

# Student Convention Guidelines

For

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# INTRODUCTION

## PURPOSE

A.C.E. Student Conventions in the South Pacific Region are operated under the authority of Southern Cross Educational Enterprises Ltd. (SCEE) by virtue of the contract held by SCEE with A.C.E. Ministries in the U.S.A.

The purpose of A.C.E. Student Conventions is to give Christian young people opportunities to develop their God-given talents and gifts, as well as their leadership skills. God's Word states that Christian youth should not only be different from the world, (Romans 12:1-2) but that they should also set a standard of excellence! Contestants should keep this in mind as they plan and prepare for Student Convention. Selection of material and quality of performance help promote school spirit and excitement about Christian Education. Those who attend will often return with a greater determination to improve their local school and home-school program.

***“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”***

***Philippians 4:8***

## BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

For the purposes of all A.C.E. Student Conventions in the South Pacific Region 'Biblical Worldview' will be defined as a piece/event/item that communicates what the Bible teaches through thought, action and content. Any piece/event/item that communicates anything contrary to what the Bible teaches is inconsistent with a Biblical Worldview and will not be awarded a place - regardless of its quality. Philippians 4:8 is a very good guide for Student Convention events.

Here are some examples of inconsistency with a Biblical Worldview:

- A poetry recitation about a mother's love...one line in the poem says... "God knew he couldn't be everywhere so He made mothers to take care..." This line denies the omnipresence of God.
- Any entry depicting drunkenness, drug use, or sexual immorality in a positive light is not consistent with the Bible's instruction to not walk in these things (Romans 13:13)

## QUALIFICATIONS TO ATTEND REGIONAL STUDENT CONVENTIONS

- A student must be enrolled in a school or with a Homeschool Service Provider (HSSP) using the A.C.E. program and purchasing A.C.E. materials through SCEE.
- Schools and HSSPs from other Regions or with other circumstances are welcome to attend SCEE-run A.C.E Student Conventions, but may incur additional fees.
- A student must attain at least their eleventh birthday by December 31 of the Convention year, and must not attain their twenty-first birthday by December 31 of the Convention year.
- A student who graduates or completes their graduation requirements at any time during the current school year may still compete as long as they do not turn 21 by December 31 of the Convention year.

**ABSENTEE or PART TIME entries will not be accepted at any Convention. Students and Sponsors are expected to be present for the entire week of Convention and attend all rallies.**

## PLACINGS

Places will be given to the six (6) highest scores in each event except elimination events which will be placed to fourth (4th) place only. However, medals and/or ribbons are only given to the top three (3) places.

To be considered for a place in an event, the competitor(s) must receive an average score of 70% or more and be consistent with a Biblical Worldview as defined below. In athletic track events the competitor(s) must run faster than the latest published qualifying time for that event to receive a ribbon at Regional Convention or a medal at South Pacific Convention. In athletic field events a competitor must throw, put or jump farther than the latest published qualifying distances to receive a ribbon or a medal.

## AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded at Regional Student Conventions for each event to those who place first, second and third.







Trophies and certificates will be awarded to the individual competitor with the highest number of points in these divisions - Academics, Visual Arts, Manual Arts, Media Arts, Music Instrumental, Music Combined, and Scripture. Students who participate only in tambourine events in the Music Instrumental division will not be eligible for that divisional trophy. Trophies and certificates will be awarded to the individual male and female competitors with the highest point score in these divisions/sections - Athletics, Sports, Music Vocal and Platform.

To earn a trophy in any division a student must:

- earn 24 points or more in that division
- participate in a solo or individual item in that division

In the event of a tie a "count back" will take place to determine how the points were gained. The number of places, number of solo/individual places, and scores on judges forms may all be used to determine the winner. If all points remain equal, then, and only then will equal trophies be awarded.

Medals will be awarded to first, second and third places at South Pacific Student Conventions in place of ribbons. Pointscore trophies for overall winners in each division will also be awarded at South Pacific Student Conventions.

