

PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY

Sunday 8th March 2020

Entry Date: 27/01/2020
Winter Marks: 50
Last Amended: 20/01/2020
Withdrawal by: 03/03/2020

ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND, BUILTH WELLS, POWYS

(Entry Date: Monday 27th January 2020)

ENGLISH PUBLIC SPEAKING 16 YEARS OR UNDER

ELIGIBILITY

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 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: A Guest/Guests will be allowed i.e. a Brecknock YFC Member/s. If one guest is used the club will receive the points, but if two guests are used the club will be competing for fun with no points being received and the club won't go forward to represent the County.

PROCEDURE

The 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.

The procedure will follow that of a normal meeting.

Fifteen minutes before his or her team is due to compete; the Chairman will be introduced to the speaker.

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 Chairman 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).

The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer 1 question put by the Proposer. The Judge may also ask 1 question. There is to be no questions asked from the floor/audience. A total of two questions will be asked.

The Chairman will invite the Judge/s to put a question to the Speaker who will then respond.

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.

No communication, written or verbal between any of the team members, or the audience, will be permitted.

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.

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.

SCALE OF MARKS

Speaker

Presentation of speech and ability to speak	20
Content of speech and knowledge of subject	20
Answer to questions	10
Total	50

Chairman 30

Proposer of Vote of Thanks 20

TOTAL 100

Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.

Stewards are to make sure that competitors are seated as a team and in a designated area, separate from parents and supporters, throughout the competition.

The Judges decision is final.

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

(For 2020 Wales YFC Public Speaking Day, Saturday 21st March, Royal Welsh Showground)

Entries to be submitted online by Monday 27th January 2020. 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 answer phone.**

FOR COMPETITORS/TEAMS WHO DO NOT TURN UP FOR A COMPETITION ON THE DAY, THE COUNTY OFFICIALS WILL MAKE THE DECISION WHETHER TO DEDUCT THE 5 POINTS OR NOT, DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.

Please Note: "That only members with up-to-date plastic membership cards and are on the database in the YFC Office are eligible to compete. Any new members forms and photos *must* be attached to the Entry Form when returned by clubs."

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. If they have not yet joined, they will have 7 days to send a form and photograph to the YFC Office.