

Junior Convention Sample List of Events

(Contact local JSC Event Coordinator for Actual Events)

Locations and Contact Information Available in Menu under “Schools Strengthening Schools” Link

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- P-Performance, NP-Non-Performance, E-Elimination, *Doesn't count toward event limits, (M) Modified event
- Students are allowed 3 Performance, 4 Non-Performance, 1 Elimination Event, plus unlimited *Events (Events not counted toward Event limits)
- Schools may send 4 entries for each Non-performance event, 3 entries for each Performance event,
- 2 entries for each Elimination event & 1 team for each Team event (no limit on events that don't count.)

Academics

NP (M) Spelling (no judging forms)
E Checkers (no judging forms)
E Chess (no judging forms)
* (M) Quiz Bowl (4 member team)
NP Science Collection
NP Science Research
NP Short Story Writing (fiction)
NP Essay Writing
NP Poetry Writing

P (M) Archery – Instinctive – Male
P (M) Archery – Instinctive – Female
P (M) Archery – Freestyle – Male
P (M) Archery – Freestyle – Female
P (M) 100 Meter Run – Male
P (M) 100 Meter Run – Female
* (M) Softball Throw – Male
* (M) Softball Throw – Female
* (M) Obstacle Run – Male
* (M) Obstacle Run – Female

Art

NP Watercolor
NP Sketching
NP Colored Pencils
NP Pen & Ink
NP Woodworking – Male
NP Woodworking – Female
NP Clay Sculpture
NP (M) Crafts – Male
NP (M) Crafts – Female

Music

P Vocal Solo – Male
P Vocal Solo – Female
P Vocal Duet – Male
P Vocal Duet – Female
P Vocal Duet – Mixed
* Vocal Small Ensemble (5-12) 1 per school
* Instr. Small Ensemble (5-12) 1 per school

P Piano – Male
P Piano – Female
P Piano Duet (Male, Female, or Mixed)
P Instrumental Solo – Woodwind
P Instrumental Duet – Woodwind
* Instrumental Group – Woodwind
P Instrumental Solo – Brass
P Instrumental Duet – Brass
* Instrumental Group – Brass
P Instrumental Solo – Misc
P Instrumental Duet – Misc
* Instrumental Group – Misc

Photography

NP Color Character Portrait
NP Color Scenic
NP Color Still Life
NP Color Wildlife
NP Color Character Trait
NP Color Special Effects
NP Computer Photo Enhancement

Needle/Thread

NP Dress (female only)
NP Sportswear – 2 pieces (female only)
NP Jumper (female only)

NP Needlecraft – Knitting/Crochet
NP (M) Needlecraft (Misc)

Athletics (no judging forms)

E (M) Basketball – 3 on 3, Male team
E (M) Volleyball – Female team
E Table Tennis – Male
E Table Tennis – Female

Platform

P Dramatic Monologue
P Dramatic Dialogue
P Expressive Reading
P Illustrated Storytelling
P Poetry Recitation
* Preaching
P Puppets (up to 4 member team) 1 per school
P Sign Language
* One-Act Play (5 member team)

Miscellaneous (no judging forms)

* (M) Cookie Baking (Taste/Presentation/Both)

Junior Convention Event Guideline Sample Modifications

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Eligibility: 9 (or 4th grade) to 12 years old by December 31 of the current year.

Academics

SPELLING – (Written Test) - Use link for appropriate word list or request from the local event director

QUIZ BOWL – (Elimination) - Questions will be in math, English and literature, science, social studies, and current events (elective). Questions are taken from PACEs starting with PACE 1037 through 1084. Questioning continues until there are seven correctly answered toss-up questions.

Written Entries – (Use A.C.E. student convention guidelines with following modifications)

ESSAY WRITING & SHORT STORY WRITING Length – 100 to 350 words

POETRY WRITING Length – At least 8, but not more than 30 lines

Art

CRAFT - (Display Items)

Guidelines available on the Judges Form

Needle/Thread

NEEDLECRAFT (Misc)

Sewing items involving Pillows, Bags, Aprons, Placemats, etc. Guidelines on the Judges Form

Athletics (No Judging Forms)

BASKETBALL (Male) – 3 on 3 – one team – half court play (Elimination)

A team shall consist of 3 players with one substitute. A team will not be permitted to start a game with less than 3 members.

Each team is to be in a standard uniform (every member dressed alike). Each player's shirt is to be numbered on the back with a solid color number contrasting with the color of the shirt. This can be done with liquid paints or iron-ons if needed.

A game shall consist of two five-minute periods separated by a five minute halftime.

A game shall be won by the team scoring the most points at the end of 10 minutes of playing time. It is a running clock except for free throws. Free substitution will be in effect. We will be playing a tournament bracket. This will help to determine first and second. At the beginning, schools or groups with larger 4th-6th grade enrollment will play schools or groups of like number. Needless to say, the same thing will happen with the smaller schools, but ultimately the size of the school will not make a difference in who competes against whom.

