

General Information

Ritual competition has many benefits to participants, including developing poise and presentation skills, improving confidence, and gaining experience before an audience. All Daughters and Jobies-2-Bee are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities to participate in the Ritual competitions.

Please follow ALL instructions in this packet. If you have questions about **any** part of this information, please contact the Ritual Competition Committee co-chairs:

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Please be as clear, specific, and succinct as possible in submitting your questions. If your question is regarding something in a competition script, please include the competition name and page number from this packet.

Registration

Ritual competitions are open to all Job's Daughters and Jobies-2-Bee who are already registered for Grand Session.

Registration for all competitions will be online. Please contact the Ritual Competition Committee if you require another way to register. All registrations must be submitted on or before the deadline listed at the top of this page. Late registrations will be penalized with a 5% deduction from the final score. Substitutions will be accepted, provided they do not violate the restrictions listed in this document. Timely registration information is necessary to appropriately arrange for judges, competition facilities, and scheduling of competitions. A confirmation email, including a copy of the information submitted, will be sent to the email listed on the registration form. Submissions may be edited until the competition deadline.

This year we are going back to two separate registration forms for individual competitions and team competitions. For all individual and team registrations of one Bethel please use the same Point of Contact for Grand Session. For the purpose of competition registration, Daughters will be considered a member of the Bethel with which they register for Grand Session. Membership in multiple Bethels will not be considered in factoring team eligibility.

Dropping Competitions

We encourage participants to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible. Out of respect for the time of our volunteers, every participant is expected to be fully prepared to compete when they arrive at Grand Session. Bethel Guardian Councils and competitors share the responsibility of preparing for their competitions. **BGCs are asked to please emphasize the importance of honoring their commitment to participate and notify the committee of any dropped competitions by June 15.**

If circumstances require changes after you have submitted your registration, please notify the committee chairs as soon as possible so appropriate changes can be made.

Participation Restrictions

Bethels - There is no restriction on the number of Daughters from each Bethel that may compete in an individual category. (i.e. a Bethel may have two Daughters competing in Chaplain, First Messenger, etc.) Restrictions on team categories are listed in the *DAUGHTER TEAM COMPETITIONS* section of this packet.

Individuals - Daughters may compete in any/all team competitions and ONE individual competition from each of the competition lists found in the *DAUGHTER INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS* section of this packet.

While competitions **will** still be held on the same day as Grand Bethel Officer practices and some Grand Bethel Officers selections, we will be pushing back the start time of competitions to 10:00 am to allow for Grand Bethel Officers full participation in morning practices. Please indicate all the applicable scheduling factors, and competitions will attempt to minimize any interruption to remaining schedules.

- The current GBHQ, MNJD, and MNC may participate in team or individual Ritual competitions with the permission of their Bethel Guardian (of the Bethel with which they register) and the Grand Guardian.
- All other Grand Bethel Officers and Grand Bethel Representatives are NOT restricted from participating in team or individual Ritual competitions. Grand Bethel Officers are reminded that their state position is the top priority. All Grand Bethel ceremonies must be memorized before considering participating in Ritual competitions.
- Contestants in the MNJD and MNC Pageant are NOT restricted from participating in team or individual Ritual competitions.

Ritual Competition will not conflict with Performing Arts Competitions this year.

General Instructions for ALL Competitions

- All competitions will be held in-person at Grand Session.
- Competitors must be registered to attend Grand Session in order to participate.
- Competitors will have the opportunity to view the competition room before they begin. Competition rooms will be prepared by the committee prior to competition, however if the setup of the room appears out of order, it should be reported to the Hall Monitor who will address the concern or inquire with the Ritual Competition Committee for clarification. Competitors will NOT be tested on the set up or the competition room, except as described in the Custodians competition.
- Any competitor that receives a zero on either the verbatim or accuracy score section will NOT place in their competition.
- Robe Check scores may be used to determine the final ranking in the event of a tie-score. Preparation and presentation of the Official Regalia is an important means of teaching responsibility and particular attention has been given to encourage and evaluate the Daughters' understanding of the uniform expectations.
- Hall Monitors will strictly enforce the quiet zone around the competition rooms. Groups gathering in the hallway in this area will be asked to disperse, or wait outside the elevator. A single chair will be available outside each competition room door.

Non-Jurisdictional Competitors

In the spirit of Jobie sisterhood, Daughters who are members of other jurisdictions and registered to attend the Nebraska Grand Session, are invited to participate in Ritual Competition. They may participate in any individual competitions, and any team competition except Bethel Team. Non-Jurisdictional Competitors will be judged and provided their score sheets the same as Nebraska Job's Daughters. Non-Jurisdictional Competitors will not be considered for Nebraska State Ritual Teams, and will not receive awards (charms, medals, etc.). Their participation will be recognized with a certificate and their overall ranking will be announced.

