

DISCOVERY EXPO RULE BOOK



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WHAT IS DISCOVERY EXPO:

Discovery Expo encourages the youth of the YUFC to use their God given gifts. This is an opportunity for students to develop their gifts for the advancement of God's Kingdom in their schools, churches and communities. The UPLCII has given this ministry the opportunity to grow and expand the youth in the fine arts department.

OUR MISSION:

Our Mission is for the Youth United for Christ is to preach the Gospel through the gifts and talents God has given our young people.

DISCOVERY EXPO REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a member of a church of the UPLCII
- Must be an active church of the UPLCII (participates by paying 2 out of the 3 -annual dues, tithes , workday)
- Entrances fee \$25
- Must be the age of 12-18

WE WANT YOU!

We encourage you to participate in more than one category.

1. **Communications:** Short Sermon (5 minutes)
2. **Dance:** Step/Urban solo or troupe and or/ Worship Dance (5 minutes)
3. **Drama:** ensemble or solo (5 minutes) Human Video ensemble or solo (7 minutes)
4. **Instrumental:** Bass, guitar, bass, keyboard, and percussion solo (5 minutes) Worship team (7 minutes)
5. **Vocal:** Choir and/or rap- vocal solo, group or ensemble (5 minutes)
6. **Writing:** Poetry , short story, and/ or script writing
7. **Visual Arts:** Graphic Design/Poster, drawing, and/or mural (8X4)
8. **Commercial Photography**
9. **Graphic Design**
10. **Video Editing/ Post Production** (5 minutes)

CATEGORIES:

01.

Communications: Short Sermon

Short Sermon is the art of verbally communicating a biblical message that includes scripture from the Word of God by one person. Scripture must be quoted and all sermons must be original. The sermon must be organized in an outline and be turned into judges prior to speaking. The participant only has 5 minutes to speak, anything over the 5 minutes will result in point deductions.

02.

Dance:

Step/Urban Solo, Trope, and Worship Dance

Dance is the art and ministry of communicating a story or message through interpreting music using professional dance techniques. The participant(s) who participate in this category will have to create choreography that edifies Christ. The participant may have music such as Christian instrumentals, Christian music, or classical music (No secular music is allowed) . The allotted time for the performance is only 5 minutes, anything over the minutes will result in point deductions.

CATEGORIES:

03.

Drama/Human Video: Ensemble or Solo

Drama/Human Video is the art of telling a story easily understood by the intended audience with a musical track that accompanies the presentation. The participant(s) who participate in this category will have to create a script or dialog to be turned in when performing, have proper costumes and stage design or props if needed, and proper music. The participant(s) will only have 7 minutes, anything over will result in point deductions.

Human Video

The participant(s) who participate in a human video will have to create a choreographed theme/ story that glorifies Christ. The participant(s) must have appropriate clothing, music, and stage props if needed. The participant(s) will only 7 minutes, anything over will result in point deductions.

CATEGORIES:

04.

Instrumentals/Worship Team

Instrumentals/Worship Team is the art of presenting a musical talent only using instruments and vocals.

Instrumental Solo

The participant who takes part in this category will have to create their own music. This could include tracks, patches, and other tools to help make the solo unique. The participant will only have 5 minutes, anything over will result in point deductions.

Worship Team

The participant(s) who take part in the worship team will have to select a Christian song or an original song to perform as if they were in a church setting. The worship team must have at least 3 people in order to qualify for this event. The team will have 7 minutes to perform, anything over will result in point deductions.

CATEGORIES:

05.

Vocals

Vocals is the art of using ones voice to sing and worship Christ in a godly manner.

Choir:

The participants who take part in the choir will have to create or select a soundtrack with no vocals to perform. The lyrics used must be typed out and turned into the judges prior to the performance. The choir must have at least 4 people in order to qualify for this event. The choir will only have 5 minutes to perform, anything over will result in point deductions.

Rap:

The participants who take part in a rap solo/duet will have to create or select a soundtrack with no vocals and write or select a rap that is appropriate. The lyrics of the rap created or selected must be typed out and turned into the judges prior to the performance. The solo/duet will only have 5 minutes, anything over will result in point deductions.

Vocal solo/Duet:

The participants who take part in a vocal solo/duet will have to create or select a soundtrack without vocals that edifies Christ. The lyrics used must be typed out and turned into the judges prior to the performance. The vocalist or duet will only have 5 minutes, anything over will result in point deductions.

CATEGORIES:

06

Writing/ Spoken Word

Spoken Word is the art and ministry of communicating poetry or a short story that is written to be performed in front of an audience.

Spoken Word:

The participants who take part in poetry will have to create their own piece and must be written in a Godly manner. The participant may have background music if needed. The poem must be typed out and turned into the judges before the performance. The poet will have to 7 minutes to perform, anything after will result in point deductions.

Short Story:

The participants who take part in a short story will have to write their own piece. The story must contain a theme that is clear to understand, and is written in a godly manner. The author may use graphics to display their story. The story must be typed out and turned in to the judges prior to the performance. The author will have up to 7 minutes to perform, anything after will result in point deductions.

CATEGORIES:

07

Visual arts

Visual arts is the art of using materials to create an image that demonstrates excellence, godliness, and biblical truth.

Drawing:

The participants who take part in drawing must also demonstrate creativity, originality, and godliness. The participant needs to make note of what materials were used to create their piece. This can include any of the following mixed media paper, pencils, pens, ect. The participants must be able to scan, print, or make a copy of their design for the judges, prior to their performance.