Each team is allowed two time-outs during the game. For bonus, you will be shooting 1 and 1 foul shots on the 3rd team foul in each half. Over times will last three minutes in duration with each team allowed one additional time-out. Three fouls per game disqualify a team player. No extra fouls are given during overtime.

Cheerleaders are not allowed; however, we encourage spectators to cheer for their team. Please inform parents of the differences in the rules. This will save the referees a lot of headaches.

VOLLEYBALL (Female team)

Players must have loose-fitting tops and modest culottes (use A.C.E. Student Convention Guidelines for reference). Their identification number on the front must be no smaller than 4" high and must be in a visible color easily distinguished from across the distance of the court. The number on the back of the jersey must be at least 6" high. This can be done with liquid paints or iron-ons if needed.

The game shall end when one team has scored 10 points and is two points ahead. A match is the best 2 out of 3.

ARCHERY (Designated Categories)

A contestant shall possess at least three arrows identifiable as his. Three arrows shall be shot at each target. One arrow, clearly marked, may be shot for practice at each distance. Contestant shall shoot a total of 9 arrows for points: 3 arrows are shot at each of three targets. The distances of the targets will be 10 yards, 20 yards, and 30 yards in that order. A minimum of 3 arrows must be carried to the shooting line.

100 METER RUN (Timed Event)

Contestants run on a measured "track" of whatever length is available up to 100 Meters. Contestants run as able according to the schedule and will be timed with a stopwatch. Fastest times are the winners.

SOFTBALL THROW (Distance)

Contestant has three throws from a designated location with the longest distance being recorded. Distance is measured from "toe-line" to the point where the ball hits the ground.

OBSTACLE RUN (Does not count toward event limits)

Objective: To run approximately (no more than) 300 yards while completing a series of obstacles and crossing the finish line in the shortest amount of time.

Rules: Each participant is timed. Each obstacle must be completed correctly before continuing to the next one. Shortest time wins

Miscellaneous

COOKIE BAKING (Not part of Event Limits) Any type of Cookies or Cookie "bars" are acceptable.

Cookies will be judged in two categories:

1. Presentation and appearance of the cookie
2. Taste

No judges forms are required; however, the cookie recipe needs to be attached to the cookies on a 3 x 5 card. Please make sure the student's name and school are included.

JUDGES FORM – **Crafts**

Name _____ Date _____

School _____

_____ Male

_____ Female

	AREAS OF EVALUATION	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS DEDUCTED
A.	Follow directions	10	_____
B.	Consistency and harmony	10	_____
C.	Degree of difficulty	10	_____
D.	Degree of Creativity	10	_____
E.	Neatness	10	_____
F.	Use of detail and how well it is carried out	10	_____
G.	Choice of color combination	10	_____
H.	Choice of subject matter	10	_____
I.	How well craft work is displayed	10	_____
J.	General quality of work throughout	10	_____
		TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	_____
		100 TOTAL POINTS	_____

COMMENTS _____

Judge's Signature

**JUDGES FORM – NEEDLE/THREAD
GARMENTS (Dress, Sportswear, Jumper)**

Name _____ Date _____

School _____

Check one: Dress Sportswear (2 pieces) Jumper

AREAS OF EVALUATION	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS DEDUCTED
Christian Appearance – length, cut & modesty	10	_____
Pattern & Photograph submitted	5	_____
Creativity – Pattern changes, color changes, originality	10	_____
Overall beauty – coordination of colors & accessories such as buttons, bows, etc., matching of plaids, etc.	10	_____
Stitching – Machine & hand	15	_____
Seam finish	15	_____
Zipper, buttonholes, or fastenings	10	_____
Collar/neckline detail	10	_____
Hem detail	15	_____
	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	_____
	100 TOTAL POINTS	_____

COMMENTS _____

 Judge's Signature

JUDGES FORM – NEEDLE/THREAD
Counted Cross-stitch & other Needlecraft
Knitting or Crochet

Name _____ Date _____

School _____

___ Counted Cross-stitch ___ Regular Embroidery ___ Hardanger ___ Swedish Weaving
 ___ Needlepoint ___ Other – Please specify _____
 ___ Knitting ___ Crochet

AREAS OF EVALUATION	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS DEDUCTED
Pattern Submitted	5	_____
Creativity – pattern & color changes, originality	20	_____
Technique – difficulty of pattern, fabric count	15	_____
Over-all beauty	15	_____
Uniformity of stitches	20	_____
Finishing – thread ends secured, preferably no knots	15	_____
Blocking	10	_____
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		_____
100 TOTAL POINTS		_____

COMMENTS _____

 Judge's Signature

JUDGES FORM – NEEDLE/THREAD
Sewing Miscellaneous
(Pillows, Bags, Aprons, Placemats, etc)

Name _____ Date _____

School _____

___ Pillow ___ Bag ___ Apron ___ Placemats

___ Other – Please specify _____

AREAS OF EVALUATION	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS DEDUCTED
Creativity – pattern & color changes, originality	25	_____
Over-all beauty	25	_____
Stitching - machine and hand	25	_____
Pattern or instructions submitted	25	_____
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		_____
100 TOTAL POINTS		_____

COMMENTS _____

 Judge's Signature