POINTS:		
	<b>First place</b>	<b>12 points</b>
	<b>Second place</b>	<b>10 points</b>
	<b>Third place</b>	<b>8 points</b>
	<b>Fourth Place</b>	<b>6 point</b>
	<b>Fifth Place</b>	<b>4 points</b>
	<b>Sixth Place</b>	<b>2 points</b>

### Southern Cross Educational Enterprises 24/7 Award

This award seeks to encourage students to stretch beyond their comfort zone and become a competent "all rounder".

Criteria:

1. Students must place in a Bible Memorization event (Silver Apple, Golden or Christian Awards, Bible Memory Event).

2. Students must be placed (1st - 6th) in an individual event in each of the following divisions: Academic, Physical Education, Music, and Platform.
3. Students must place in any 2 events in the Exhibits Division (i.e. Visual Arts, Manual Arts, Media Art).
4. Students must also enter a minimum of 2 team events. Anything other than solo/individual events in any division will be considered a team event.
5. The winner of this award will be the highest point scorer meeting all of this criteria.
6. Students scoring equal points using the above criteria will be separated by the following tie break procedures.

### **Tiebreak Procedures**

In the case of there being a tie, the following tiebreak procedures will take place in strict order of precedence.

- a) Golden and Christian Scripture memorization events rated on the amount of work done in those events as follows:
  1. Golden Harp Award
  2. Christian Worker Award
  3. Golden Apple Award
  4. Golden Lamb Award
  5. Christian Soldier Award
  6. Silver Apple 1st Place rated on number of verses memorized.
  7. Silver Apple 2nd Place rated on number of verses memorized.
  8. Silver Apple 3rd Place rated on number of verses memorized.
- b) Individual Events - if a tie still exists following scrutiny of the Scripture Awards, then the number of :
 

1. Individual 1st Place events	4. Individual 4th Place events
2. Individual 2nd Place events	5. Individual 5th Place events
3. Individual 3rd Place events	6. Individual 6th Place events
- c) Team Events - if a tie exists following procedures a) and b) above then the number of :
 

1. Team 1st Place events	4. Team 4th Place events
2. Team 2nd Place events	5. Team 5th Place events
3. Team 3rd Place events	6. Team 6th Place events
- d) Should the point score be equal after all the above checks have been done, a decision will be made by the Convention Director in consultation with other experienced senior staff at the Convention concerned.

Students who earn this award will receive a medallion at Regional Student Conventions. At South Pacific Student Conventions the winning student will be presented with a smaller replica of the perpetual shield. The perpetual shield will remain the property of SCEE. The winning students, at both Regional and South Pacific Student Conventions, will be photographed and their photo, name and school may be used in advertising.



## TO QUALIFY FOR SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTION

South Pacific Student Conventions are held every two years. To qualify for South Pacific Student Convention a student must gain first to sixth placings at either of the two preceding Regional Student Conventions.

Students who have access to a Regional Student Convention must attend and qualify at that Regional Convention to be eligible to attend the next South Pacific Student Convention. Schools and HSSPs from other Regions or with other circumstances are welcome to attend SCEE Student Conventions but may incur additional fees.

If contestants qualify for the South Pacific Student Convention in an event involving two or more contestants (e.g., Male Trio, Female Quartet, etc.) and a contestant is unable to attend, substitutions will be allowed for up to 50% of the original group. If a student qualifies in a non-performance group event (e.g. Radio Play) and at least 50% are in attendance any placing earned will only be awarded to those students registered as competitors. Combined school/HSSP teams and groups will be allowed under the same rules as for Regional Conventions (see [IN.9](#))

If a student graduates before South Pacific Student Convention, they may still compete providing they meet the age restriction and are not enrolled in any other secondary school or HSSP.

## ENTRIES AT SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTION

At South Pacific Student Convention, all contestants are required to submit or perform the same entry in which they placed at Regional Student Convention. The student is limited to only ONE entry in each event, which may result in them choosing the one that is best prepared, e.g., if they place first in oil painting two years in a row at Regional Convention, they would have to select ONE painting to enter.

If the student entered the oil painting in the under 14 age group and has now turned 14, the oil painting would have to be entered in the OPEN Division at South Pacific Student Convention. A student cannot enter an event that is below their age, however, a student may enter an event that is above their age, except in Shot Put and Discus events.