Competition Check-In

- There will be no advance check-in for Ritual Competitions on Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Competitors may check in for morning competitions beginning at 9:45am, Thursday.
- Competitors may check in with the hall monitors no earlier than thirty minutes before their competitions
- Competitors may NOT check in for afternoon competitions in the morning.
- Competitors may check-in for afternoon competitions after lunch.
- Competitors must be present, in the appropriate attire, and with an adult chaperone to check in for competition.
 - Except for Bethel Team competition, no more than 5 Daughters from the same Bethel should check-in at the same time.
- Robe Check is required to be completed by 11:00 am on Ritual Competition day (Thursday).
 - Robe Check will be open and highly encouraged to attend on Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 am or from 1:00-2:30pm (during Performing Arts Competitions)
 - Robe Check will then reopen on Thursday from 9:00-11:00am for any competitors or Bethels that may have not been able to make it to Robe Check on Wednesday
 - Please contact the Ritual Committee if you require additional time to complete your Robe Check
 - If you do not attend Robe Check during the allotted time you will receive a 5-point deduction from your score.

Specific Instructions on Eye Contact

When marching, competitors will look forward and NOT make eye contact with the judges.

If judges are seated in front of the competitor during a verbal competition, then the competitor will make clear eye contact with the judges when speaking. The competitor will direct the message to the judges as if the judges were the intended recipient.

If the judges are NOT seated in front of the competitor during a verbal competition, then the competitor will generally face forward when reciting their speaking parts, and present as though they are addressing a room full of guests. They may look naturally around the room but should not make prolonged eye contact with any individual, including the judges.

Specific Instruction on Prompts and Excessive Pauses

All speaking parts shall be recited from memory and all actions shall be performed as described in the Competition Script, including standing, sitting, and kneeling.

Verbatim judges will be instructed that only a verbal request for a prompt (i.e. the competitor says “prompt”) will be used this year to receive a prompt by the Verbatim Judge.

For verbal competitions, judges will be instructed to provide as few words as possible but enough words to be effective. Competitors will be scored based on the number of prompts requested, not the number of words provided in the prompt.

For non-verbal competitions, judges will be instructed to provide the cardinal direction in relation to the room (e.g. north of the Altar, south of the center, Guide turns south on the East Line, etc.) when an individual requests a prompt.

Deductions for excessive pauses will be counted the same as prompts. Judges will use their discretion in counting excessive pauses, but these will generally be counted when pauses do not appear to be intentional for storytelling effect.

Specific Instruction on Marching

The 2024 Ritual revision updated some verbiage regarding marching instructions. There appears to be an intention to revise “march” and “marches” to “walk” and “walks” in the updated Ritual. However, this verbiage was not revised throughout the Ritual in its entirety. Regardless of verbiage used in the Ritual or this packet, the following shall apply to all competitions.

Competitors are expected to walk with rhythm and their arms straight at their sides. Steps should be timed to be in sync with the music (when applicable), and adjusted to ensure that they will pivot on the outside foot when turning. Square corners should be performed without “bouncing” or raising the body on the ball of the foot. Competitors should NOT march in military or show-style with high knees, nor should they glide with rolling feet in a marching-band style.

Flag Protocol

SOP-SGC-10, Article II, Section 1 - United States and Possessions

The flag is carried at a sixty (60) degree angle by holding the right hand around the staff with the thumb pointing upward toward the Flag. The right hand is placed on the staff at a height of and on a level with the left shoulder, elbow relaxed. The left hand is at the waistline, hand around the staff, with the base of the hand resting against the left hip. The Flag should never be allowed to touch anything beneath it. The eagle at the top of the staff shall face forward, including when placed in the flag holder in the East.

SOP-SGC-10, Article Ic

At no time shall the flag be allowed to touch the floor, the Altar, the Bible or any other piece of furniture.

Ritual Instructions

In the United States, as the Marshal enters, the Honored Queen places her hand over her heart, fingers together, keeping her hand flat against her body, forearm on a slight angle in a natural position. This will be the signal for all citizens of the United States to assume the position. This salute is held until after the Pledge of Allegiance is given. All except the Marshal sing the National Anthem.

Ritual Revision

This document has been prepared with the 2025 revised version of the Ritual, as well as the 2025 revised Book of Ceremonies. We have not included Stations and Duties within this packet as these revisions have not yet been made available. Please contact the Ritual Competition Committee with any questions or items that need clarified. If you have a question, others likely do too, and updates and supplemental information will be sent as needed/appropriate.

Accommodations

If extenuating circumstances prevent a competitor from participating in a competition as described/expected, please request accommodations within the competitors individual registration form. Requests will be considered but are NOT guaranteed. Accommodations will be considered for any special needs, whether physical or for intellectual challenges. We will reach out if there is any further information that we may need.