Painting:

The participants who take part in the mural/painting category must demonstrate creativity, originality and godliness. The participant needs to make note of what materials were used to create their piece. This can include mixed media paper, canvas, oil pastels, acrylic paints, water color paints, etc. The participants must be able to scan, print, or make a copy of their design for the judges, prior to their performance.

CATEGORIES:

08

Photography

Photography is the art of capturing a moment that is significant to the Creator and also is appropriate to the intended audience.

Digital:

The participants who take part in this category will have to create a digital image that edifies Christ. This type of photography is to be taken with a digital camera. If the image is edited or modified the creator must identify what tools were used to accomplish that task. If the creator is not able to identify what tools were used, then that will result in point deductions. All entries must be submitted to the judges prior to their performance.

Mobile:

The participants who take part in this category will have to create a digital image that edifies Christ. This type of photography is to be taken with a mobile phone. If the image is edited or modified the creator must identify what tools were used to accomplish that task. If the creator is not able to identify what tools were used, then that will result in point deductions. All entries must be submitted to the judges prior to their performance.

CATEGORIES:

09.

Graphic Design

Graphic Design is the art of creating an image that demonstrates excellence, godliness, and biblical truth. The participants who take part in this category will have to create a digital image that edifies Christ. The image must also demonstrate originality and creativity. The participant will have to use professional apps or software. Both of the following software's or programs are acceptable for use: Adobe Photoshop or Adobe Illustrator to create their piece. If the illustration was edited or modified, the creator must identify what tools were used to accomplish that task. If the creator is not able to identify what tools were used, then that will result in point deductions. The digital art piece must be provided for the judges prior to the performance.

CATEGORIES:

10.

Video editing/post production Promo Video

Video editing/post production promo video is the art of using one's creativity to record, edit, and produce a video that edifies Christ. The participant who participates in this category must have the skills to manipulate and arrange video shots taken with an appropriate device. All visual and audio output must be original to the creator, and not taken from another source. The participants' content must be Christ centered and demonstrate a clear message. The participant must also be able to explain how they created their video and what tools they used. The video has a time limit of 5 minutes, anything over this time will result in point deductions.



GENERAL INFORMATION

RULE AGREEMENT:

Rule Agreement

All Discovery Expo participants must read and follow the Discovery Expos Rulebook. By signing a District and/or Discovery Expo registration form and attending or participating in an Expo; pastors, leaders, parents and student acknowledge that:

1. They have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules of this Expo.
2. They will accept the decisions of the judges and coordinators as final.

District Discovery Expo

Students must register with their home church. Students may not participate with multiple churches or districts other than their home church. Districts will follow the same rules and policies as the National Discovery Expo (NDE). National YUFC leaders are not allowed to participate in the Expo.

Discovery Expo Fees

Discovery Expo participants will be charged a \$25 registration fee. Each category selected is an additional \$10 per category/ per person.

Cancellations

We will not provide refunds for cancellations.

EVALUATION PROCESS AND RATINGS:

There will be three judges to evaluate each presentation using the following general criteria:

1. Presentation.....(highest score 25pts)
2. Technique.....(highest score 25pts)
3. Communication.....(highest score 20pts)
4. Selection.....(highest score 15pts)
5. Effectiveness.....(highest score 15pts)
-Total of 100 points

Violations

Violations can include the following, resulting in a -2 deduction of points per evaluator or judge.

- Time
- Dress code
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Lack of consistency

CODE OF CONDUCT:

Code of Conduct

NDE holds a high standard for its participants and attendees. Parents, leaders, students and guests involved in this Expo should be committed to the ministry and should represent Christ in their behavior.

Parents, leaders, students and guests are expected to demonstrate integrity, respect and support all other churches, teams and participants. Overly competitive attitudes and displays of rudeness or unsportsmanlike conduct are not acceptable.

It is the responsibility of all NDE participants and attendees to leave a positive impression at the facilities and on the people with whom we work; Therefore, any participant or attendee showing disrespect for people or property in the host city may be disqualified and dismissed from the NDE.

Dress Code

Appropriate dress is required for all entries. Keep intended audience and ministry effectiveness in mind. The following are not permitted: sleeveless or capped-sleeve\tee shirts, long sleeve shirts with designer slits, muscle shirts or cut- off shirts revealing the trunk of the body, low front/back clothing, midriff tops, for fitting shorts or pants (spandex, bicycle, etc.), blue jeans with holes that reveal skin, shorts and skirts above the knee and skirts or dresses with slits above the knee.

GENERAL RULES:

Content

All presentations must present a clear message that reflects a Christian world view and be presented with ministry effectiveness in mind. If the content of your category is not clear, this can result in point deductions per evaluator.

Time Limits

All scheduled events have time limitations (5-8 minutes). This will be left to a category by category basis. Each presentation will have an official timekeeper. If a presentation exceeds the time limit, it will receive a two-point deduction per evaluator. Time begins when the name of the entry/participant is called as being "up" and the announcement is made that "your setup time has begun."

Language/Spanish Entries

Bilingual entries are permitted. Entries can be presented either in English, Spanish or bilingual.

Substitutions

One sub per group entry may be made between the district festival and the national festival. Choir may sub up to three participants. The addition of participants other than subs is never allowed.

OVERALL BRACKET:

Overall Bracket

Participants who placed 1st in their category will advance to the overall bracket and will have the opportunity to place overall (1st, 2nd, or 3rd).

Overall Brackets\Advancements

Participants who placed 1st in their category will advance to the overall bracket of the District Expo and will have the opportunity to place overall (1st , 2nd, or 3rd) .

The participants that win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd overall in their district will advance to Nationals.

Those who win 1st and 2nd overall at the Nationals level will be showcased at the National UPLCII Youth Convention.