

## Coaching With Excellence

**A quizzer needs to be focused on quizzing, and not on various other details of the quiz. It's the coach's job to take note of these things and make sure the quizzer is aware of:**

1. Level of Competition
2. Quizmaster cadence
3. Upcoming potential bonuses (your team and others)
4. Impending error outs/deductions (your team and others)
5. Upcoming specialties/how many have gone by
6. Jumping speed
7. Score

**How do you communicate these things to your team?**

1. Timeouts (you get two every quiz, 45 seconds)
  - a. To break tension or momentum
  - b. To make a substitution
  - c. Give quizzers a snapshot of where they're at
2. Flashcards/signals
3. You can briefly talk to your quizzers between questions, but only extensively during time outs
4. You can never communicate with your quizzers while someone is answering or before the quizmaster has made a final ruling on a question

**Possible Strategies**

1. Jump before error points
2. Push a third quizzer for a team bonus
3. Sometimes erroring is the right way to go (shorten the quiz)

**Other Responsibilities**

1. Praying with your team
2. Encourage the quizzers, whether they're doing well or not
3. Talk to the quizzers if they do something to harm their team or that doesn't reflect Christ
4. Help quizzers prepare off the pads
5. Encourage the quizzers to personalize what they learn and be a Christ-like example
6. Maintain a positive attitude and demonstrate good sportsmanship

**Link to the DBQ Official Rulebook. Check out pages H4-H5 for some great coaching advice –**

**<http://www.detroitbiblequizzing.org/resources/handbook.pdf>**