Captain must answer the Bonus Question for the Team.

When a Player buzzes in after the Toss-up Question has been **read in its entirety**, and then answers the question incorrectly, there is no penalty. Players on the opposing Team then have an opportunity to buzz in, be recognized, and answer the Toss-up Question; **the Question is not repeated.**

However, when a Player buzzes in before the MC has read the Toss-up Question in its entirety, and the Player answers incorrectly, **10 points are deducted** from the score of that Player's Team. The question is then re-read in its entirety to Players on the opposing Team, each of whom then has the opportunity to buzz in with the answer. If a Player on this second Team also buzzes in before the MC has read the Toss-up Question completely, and the Player

answers incorrectly, 10 points are similarly deducted from the score of this Player's Team.

The MC reads each question only once, unless 1) the MC determines that because of some error of his own (e.g., mispronunciation or poor inflection) the question should be repeated; or 2) a Player has interrupted a Toss-up Question, in which case the MC repeats it after an answer is offered by this Player).

Answers must be given in question form. Answers not given in question form are considered incorrect; and in the case of a Toss-Up Question, Players on the opposing Team may then attempt to answer correctly—i.e., in question form.

Answers that involve facts of Catholicism commonly known by numbers (e.g., one of the Ten Commandments, Decade of the Rosary, or a Station of the Cross) must be recited, rather than given simply as a number.

If a Player gives an answer that is correct in part, the MC has the option to require the Player to provide a more specific answer.

All decisions are final and are not to be questioned during a game. **Only** the Coaches on the competing Teams may question an answer, and they may do so **only** after the conclusion of the game to the CF Challenge Committee (**in the library**). If a Coach brings up a valid objection to a specific question or its answer, the CF Challenge Committee will consider changing it for future competition.

If the timer signals the end of a half while a Toss-up Question is being read, the question is discarded, and the half is over. If the timer rings after a Player has buzzed in, he or she may answer the question, and, if the answer is correct, the Player's Team is given the opportunity to answer the Bonus Question. If the timer rings while a Bonus Question is being read, the question is read completely, and the Team is given the opportunity to answer it.

The MC and the Timekeeper have the option of stopping the timer if there is a problem that is using up game time extensively.