Students are not permitted to combine Silver Apple awards from both years at Regional level to gain a higher award at South Pacific Student Convention.

For South Pacific Student Convention competition, all entries must be the sole work of the student since the previous South Pacific Student Convention. Events entered at South Pac may only progress to International Student Convention (provided the events meet the ISC Guidelines), and are not eligible for any other Convention.

All entries must still meet these guidelines.

## NOTE TO STAFF

It is suggested you copy this page, along with the rules and judge's form for an entered event, and distribute to the student preparing for Convention.

### HOW TO PREPARE

Participation in Regional and South Pacific Student Conventions should be the climax of months of practice and preparation. The wrong lesson is learned when a student wins an honour for a last-minute effort. Parents, principals and supervisors have a tremendous opportunity to teach character through careful goal-setting and preparation for the Student Conventions. Awards are exciting, but they only have lasting effect when they are earned as a result of the contestant's diligence.

**1. SELECT YOUR EVENTS:**

The Student Convention program includes more than 140 events in eight divisions. Choose events which will best develop your talents and gifts for Christian service. Parents and supervisors may also suggest new areas where they see potential in a student's life. Note: ALL vocal and written entries must be in the English language. Any vocals that require a verse/chorus to be sung in another language must repeat that verse/chorus in English.

READ THE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DIVISION, THEN READ THE SPECIFIC EVENT GUIDELINES AND THE JUDGES FORM TO UNDERSTAND CRITERIA FOR THE EVENT.

**2. PLAN AND SCHEDULE:**

A wise man said, *"Those who fail to plan, plan to fail"*. Students are to start planning events early and work on them continually throughout the year.

**3. SEEK ADVICE:**

When you have selected your event, seek the advice of Godly adults in your church and family who have expertise in your area. They can give you valuable advice that will help you now and in future service.

**4. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE:**

If possible, practice in a setting similar to actual competition. You might ask your pastor/principal if you can practice before a group at your church or school. Not only will this prepare you for performing before a group, it will help test the effectiveness of your entry.

**5. PRAY:**

As you prepare, pray that your performance will bring glory to the Lord. Pray that the Conventions will be a blessing to you and the others who attend. Pray that lives will be transformed and that many lives will be committed to Christ.

**6. DO YOUR BEST:**

*"Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good is better, and your better is best."* Evidence reveals that almost any group of young people with concentrated effort can excel in almost all entry areas.

**7. HAVE CONFIDENCE:**

Don't think that you can't do well in competition. The size of the school and the age of the contestant are not important things. What counts is your commitment to practice.

A school or home-school, using the A.C.E. Program, may send a contestant or contestants with appropriate sponsors to the A.C.E. Student Conventions. Entries are listed on the Student Event Registration Form (see page [IN.19](#)). Registration forms are not required to be submitted to SCEE, but should be completed by students and collected by school/HSSP to have present at Student Convention if requested. A student may not participate more than once in any one event during a Convention (for example, only one entry is allowed in Nature Photography; one performance in Male Duet; etc.). All sponsors and their students are expected to be present the entire week of the Convention, and must attend all rallies.

*"The hand of the diligent shall bear rule..."*  
Proverbs 12:24a

## NUMBER OF EVENTS

A student may enter a maximum of five (5) events per **Academic, Physical Education, Platform, and Scripture** Divisions. In the **Music and Exhibits** Divisions, a student may enter a maximum of ten (10) events in each Division. Within each division, students may enter a maximum of five (5) events in any one **Section** eg., Athletics, Sports, Visual Arts, Manual Arts, Media Arts, Music Instrumental, Music Vocal, Music Combined.

Students may enter a maximum of 3 Photography Events.

However, a student may enter no more than twenty (20) events overall.

Student accompanists should limit their duties to five events or less.

The only other considerations that may limit the number of events will be a lack of quality in preparation and time table clashes. Every attempt will be made to minimize the possibility of timetable clashes, however, full responsibility for attendance at any event remains with the student.

