

# ENGLISH READING COMPETITION 14 YEARS OR UNDER

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

AT LANTRA BUILDING THE ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND  
, BUILTH WELLS

**Entry Date: 22/01/2018**  
**Winter Marks: 50**  
**Last Amended: 10/01/2018**  
**Withdrawal by: 20/02/2018**

(Entry Date: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018)

Start Time: 2.00pm

Clubs may enter as many teams as they like. Members to be 14 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 (date of birth - 01/09/2002 or after) and with Membership Cards in the YFC Office.

## **PROCEDURE:**

1. The team of 3 members to read a passage selected and provided by the Adjudicator. Competitors will be required to read aloud in English and in front of an audience. The title of the book (including ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks before the day of the competition. The passages to be read (approximately one side or a page from the chosen book will be given to teams **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 trainers will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing.
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. **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.
9. **Scale of Marks**  
**CHAIRMAN -**  
OPENING INTRODUCTION 15  
READING OF PASSAGE 15
  - Teamwork
  - Overall Presentation
  - Appearance**Total 30**  
**READER 1:**
  - Diction 10
  - Clarity 10
  - Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10**Total 30**  
**READER 2:**
  - Diction 10
  - Clarity 10
  - Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10**Total 30**  
**READER 3:**
  - Diction 10
  - Clarity 10
  - Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10**Total 30**  
**Total 120**
10. The Adjudicators decision will be final.
11. The Adjudicator/s to select the best individual readers to go forward to make the County Team.

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