



Young Farmers'
Clubs of Ulster

Public Speaking Competition

Categories:

PREPARED **Age Group**

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| Class A | 12-14 |
| Class B | 14 -16 |
| Class C | 16-18 |
| Class E | 18-21 |
| Class G | 21-25 |
| Class I | 25-30 |

Competitors will receive via their Club Secretary a list of subjects and will be expected to speak for a limited period of time on their chosen topic.

IMPROMPTU **Age Group**

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| Class D | 16-18 |
| Class F | 18-21 |
| Class H | 21-25 |
| Class J | 25-30 |

Competitors will select a subject from a list supplied at the event, preparation time varies according to age group.

| STRUCTURE | AGE | CLASS | PREPARATION TIME | TIME FOR DELIVERY |
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| Prepared P.S. | 12-14 | A | From list supplied on receipt of entry. | 3 minutes |
| | 14-16 | B | | 3 minutes |
| | 16-18 | C | | 4 minutes |
| | 18-21 | E | | 5 minutes |
| | 21-25 | G | | 5 minutes |
| | 25-30 | I | | 5 minutes |
| Impromptu P.S. | 16-18 | D | 20 minutes | 1.5+ |
| | 18-21 | F | 15 minutes | 1.5+ |
| | 21-25 | H | 10 minutes | 1.5+ |
| | 25-30 | J | 10 minutes | 1.5+ |

- Members in each of the four classes for impromptu speaking will then be expected to speak for at least 1.5 minutes to gain a Proficiency Certificate.
- There is no upper time limit or additional points for speeches that are unduly lengthy.
- It must be noted that the aim is to reduce the time pressure and get the main points across in 1.5 or more minutes, not to restrict the time to strictly 1.5 minutes.
- Participants will only be allowed to go before the judges with one piece of card, containing no more than ten words that are to be used as pointers during the speech.

Where:

- Members compete in an area competition at a venue determined by YFCU HQ
- Those placed 1st and 2nd at the County heats will go forward to the N.I. Finals.
- However, this arrangement may be varied depending upon number, distribution of entries and standard of performances.

Exact dates and venues will be distributed to Secretaries by HQ.

Eligibility:

Competitors may take part only in the Classes for which they are qualified by age.

Marking Scale/ Timing/ Penalties:

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| Platform Manner, General effect and Use of notes | 30% |
| Voice Production & Delivery | 20% |
| Content and marshalling of facts | 50% |

Closing Date:

The closing date for entries will be provided by HQ.

Proficiencies:

Proficiencies are awarded at Area Level.

Prizes:

N.I. Final: 1st Competition trophy & plaque
2nd Certificate
3rd Certificate

Discipline:

Appoint one person in the Club who will be responsible for the Club member's behaviour during the competition.

Protests:

See Protests in General Rules section.

Additional Information:**Prepared Public Speaking:**

- The purpose of this competition is to promote public speaking not public reading.
- While notes are not forbidden, they are not to be encouraged.
- The subject selected for the first stage of the competition may also be used for all remaining stages, but a member may wish to select a new topic for the N.I. final.
- Subject lists will be dispatched upon receipt of entry.
- To facilitate a smooth running competition, it is important that competitors arrive during the strict Registration time.

Members and the public are allowed to listen in on other speeches at the finals with the member who is speaking's permission.

The Executive Committee of the YFCU reserves the right to cancel or amend any of the foregoing rules as it may consider necessary.