Students must enter a minimum of two events, and they **MUST NOT** be in the same division. In order to **PLACE** in any category the student must have **COMPETED** in a minimum of 2 events in different Divisions (e.g. Physical Education and Academics)

Division / Section		Maximum No. Events	
<b>Academic</b> (Including Exhibits)		5	
<b>Physical Education</b>	Athletics	5	7 overall
	Sports	5	
<b>Exhibits</b>	Academic Exhibits	2	10 overall
	Manual Arts	5	
	Media Arts	5	
	Visual Arts	5	
<b>Music</b>	Combined	5	10 overall
	Instrumental	5	
	Vocal	5	
<b>Platform</b>		5	
<b>Scripture</b>		5	
<b>OVERALL MAXIMUM:</b>		<b>20</b>	

## EVENT AGE CATEGORIES

All events (except **physical education**) will be contested in Under 16 and Open Category. The U16 Category is for students who do not turn 16 in the year of the Convention. The Open Category is for students 16 years and over by December 31st of the convention year).

Students who have not yet turned 16 may only enter Open Category events if they are in a team with students 16 years or older.

Physical Education events will be contested in three categories - Under 14 Category, Under 17 Category & Open Category. The U14 Category is for students who do not turn 14 in the year of the Convention. The Under 17 Category is for students aged 14 - 16 and who do not turn 17 in the year of Convention. The Open Category is for students 17 years and over.

Under 14 and Under 17 students may only enter an older age category if they are in a team with older students.

(See AT.2 and SP.2 for specific Physical Education Age Categories.)

## COMBINED TEAMS/GROUPS

Schools and HSSPs may enter combined teams under the following conditions:

1. Schools or HSSPs who do not have enough students registered for Convention to meet the minimum numbers required for an event may combine to form a team or group.
2. A list of all students entering the combined team/group event must be submitted to SCEE via the Accelerate Convention Portal (ACP) by both schools/HSSPs involved by registration close date. (see IN.11-12)
3. Once approval from SCEE has been received by ACP & automatic approval email no changes to the team/group will be allowed.
4. School or HSSPs must organise any combined teams/groups themselves by registration date. SCEE is not able to organize combined teams/groups.
5. Combined group naming: Once approved, each school/HSSP will still only see/access their students in the ACP.

BOTH schools/HSSPs are required to make a student grouping with identical group names as per below naming system:

Example 1: School + HSSP

= Accelerate Christian School & Smiths Group 1

Example 2: School + School

= Accelerate Christian School & Accelerate Bible Academy Group 1

Example 3: HSSP + HSSP

= Smith & Robinson Group 1

**It is the responsibility of the schools/HSSP to ensure the name is matching by deciding the order each school/HSSP is entered into group name. Only matching names will link on the back end for judging.**

## REGISTRATION

**Please ensure registration is finalised and all fees payable are submitted before registration closing date. If paying via invoice, invoices must be requested from SCEE via the ACP a minimum of 5 business days prior to registration closing date. This is to ensure invoice is generated, received and paid in time.**

A registration fee will be charged for each sponsor and competitor attending student convention who is currently using the A.C.E. program and purchasing A.C.E. materials through SCEE. Schools/HSSPs from other Regions or those with other circumstances may incur additional attendance fees. The fee charged may vary from year to year. SCEE aims to minimise costs for all participants when planning and fees go directly to convention expenses. All fees are payable in full by the Registration Closing Date unless otherwise specified in the Registration package.

Your diligence and accuracy in completing all registration requirements will ensure a well run Convention. Any changes made post registration closure will not be accommodated by SCEE unless otherwise agreed by all parties.

A Registration Information Package will be made available for each region on the Accelerate Student Convention Website here: <https://convention.accelerateministries.com.au/regional> no later than 4 months prior to convention date.

**THE ONLY FORMS REQUIRED TO BE RECEIVED BY SCEE VIA EMAIL ON or BEFORE THE REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE ARE:**

1. Student Convention Screening Form (AU & NZ Only) - all schools must sign and return this form with the Permission forms. HSSPs must sign and return the form only if anyone other than a parent/grandparent will be attending Convention.
2. Permission to Attend - all schools and HSSP families must complete this form and return it via email prior to registration closing. See pages IN.20-21.
3. Adult registration & sponsor form - See page IN.22

## SPONSORS/SUPERVISORS

Sponsors are the key to good attitudes among students and a cooperative spirit at Student Convention.

