

# **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"

### **LOCATION OF FUTURE PROVINCIAL CONTESTS**

2023 - District "E"

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. Branches should not award monetary prizes higher than the zones and districts.
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 will be bilingual, if required and should come from a diverse cross section of the community.
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.

## **TIMEKEEPERS**

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

The timekeepers will begin timing when the contestant begins speaking. A signal will not be given to the contestants 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 contestant who freezes. A contestant 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.