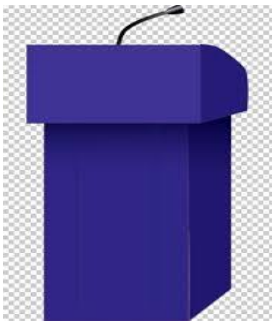
2023 - 2024 LIONS DISTRICT 5M13

SPEAK-OFF COMPETITION RULES



This is a co-educational contest available at three levels:

Grades 6-8 Grades 9 &10 Grades 11&12
Participants must be attending a Manitoba Department of Education sanctioned school.

Rules:

- ✓ **A speaker's resume is required for introductory purposes. Please include: name, age, grade, school, name of parent(s) or guardian, address, phone number, email, sponsoring Lions Club, hobbies, career aspirations and any other relevant information.**
- ✓ **Speeches are to be 4-6 minutes in length.**
- ✓ **A 5-point deduction for each half minute or portion thereof will be assessed if under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes.**
- ✓ **Contestants may use notes (excessive reading to be penalized)**
- ✓ **Speakers are expected to use the microphone supplied**
- ✓ **Speeches must be original, on a topic of speaker's choice**
- ✓ **At end of each speech, questions will be posed by 2 people to the contestant, based on the speaker's topic**
- ✓ **Order of speaking will be by assigned numbers drawn prior to contest**

Speeches will be evaluated in four categories:

1. **Delivery**
2. **Material**
3. **Response to questions**
4. **Language & grammar.**

Each of the following will be scored out of a possible 10 points:

- ❖ **Voice/modulation, enunciation, grammar/language and clarity of message**
- ❖ **Speaker's passion for the topic, organization and pace**
- ❖ **Poise and confidence**
- ❖ **Is the response to questions adequate, logical and made in a clear & fluent manner.**

Prizes for each age category will be:

1st $200
2nd $100
3rd $50
With Grades 11 & 12 winner having the option of a $1000 prize towards the Lions Youth Exchange Program

Entries to be submitted to:

Lion Lorna Hislop

Email: lornahislop@gmail.com or **Phone 204-210-2111 by January 30, 2024.**
Depending on the number of participants from clubs, speakers will be advised if a zone or region speak off elimination is required for each category.

Final Contest will be held at the 5M13 District Convention