To be eligible as a Sponsor you must be at least twenty-one years of age and hold appropriate **Working With Children** clearances (if required).

- There must be a male sponsor for every one-to-ten boys and a female sponsor for every one-to-ten girls in each school group.
- A female sponsor must sponsor only female students, and a male sponsor must sponsor only male students. There is an exception for families – parents may sponsor their own children, however a parent attending full-time
- and sponsoring their child of the opposite gender may not take responsibility for any other full-time students

of other families. A family may assume responsibility for students from another family, provided this does not exceed the one-to-ten ratio and the sponsor is the same gender as the student(s).

- All students must be directly responsible to a specific sponsor at all times.
- Sponsors must reside with their students where assigned and it is their responsibility to ensure punctuality to events and meals, and to have students in their respective rooms, ready for bed before lights out.
- All sponsors and their students must be present the entire week of the Convention and must attend all rallies and remain until dismissed.
- Sponsors should personally secure any sums of money brought by their students. SCEE/AEM does not assume any responsibility for theft or loss of money or valuables during Convention.
- Sponsors must retain all prescription medications for their students and dispense them only as prescribed. Sponsors are responsible to provide First Aid to their students as required.

It is the Sponsor's responsibility to meet the Dress Code and ensure their students are meeting the Dress Code upon arrival, departure, and while at Student Convention.

Sponsors and their students are to show deference to those who practice denominational distinctions at their local churches. Convention participants are asked to abide by the principles of Romans 12:10 during the Convention, *"Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another,..."*. Sponsors and students are asked to refrain from discussing denominational distinctions with anyone outside their own group during Convention.

## EARLY ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:

To help facilitate judging, the following event entries must be submitted to SCEE via the ACP before Convention. These entries will be judged prior to Regional and South Pacific Student Conventions, but winners must attend Convention to receive their places.

- Golden Apple Award
- Golden Lamb Award
- Golden Harp Award
- Christian Soldier Award
- Christian Worker Award
- Silver Apple Award
- Persuasive Essay Writing
- Poetry Writing
- Short Story Writing
- Book Report
- Music Instrumental Arranging
- Music Instrumental Composition
- Music Vocal Arranging
- Music Vocal Composition
- PowerPoint Presentation
- Web Site Development
- Radio Play
- Video Production

Early Entry Submissions will be required to be submitted via the ACP by registration closing. Late entries will not be judged or accepted and all entries **MUST** have all required paperwork updated.

## CONVENTION DRESS CODE

An image of Christian discretion and modesty - 1 Tim. 2:9-10; Titus 2:2-7a, is to be portrayed and maintained by everyone attending any Student Convention. An attitude of deference to this Dress Code must be evident.

The following Dress Code is to be maintained upon arrival at, during the entirety of, and departure from all Student Conventions. This Dress Code applies to all students, adults, guests, parents, children, SCEE staff and 24/7 squad; costumes for events; and all Exhibits and Platform events for both males and females as is appropriate. Costumes may be worn for some Platform events, however, costumes must be consistent with the Convention Dress Code stated below. It is expected that students will be dressed in either formal or P.E. school uniform during Student Convention and that uniform and any casual dress upon arrival and at departure, will be consistent with the following Dress Code.

If the school uniform, for any reason, does not meet this Dress Code then students will be expected to wear other clothes which do meet this Dress Code.

- All shirts/blouses/dresses must cover the shoulders and have complete sleeves so that underarms cannot be seen.
- Necklines must be at or above the top rib at the front and of an equal height or higher at the back.
- No clothing is to have “cut-outs” or similar openings.
- Midriffs must not be exposed even when stretching.
- Skirts/dresses minimum length must be such that they touch the floor when kneeling.
- Any splits in skirts or similar garments, must not be above the knee.
- No see through materials are permitted.
- No body hugging clothes are permitted.
- Shorts (including athletics shorts and splits in shorts) must not be shorter than the wearers’ four fingers width above the top of the kneecap when standing.
- Shoes must be worn at all times including athletic events. **Bare feet/socks as part of a Platform costume may be acceptable.**
- P.E. uniform and/or other similar sports wear is not suitable for evening rallies and awards ceremonies.

