

PUBLIC SPEAKING INFORMATION FOR YOUTH EDUCATION CHAIR

AREA CONTESTS

The Province is divided into four areas, which rotate yearly:

Districts "A" & "B"
Districts "C", "D" & "E"
Districts "F" & "G"
Districts "H" & "K"

DISTRICT LOCATION OF FUTURE PROVINCIAL CONTESTS

2024 - District "D"
2025 - District "G"
2026 - District "H"
2027 - District "A"
2028 - District "C"
2029 - District "F"
2030 - District "K"

PRIZES

1. Branches, Zones and Districts will provide suitable prizes, including runner-up prizes. Monetary prizes at Branches should not be more than the zone and district prizes.
2. Command plaques will be provided for 1st place winners and 2nd place winners at the area contest.
3. Prizes or awards shall NOT be taken from Poppy funds at any level.

JUDGING

1. There will be three to four judges at each level of competition. Judges may rotate with only three (3) judges judging the speaker in each category.
2. Judges should come from a diverse cross section of the community. Whenever there is a French speaker in any grade category, whether at branch, zone or district, all the judges judging that category should all be bilingual.
3. Judges may only participate at one level of competition each year.
4. Judges should be rotated at the end of each division.

5. Each judge will render a final decision on all speakers without consultation with other judges or any other person. The judges' decisions are final and they may not discuss marks with anyone upon the completion of the contest.
6. After the judges have totaled their scores for each speaker in a division, they will sign the score sheets. **Judges must break their own ties.**
7. At the conclusion of each division, score sheets will be collected from the judges and timekeepers.
8. The Scrutineer will verify each judge's tabulation and enter this on the record sheet.
9. The Scrutineer will make any adjustments to the tabulation in case of time penalties.
10. The Scrutineer will total the score of each judge's results.
11. Home schooled students are allowed to enter the public speaking competition and they compete at the branch closest to their homes. If the branch is not participating in the public speaking program, students are referred to another branch, under the same zone.
12. It is up to the branch to advise the schools on how many students they can accommodate at the competition or to limit the number of students competing at the branch level.

TIMEKEEPERS

The timekeepers will be provided with a stopwatch or equivalent timing device.

The timekeepers will begin timing when the speaker begins speaking. A signal will not be given to the speakers if they exceed the time limit. The timekeepers' sheets will be collected at the conclusion of each division.

PENALTY

5% of the total mark received from each judge will be imposed on a speaker whose speech is not within the stated time limits for each division. This penalty will be applied by the Scrutineers. No penalty for time will be levied in the Grades 1–3.

A penalty of 5% will be imposed on any speaker who freezes. A speaker who freezes will be allowed to continue. A "freeze" is a stop or a pause of more than four seconds. It can also include a loss of direction in which the speech flow or meaning is interrupted or a complete loss of speech occurs where the speaker may have to start over.