

# ENGLISH READING 14 YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER

## Achievement Day

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Entry Date: 09/10/2023  
Winter Marks: 50  
Last Amended: 08/09/2023  
Withdrawal by: 30/10/2023

Venue: Hafod y Hendre, The Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells.

(Entry Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

### ELIGIBILITY

Clubs may enter as many teams as they like. A team shall consist of three members, each of whom must be 14 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

### PROCEDURE

1. The team of 3 members to read a passage selected and provided by the Judge. Competitors will be required to read aloud in English and in front of an audience. The title of the book (including the ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks before the day of the competition. The passage to be read (approximately one side or a page from the chosen book will be given to team **on the day**).
2. A draw will be made for the Order of Appearance, which will be displayed on the day.
3. All teams will be held in the preparation room until it is their turn to compete to avoid an unfair advantage as all teams are reading the same text. Therefore, competitors and their trainer will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before the competition.
4. Competitors have the choice to read from the book or from the card provided or from an electronic device such as a Kindle supplied by the competitor.
5. The Chairman to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book.
6. Each member of the team (including the Chairman) will be required to read a different passage from the book, but each team will read the same set of passages as the other teams.
7. Teams will be given 30 minutes before they compete to read through the passages with their trainer in the preparation room. Please bear in mind that the preparation room will be shared by all teams.
  - Members may read through their given passages in the preparation room.
  - Books are allowed in the preparation room beforehand.
  - One Trainer per team is allowed into the preparation room.
8. Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.
9. Timing  
Chairman (opening) **2 minutes**  
**Penalties:** Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time. Members reading will not have an allocated time.
10. Scale of Marks  
**CHAIRMAN - 15**  
Opening Introduction  
  
**READER 1 - Chairman:**
  - Diction **10**



- Clarity 10
  - Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10
- 30

**READER 2:**

- Diction 10
  - Clarity 10
  - Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10
- 30

**READER 3:**

- Diction 10
  - Clarity 10
  - Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10
- 30

Teamwork Overall Presentation/ Appearance 15

**Total Marks 120**

11. The Adjudicator’s decision will be final.

12. The Adjudicator/s to select the best individual readers to go forward to make the County Team.

(For Wales YFC Public Speaking Day, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

***Please Note:*** In regards to the Mrs Philippa Gough Trophy for the Overall Achievement Day Trophy, a clubs highest placed points will be accounted for up to the value of 325 points.

**Judges & Stewards Please Note: No joint positions for 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Placings**

Entries to be submitted online by 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023. **NO LATE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITIONS**  
 Clubs/ Members are asked to notify the YFC Office of any withdrawals 5 days prior to a Competition. **PLEASE NOTE: All withdrawals from Club secretaries/Members must be made by email or by telephoning the YFC Office. If telephoning out of office hours then a message should be left on the YFC Mobile phone.**

**Please Note:** That only members with up-to-date membership cards and are on the database in the YFC Office are eligible to compete. Members must apply online at least 5 Days before the competition.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If a member does not produce an up-to-date membership card at the competition, it will result in a £5.00 fine. The fine will be refundable only if they provide confirmation of membership within 7 days of the Competition.

General Rules apply to all competitions alongside the competition’s rules.