



## 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 Grades 6-8 and Grades 9 - 10 will be:

1st \$150  
2nd \$100  
3rd \$50

### Prizes for Grade 11 – 12 will be:

1st \$200  
2nd \$100  
3rd \$50

Winner will have the option of choosing the cash prize or \$1000 prize towards the Lions Youth Exchange Program

### Entries to be submitted to:

Lion Lorna Hislop

Email: [lornahislop@gmail.com](mailto: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