

# PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENING

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

AT FUW PAVILION, ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND,  
BUILTH WELLS, POWYS. LD2 3SY

**Entry Date: 07/10/2019**  
**Winter Marks: 50**  
**Last Amended: 10/10/2019**  
**Withdrawal by: 18/10/2019**

(Entry Date: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019)

## MACE DEBATING COMPETITION 26 YEARS OR UNDER

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Each Club may enter as many teams as they like. A team shall consist of three Competitors 26 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. Please Note: One Guest will be allowed. i.e. a Brecknock YFC Member.
2. **PROCEDURE:** Each Team will comprise a Chairman and 1 speaker for the Proposition and 1 speaker for the Opposition.
3. The Teams will be split so that (for example) the Chairman from Team A will work with the Proposition speaker from Team B and the Opposition speaker from Team C. The Chairman and Debaters must be available at least half an hour beforehand to meet each other to enable the Chairman to prepare his/her introductory notes.
4. Debating Subjects will be provided 21 days before the competition.
5. Debating Subjects will be provided by the Judge.
6. Points of Information
  - I. These are central to the interactivity of the debate and demonstrate ability to engage in arguments (approximately 25% of the teams marks are listening and response).
  - II. These cannot be made during the first and last minute of the main speech or during the summary speech, this time is known as protected time.
  - III. Points of information are included in the time limit.
7. Rebuttal
  - I. Addressing the other side's arguments during your own speech is known as rebuttal.
  - II. The aim of rebuttal is to undermine the oppositions case and leave your own case looking stronger.
  - III. Rebuttal can be at any time during the speech but make sure the audience and adjudicators are clear that you are addressing the others sides arguments.
8. The vote shall be taken by a show of hands.
9. The Chairman shall announce the result of the Vote and declare the meeting closed.

### 10. SCALE OF MARKS

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>30</b>
Expression and delivery (5)	
Organisation and prioritisation (5)	
Accuracy of timing (10)	
Overall control of debate (10)	
<b>Proposition - Main Speeches (1<sup>st</sup> Speaker)</b>	<b>40</b>
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing - 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	
<b>First Opposition - Main Speeches (1<sup>st</sup> Speaker)</b>	<b>40</b>
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing - 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	

**Opposition Summary Speech - Summary Speeches**      20  
Expression and delivery (5)  
Organisation and prioritisation (5) (includes timing - 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)  
Reasoning and evidence (5)  
Listening and response (5)

**Proposition Summary Speech - Summary Speeches**      20  
Expression and delivery (5)  
Organisation and prioritisation (5) (includes timing - 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)  
Reasoning and evidence (5)  
Listening and response (5)

**Total per team**      150

#### 11. Times

Chairman - maximum of 2 Minutes introduction, 30 seconds between each speaker and 2 minutes to conclude the debate.

Propose - Total 6 minutes main speech  
Summary speech 3 minutes

Oppose - Total 6 minutes main speech  
Summary speech 3 minutes

12. The Adjudicators decision will be final.

13. The Adjudicator/s to select a team of 5 members/the best individuals to go forward to make the County Team.

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

Entries to be submitted online by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019. 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.