

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MD'A" EFFECTIVE SPEAKING INTERMEDIATE AND SENIORS

PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for competitive speaking and to stimulate self expression and independent thinking among students

ELIGIBLE CONTESTANTS

This contest is open to students in Secondary Schools or equivalent .

A Lions Club Or a Lioness Club must sponsor a student to compete in the district finals which are usually held in late March each year

The contest consists of two divisions within each of the French and English categories Intermediate- First and Second year students

Senior-Third and Fourth year students

PREPARED SPEECH

The contestant will present his or her selected topic politics and sectarian religion excepted. The prepared speech must be the original work of the speaker.

The speech should be at least five minutes in length, but not to exceed seven minutes

A penalty of one point for every fifteen seconds or portion thereof, over or under the time limitation will be imposed and will be made on the aggregate total of the judge's points for the contest

IMPROMPTU SPEECH

Each contestant shall be required to give an impromptu speech at least two minutes in length, but not to exceed three minutes. The same penalties shall apply as described for the prepared speech

Allow each speaker to draw from a group of concealed topics on which to prepare the impromptu speech. All contestants shall choose from the same group of topics. Should the student not wish to speak on the subject so selected, they may have one additional draw. This second draw shall be final and the contestant must speak on this subject.

Following the selection, the contestant shall have fifteen minutes to prepare their speech and a five-minute review period. The contestants will be given a warning at the twelve and fourteen minute marks.

At the end of the fifteen-minute period the pen or pencil used by the contestant will be removed and a further five-minute study period will be given. The contestant's notes will then be placed in a sealed envelope. The contestants will be taken to a holding room and their notes returned on departure to deliver their speech

DELIVERY

Brief notes may be referred to without deduction of points but too frequent references to notes shall count against the speaker

Props or aids (i.e. uniforms, equipment, etc) shall not be used. The use of "mime" or pauses exceeding ten seconds during the presentation shall cause the contestant to receive a lower score.

JUDGE'S EVALUATION

Material is based on selection of subject-10 points,

Organization of material-10 points

Interest (Does the speaker get the interest of the audience with their first sentence and hold it or does the interest seem to lag?)-10points

English or French. Is the command of the language chosen, excellent, Mediocre or poor?)-10 points

Delivery is based on change of rate-5 points

Change in pitch-5 points

Eye contact-5 points

Change in volume-5 points, eye contact-5 points,

Gestures (mechanical or natural?)-5 points

Posture- 5 points

Enunciation and pronunciation, -5points

Fluency- 5 points

General Effect considers both material and delivery how effective is the speaker in holding the attention of audience? Was the speech convincing? -20 points

Impromptu Speech will be judged in general accordance to the same division of points as the above

Material-20 points

Delivery- 20 points

General effect- 10 points

Total points 150

The judges scoring will be final and beyond question