



# GIRLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



## ADJUDICATOR'S NOTES

The following marking scheme is intended as a guideline; it may be used or not at the discretion of the Adjudicators.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TOPIC NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

1. **COMMUNICATION - (35 MARKS)**

Style of delivery, projection, contact with audience, use of pause, facial expression, posture, body language and appearance.

MARK

2. **CONTENT - (30 MARKS)**

Knowledge and research of subject, relevance to the topic and quality of argument.

MARK

3. **COHESIVENESS - (25 Marks)**

Presentation, introduction, development of subject, logical arrangement of arguments, conclusion.

MARK

4. **NOTES - (10 Marks)**

These marks should be awarded for speaking **without** undue use of notes.

MARK

5. **TIME -**

Deduct 10 marks for substantial overrun. Bell will ring at **4 minutes** and again at **6 minutes**.

MARK

6. **IMPROMPTU SPEECH - (50 Marks)**

Optional at local, required at Regional & National finals.

Each will be given 2 minutes to prepare and 2 minutes to deliver.

MARK

**TOTAL - MARKS (150)**

MARKS



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## ADJUDICATION GUIDELINES

There will be three Adjudicators -

1. A Soroptimist Member.
2. Speaker of Merit
3. One other

## JUDGING

In allocating marks, judges will assess speeches under:

- Style of delivery, projection, contact with audience, use of pause facial expression, posture, body language and appearance. 35 MARKS
- Knowledge and research of subject, relevance to the topic and quality of argument. 30 MARKS
- Presentation, introduction, development of subject, logical arrangement of arguments, conclusion. 25 MARKS
- Speaking without undue use of notes. 10 MARKS

**Deduct 10 marks for substantial deviation from the time limit.  
Use of "Props" not allowed.**

## IMPROMPTU SPEECH

- (Required at Regional and National Finals only)  
Optional at Local Heat level. 50 MARKS

Competitors will be expected to speak for a maximum of 2 minutes on a given subject, which requires no research. Each competitor will get 2 minutes to prepare. All competitors will speak on the same subject.

## TIME KEEPER

Should ring a bell at 4 minutes stage and again at the 6 minute stage.  
An announcement should be made before the competition to this effect.

## NB.

Two speakers quality from Local Heats for the Regional Finals  
(+1 reserve in the event of one not being able to compete)

Pick a reserve at all levels.