HSSP Students only need to wear a uniform if required by their Service Provider, but must still meet the Dress Code. Note: It is strongly suggested that HSSP students in groups or teams achieve unity in appearance.

## FIRST AID

Each school is responsible to provide First Aid equipment for their students and must have a nominated staff member as First Aid Officer on the **Permission for Participation Form**. Home-school families are responsible for their own First Aid and should make reasonable First Aid provisions for their own family.

SCEE does not provide First Aid assistance or equipment.

## MOBILE PHONES

All mobile phones must be switched to SILENT or TURNED OFF during all competition and rallies.

## CHECK-IN AT CONVENTION

All contestants will be expected to be at the Convention location before the close of the designated Check-In time on the opening day. Check-In procedures and dormitory assignments are completed upon arrival. The Convention will then commence with an orientation and welcome meeting.

## GUESTS & VISITORS

Guests and visitors are encouraged to attend the Student Convention, especially the Evening Rallies. Student Convention provides an excellent opportunity for parents and visitors to “**catch the vision**” of Christian Education. It is expected that all guests to the Student Convention site meet the Student Convention Dress Code. All guests and visitors are required to sign in and out at Master Control upon arrival and departure and must wear a Visitors Badge whilst at Student Convention. Guests and Visitors are required to stay in the public areas of the site and must not enter dormitory areas without sponsor’s permission.

**Any meals required by guests or visitors must be booked at least 24 hours in advance.**

## EVENTS OF THE HEART

This is an initiative to specifically encourage students' with disabilities involvement in Student Convention and to give them recognition at the Awards Ceremony.

Students may choose to participate in any event, must enter in their correct age category, and compete using the same Guidelines and Judges Forms as other students.

They are permitted to have assistance, appropriate to their disability, in the performance and/or preparation of their event.

A Record of Assistance for Events of the Heart (IN.17) is to be uploaded with the Events of the Heart documents in the ACP. A printed Record of Assistance is to be provided to the judges at the time of event.

"Events of the Heart" competitors must be accompanied by a sponsor at their event.

Any performance good enough for a place on its own merit will be awarded that ribbon/medal. Each "Events of the Heart" competitor will be awarded a participation trophy UNLESS they are eligible and for another trophy or award on their own merit.

To earn their Events of the Heart trophy they must complete at least one solo music, platform or physical education event. An **Events of the Heart Award Application Form (IN.16)** accompanied by a statement from their case manager or physician must be uploaded to the ACP by the Registration Closing Date.

## EVENTS OF THE HEART AWARD APPLICATION

OPEN       U/16  
 (Please ✓ the appropriate box)

<b>Student's Name:</b>		<b>D.O.B.</b>	
<b>School:</b>		<b>Cust. Code:</b>	

Please list below all the events that the student is competing in.

Event Number:	Event Name:

*If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form.*

*Please attach statement from Case Manager or Physician to this form*

(Supervisor's Signature)	(Date)

This form requires the signature of the Learning Centre Supervisor.



A copy of this form is required to be submitted with the Events of the Heart application form for each event entered. Please print this form and provide it to judges at time of event also.

<b>RECORD OF ASSISTANCE for EVENTS OF THE HEART</b>			
<b>Event Number:</b>			
<b>Event Name:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OPEN</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U/16</b> (Please ✓ the appropriate box)			
<b>Student's Name:</b>		<b>D.O.B.</b>	
<b>School:</b>		<b>Cust. Code:</b>	
<b>Declaration:</b> The "Events of the Heart" Contestant named above is mentally and/or physically challenged to the extent that the student is incapable of entering regular competition.			
List the assistance that the student will receive/has received while performing/preparing for this event:			
(Supervisor's Signature)		(Date)	
This form requires the signature of the Learning Centre Supervisor.			