NEBRASKA STATE RITUAL TEAMS - SUPREME 2026

Supreme Session will be held in Springfield, Missouri in 2026.

Nebraska plans to be represented at Supreme Session in the ritual team competition(s). The teams to be selected (Daughters Messenger team, Daughters of the East team) will be finalized when the Supreme Ritual Competition information is published. Selection for a Nebraska state ritual team brings prestige to the Members selected and their Bethels. Each Member of the Supreme Messenger Team and/or Daughters of the East Team will be provided \$200.00 from the Grand Guardian Council to help defray the travel cost of participation. Teams will be announced at Grand Session, and recognized for their skill and ability; however, team members are not title holders, so no sashes or medallions will be awarded for team selection.

Team members will be chosen by selecting the top scoring competitor from the corresponding individual competition category, and by confirming they have indicated that they want to be and meet the criteria for consideration for a state ritual team. If there is a tie, there will be a run-off competition between the finalists to determine the team member. A tie will only be called after Official Regalia Inspection sheets have been considered. Criteria for consideration for the Supreme Messenger Team and/or Daughters of the East Team (as applicable) are as follows:

- Registered to attend Nebraska Grand Session
- Registered for Supreme Session
 - **Supreme Session registration must be completed before Grand Session.**
 - To verify registration, please send a copy of the Daughter's registration confirmation to the Ritual Competition Committee. This may be an email forward, screen shot, or similar documentation, with the daughter's name in the email as the registration may not include the name.
 - We know there have been updates to the Supreme registration form. Please send confirmation email of registration being completed, as well as the name in which the confirmation is related to.
- Registered to compete in an Individual Ritual Competition(s), in Messenger or Royalty categories, at Nebraska Grand Session
- Meet ALL competition criteria established by Supreme Ritual Competition Committee
 - Please be aware of applicable age restrictions. Typically, competitors must be under the age of 20 on the day of Supreme ritual team competitions.

***Verification of Supreme Session Registration must be sent by June 19, 2026 to:
Katie Warwick | 2230 Trevor Ct | Lincoln, NE 68512 or ktwarwick1@gmail.com***

RETURNING TEAM MEMBER RESTRICTION

To encourage a healthy spirit of competition and personal growth in memory work, the members of the previous year's Nebraska Supreme Messenger Team (and Daughters of the East team, if applicable) are restricted from being a part of this year's team in the same position as last year. This means if they compete in the same individual competition, they will NOT be selected for the team, even if they earn the top score. Returning team members are welcome to try for any other position on this year's team.

2024 Nebraska Supreme Messenger Team

1ST MESSENGER	2ND MESSENGER	3RD MESSENGER	4TH MESSENGER	5TH MESSENGER
Ella G Bethel #5	Kennedy B Bethel #63	Aislynn B Bethel #63	Grace W Bethel #63	McKaylyn B Bethel #63

The new team members may be asked to exemplify their parts at the request of the Grand Guardian.

Official Regalia Inspection for Competition

(ROBE CHECK)

General Information

1. Appropriate attire for Daughters participating in ritual competition is the Official Regalia, as outlined in Standard Operating Procedures for Bethels, number 10 (SOP-Bethel-10), except as noted in this document.
2. Any adaptations to the Official Regalia made by the BGC* to accommodate the religious or medical needs of a Daughter **shall be communicated to the Ritual Competition Committee Co-Chairs**, in writing, prior to arriving at Grand Session. (POL-BOT-3)
3. Official Regalia will be inspected either Wednesday or the morning of Thursday at Grand Bethel. This will be a visual inspection ONLY, using the Robe Inspection Circle. Bethel Guardian Councils are encouraged to prepare competitors for Robe Check. Please inform them to NOT show their slip to the robe check adults.

- Robe Check is required to be completed by 11:00 am on Ritual Competition Day.
- Robe Check will be open and highly encouraged to attend on Wednesday (Performing Arts Competition Day) from 9:00-11:00 am or from 1:00-2:30pm
- Robe Check will then reopen on Thursday (Ritual Competition Day) from 9:00-11:00am for any competitors or Bethels that may have not been able to make it to Robe Check on Wednesday
 - Please contact the Ritual Committee if you require additional time to complete your Robe Check
- If you do not attend Robe Check during the allotted time you will receive a 5-point deduction from your score.

Robe check must be completed in both officer regalia and royalty regalia if the competitor will compete in both regalia during Ritual Competition.

