



ENGLISH PUBLIC SPEAKING 16 YEARS OR UNDER



Public Speaking Day

Sunday 3rd December 2023

VENUE: Wales YFC Centre/ FUW Building, RWAS

Entry Date: 06/11/2023
Winter Marks: 50
Last Amended: 10/11/2023
Withdrawal by: 27/11/2023

(Entry Date: Monday 6th November 2023)

1. Each Club may enter as many teams as they like. A team shall consist of three members each of whom must be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2023.
2. A team shall consist of a Chairman, Speaker, and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the competition room.
3. The decision of the Adjudicators will be final.
4. The procedure will follow that of a Normal Meeting.
 - a. Fifteen minutes before his or her team is due to compete; the Chairman will be introduced to the speaker.
 - b. The Speaker will provide written notes giving the subject chosen and personal background (e.g., school, special interests, YFC membership, Club Offices held, activities within the Club, etc.). These notes to be written on the card provided and handed to the Steward at the beginning of the competition and will be **available** for the Chairmans and Judge/s. To note that Power Point may be used as a visual aid for the Speaker, but they are not to be used for the whole speech and can only be used to enhance the speech. i.e., this is **NOT** a business presentation competition.

(FOR THE COUNTY COMPETITION, TEAMS CANNOT RE-USE A SPEECH FROM THE SAME YEAR)

- c. The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer a question put by the Proposer and then a question from the judging panel. There is to be no questions asked from the floor/ audience. A total of two questions will be asked.
- d. The Chairman will invite the Judge/s to put one question to the Speaker who will then respond.
- e. The Proposer will be seated in the body of the hall. He/she will take up some point in the Speaker's address, comment, agree or disagree and ask one pertinent question on the subject matter of the address. He/she will give the Vote of Thanks to the Speaker after all questions have been dealt with.
- f. No communication, written or verbal between any of the team members, or the audience, will be permitted, and to do so will result in **immediate disqualification.**
- g. Competitors may take notes FOR REFERENCE on to the platform as long as these notes are written on POSTCARDS. However, excessive, and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used by teams while on the platform, except for visual aids intended to add to the understanding of the subject by the audience.
- h. 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.

5. TIMING

Chairman (Opening)	2 minutes
Speaker	6 minutes
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (question)	no time limit
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (thanks)	1 minute and 30 seconds



Penalties Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time by any member of the team. The judge/s may also deduct marks if the timings are below half of what is expected.

6. SCALE OF MARKS

Speaker	Presentation of speech and ability to speak	20
	Content of speech and knowledge of subject	20
	Answer to questions	10
		50
Chairman		30
Proposer of Vote of Thanks		20
TEAM TOTAL		<u>100</u>

PLEASE NOTE: The Adjudicator/s to select the team to represent the Federation at the Wales Final.

Please Note : Once the draw is done, if any team withdraws from the competition they will incur 50 points off their overall Winter Points

(For Wales YFC Public Speaking Day, 24th March 2024)

Judges & Stewards Please Note: No joint positions for 1st - 4th Placings

Entries to be submitted online by **6th November 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.