## CONVENTION CONTROL AND JUDGING

Each area is under the supervision of a coordinator, i.e., Academics Coordinator, Exhibits Coordinator, Athletics Coordinator, Music Vocal Coordinator, Music Vocal Coordinator, Music Combined Coordinator, Platform Coordinator and Scripture Coordinator. At some Regional Conventions Coordinators may take responsibility for a whole Division e.g. Music Coordinator would be responsible for all Music Sections and Exhibits Coordinator would be in charge of all the Arts Sections.

The decision of the judges and coordinators is final. Any and all disputes are to be referred to the Convention Director.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

Our intention is to encourage students to succeed, and when they fail, to get back up and try again, rather than give up. As such, we endeavour to disqualify as few events as possible, if at all. However, here is the process for Guidelines breaches and their consequences.

**1. Minor breaches** - cannot place, but will still be judged, may or may not get a score.

*Examples: not meeting minimum time limit, unmemorized script (Platform), less than 3 media (Mixed Media), no harmonies in duets/trios/quartets*

**2. Major breaches** - cannot place, will not be judged, may have a note attached.

*Examples: not enough joins in woodwork, minor dress code violations, very pixellated or out of focus artwork/ photography, concerns about Biblical worldview*

**3. Extreme breaches** - cannot place, will not be judged, will be removed from display

*Examples: Plagiarism, major/sexualized dress code violations, serious contradictions to a Biblical Worldview*

**4. PHYSICAL EDUCATION** - Some actions in the Physical Education may also require disqualification.

*Examples: More than three steps outside your lane, impeding another runner, bad attitude at sport events (abusing/swearing at a ref, etc.)*

**NB: These are examples only, and are not intended to be exhaustive.**

Minor breach penalization will be decided by the Coordinator of the room/area, whereas Major and Extreme penalization should **ONLY** be done in conjunction with the Convention Director/AEM team. All breaches should be marked on the contestant lists (for events that use contestant lists). Guideline breaches will be indicated on the student's result sheet, and it is an expectation that coordinators (or judges, under the direction of the coordinators/ Convention Director/AEM Team) should indicate to the student the particular breach, and/or why they were penalized accordingly.

**All personal items should be clearly named or marked. Convention items and/or personal effects left at the Student Convention will either be thrown out, sold, or become the property of SCEE at the discretion of the Convention Director.**



## PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION FORM - HSSP STUDENTS

This form is required for all HSSP students. Please list the students' names below.

HSSP:	
(Please list all the attendees from your group below)	

**Please initial inside each box**

	As the parent/guardian and legal representative of the above named student, I give my consent and permission for my child to attend and participate in the events of the _____ (year) _____ (region) Regional A.C.E. Student Convention/South Pacific A.C.E. Student Convention (please circle one).
	I understand that such attendance and participation is a privilege and not a right and may be revoked for cause at any time at the discretion of Student Convention officials.

Participants in the Student Convention acknowledge that photographs and video footage of competition and events will be taken throughout the Convention by SCEE staff or volunteers. Signing of this form indicates that consent is given for SCEE to use photographs and/or video footage:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for any promotional purpose, including but not limited to publications, promotional videos, and web site publication.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for use on SCEE's social media.</li> </ul>

In order to protect the privacy of vulnerable students, please supply a photo identification of students under protection orders or students not to be photographed for use in marking or social media.

	I understand and hereby agree to assume all of the risks which may be encountered with my child's participation in the above named Convention, including:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities preliminary and subsequent to the Convention week competition, such as event preparation activities and concluding activities outside the Convention week.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation to and from the Convention, and transportation to off-site events during the competition week.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in Convention competition and activities, including the social, emotional, mental and physical interactions involved in these activities.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in sporting competitions and athletic events including on or off-site team sports, individual sports, field events; and at the Convention Track and Field Athletics Day.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the Convention site, including use of site facilities, equipment and movement about the Convention site between Convention events.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct responsibility of my child to their nominated sponsor: _____ (name), including any interactions and medical attention that this may involve.</li> </ul>
	I herewith release Southern Cross Educational Enterprises Ltd. from any liability for death or injury that may result from my child's voluntary participation in any activity while at or en route to and from the Student Convention.