Grecian Robes & Undergarments

- The white Grecian robe shall be worn by all Daughters (active members of Job's Daughters) during all ritual competitions.
- Robes are to be clean, ironed, sewn and hemmed according to SOP-Bethel-11.
 - a. Hems are to be 3 inches from the floor when tied with a cape or cord.
 - b. Hems are to be 4 inches wide.
- Robes that are made with an interior back panel (sometimes called a "bib") are to be tied around the Daughter's chest. This may be inquired about, but will NOT be visually verified.
- Undergarments that are white or match the skin tone of the competitor are encouraged. Undergarments must NOT be visible either by being exposed while wearing the robe properly, or be plainly seen through the fabric of the robe.
- Slips: A long white slip, full or half, is to be worn and must fall 4 to 6 inches from the floor. (This would mean it should fall within the hem of the robe.)
- Hosiery: White pantyhose are to be worn. Pantyhose may be long or knee high. Athletic socks (terry cloth) are NOT to be worn.
- Shoes: White flat shoes or white sandals without color are to be worn. Ballet slippers are recommended. Small bows and ties on shoes are okay.

*BGC = Bethel Guardian Council

Bethel Royalty

- This information applies to anyone competing in the capacity as Honored Queen, Senior Princess or Junior Princess. See "Bethel Officers and Bethel Choir" for instructions pertaining to all other Bethel Officers.
- Cords will NOT be tacked to the robe, cords will be attached to the cape.
 - Cords are worn to be worn in the usual manner: crossed at center front 3 times, then passed around the waist once and tied at center front with a square knot 1 inch below natural waistline.
- Capes of purple velvet or velveteen, as prescribed by the SGC, will be worn by the Honored Queen and Princesses. The Honored Queen's cape is to be floor length or longer. The Princesses' capes are to be waist length.
- Crowns, as prescribed by the SGC*, will be worn by the Honored Queen and Princesses. Crowns are to be no more than 1 inch from the natural hairline, and set level on the head. No part of the crown may be covered by hair.

Bethel Officers and Bethel Choir

- See "Bethel Royalty" for instructions pertaining to the Honored Queen, Senior Princess and Junior Princess. This information applies to all other Bethel Officers.
- Cords shall be tacked along the bottom of the yoke seam to within 2 to 3 inches of each side of center front (measured on the curve of the yoke).
 - Cords are worn to be worn in the usual manner: crossed at center front 3 times, then passed around the waist once and tied at center front with a square knot 1 inch below natural waistline.
 - Officers are intended to wear white cords and Bethel Choir members are intended to wear purple cords. Either will be acceptable for competition, regardless of position.
- Headbands, as prescribed by the SGC, shall be worn by the Bethel Officers and the Bethel Choir

Accessories

- Requirements for accessories worn during competition are more stringent than standard attire. This is due to the nature of competition and a desire to minimize bias and distraction from the competitor's performance.
- A wristwatch AND one (1) additional piece of jewelry may be worn, so long as it is consistent with the standards of Job's Daughters, and approved by the Executive Members of the BGC. Jewelry must not distract or interfere with the competitor's ability to perform the ritualistic work. (SOP-BETHEL-11) Additionally:
 - Smartwatches are not appropriate while competing.
(See also Robe Inspection General Information #2.)
 - Charm bracelets and other noisy jewelry shall NOT be worn.
 - Ankle bracelets are discouraged because they do not wear well with pantyhose.
 - Jewelry should be as discreet as possible.
 - Visible piercing jewelry may be worn, but is subject to the 1 piece of jewelry rule. Jewelry that is not visible will not be considered.
 - A set of matching earrings in the lower earlobe will be considered 1 piece of jewelry.
 - Clear piercing spacers will be NOT considered as jewelry.
 - If a Daughter's piercings cannot be effectively removed without undue risk of closure, infection or other factors, do NOT cover them with tape/bandaids. One piece of jewelry is allowed, but please see General Instructions #2 if there are additional pieces that may present a wellness concern.
- Officer jewels and awards (including medallions) shall NOT be worn for competition. Examples include, but are not limited to, Line Officers' pins, Grand Bethel Officer medallion, Lily of the Valley Award medallion, Spirit Ambassador medallion, Past Honored Queen's ring.

Personal Style

- Tattoos may be visible, but must not be considered offensive* by “reasonable person” standards.
- Nail styles may be in the color and shape of the competitor’s choice, except that the nails must not interfere with the ability to perform ritualistic work, and must not be considered offensive by “reasonable person” standards.
- Makeup styles are at the discretion of the competitor, but must not interfere with the ability to perform ritualistic work and must not be considered offensive by “reasonable person” standards.
- Hair styles may be in the color and cut of the competitor’s choice, except that the hair must not intentionally cover the eyes.

*Offensive messaging includes things like hate speech, vulgar words or images, or similar themes. If in doubt, contact the Ritual Competition Committee. Daughters may also eliminate the concern by covering a tattoo with makeup or skin-tone tape.