

Significant Changes in 2020 Manual

The following list summarizes **significant changes** made to competition categories or rules with the manual revision. In all cases, refer to the manual for specifics. Smaller changes are not noted below; always review the new manual, do not assume that rules, definitions, or clarifications remain unchanged.

For the most recent changes, refer to the Competition Annual Update.

1. In order to correct errors that may be discovered within the manual, the online manual will be corrected, and the **Competition Annual Update** will be posted on the AACS website.
2. The manual that you purchased is for use of your school only. Other schools must purchase their own manual.
3. Bible Quizzing—Updated rules/clarification in the following areas: after the 20th question, regarding the amber light, question forms, errors.
4. Bible Memory—Verse text included in the Appendix.
5. Music
 - a. Photocopies are permitted only with the written publisher’s permission, which must be attached to each copy that is supplied to the judges. Number of originals required for judges to reference—
 - Individual Events (Categories 1–8), one
 - Group events (Categories 9–11, 14–16), three
 - (Categories 12–13), one
 - (Categories 17–18), two
 - b. Vocal solos, Choral groups—At least one selection must be sacred. At least one selection must be in English.
 - c. Percussion ensembles allowed in large instrumental ensemble category; excluded from small instrumental ensemble category.
 - d. Handbell/Handchime judging forms changed.
6. Speech
 - a. Declamation definition and clarification updated.
7. Art
 - a. Judging forms changed significantly: Artist Idea Statement, Art (Categories 1–7, 9–11, 14), Digital Media.
 - b. Lighting rule clarified.
 - c. Calligraphy not in English must include a translation.
 - d. Garment—Accessories not considered garments.
 - e. Printmaking—Materials updated.
 - f. Woodworking—Clarification for the difference between woodworking and craft or sculpture projects. Judging form includes points for difficulty.

- g. Mixed Media—Clarification regarding elements and materials.
- h. Photography—Clarification regarding mats.

8. Academic

- a. Spelling—Includes elimination procedures when competitors are reduced to two.
- b. Essay—Clarification regarding use of original work.
- c. Science Fair
 - Clarification that science fair contestants must attend competition.
 - STEM projects may be entered, must meet all science fair regulations/requirements.