<b>Parent/Guardian Signatures:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Date:</b>



## PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION FORM - SCHOOLS

Schools using the A.C.E. program are to provide one copy of this participation form. This copy will speak for all students from the participating school. It is recommended that the school collect and keep a similar form for each participating student.

(School Name)
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**Please initial inside each box**

	All attending students from the above mentioned school have parent/guardian consent and permission to attend and participate in the events of the _____ (year) _____ (region) Regional A.C.E. Student Convention/South Pacific A.C.E. Student Convention (please circle one).
	Participants from the above mentioned school understand that such attendance and participation is a privilege and not a right and may be revoked for cause at any time at the discretion of Student Convention officials.

Participants in the Student Convention acknowledge that photographs and video footage of competition and events will be taken throughout the Convention. Signing of this form indicates that consent is given for SCEE to use photographs and/or video footage:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for any promotional purpose, including but not limited to publications, promotional videos, and web site publication.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for use on SCEE's social media.</li> </ul>

Students under protection orders must be identified to SCEE staff upon Check-in at Convention.

	Participants from the above mentioned school understand and hereby agree to assume all of the risks which may be encountered with participation in the above named Convention, including:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities preliminary and subsequent to the Convention week competition, such as event preparation activities and concluding activities outside the Convention week.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation to and from the Convention, and transportation to off-site events during the competition week.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in Convention competition and activities, including the social, emotional, mental and physical interactions involved in these activities.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in sporting competitions and athletic events including on or off-site team sports, individual sports, field events; and at the Convention Track and Field Athletics Day.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the Convention site, including use of site facilities, equipment and movement about the Convention site between Convention events.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct responsibility of participating students to their nominated sponsor, including any interactions and medical attention that this may involve.</li> </ul>

	The above mentioned school herewith releases Southern Cross Educational Enterprises Ltd. from any liability for death or injury that may result from the school's participants' voluntary participation in any activity while at or en route to and from the Student Convention.
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<b>First Aid Officer:</b>		<b>Training updated:</b>	
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<b>School Signatories:</b>		
<b>Position:</b>		
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Date:</b>



# ADULT REGISTRATION FORM

(Please ✓ the appropriate boxes)

<b>Name:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I am over 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>School/HSSP:</b>	<b>Cust. Code:</b>		
<b>Mobile Phone:</b>			

**Your experience with the A.C.E. program:**

Length of Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Years      \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Position Held:       Pastor       Principal       Parent       Monitor       Coach       Supervisor

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick ✓ the appropriate boxes to indicate your understanding and acceptance of your responsibilities.*

**I am sponsoring students**

Initial

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the SPONSORS information page and agree to abide by and support these standards.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby accept responsibility for the supervision of the named student(s) and will ensure that my student(s) abide by the Convention Guidelines at all times during this Convention.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I have obtained the relevant medical information for the student(s) I am sponsoring, and have it at Student Convention, either in my possession or in the possession of my school's First Aid Officer.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am responsible for the medical care of the student(s) that I am sponsoring, and have any prescription medications that my student(s) may require.

*Schools (and HSSPs sponsoring students outside of their own family) must have written permission for medical treatment for each student signed by the student's parent(s). Relevant medical information must be obtained in regard to medical conditions, medication, and allergies, and brought to Student Convention by the sponsor(s) or school's First Aid officer. SCEE accepts no responsibility for First Aid for students or sponsors.*

**I am the First Aid Officer for the School/HSSP**

I am volunteering to Judge, and the sponsor for my students while I am judging (if applicable) is

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) from \_\_\_\_\_ (school)

**I have submitted an Application for Scripture Award**       GOLDEN APPLE       GOLDEN LAMB       CHRISTIAN WORKER  
 GOLDEN HARP       CHRISTIAN SOLDIER       SILVER APPLE

**Please list the full name/s of the student(s) from your school/family for whom you are responsible:**

M/F	Full Name	Age

<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
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