



**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION  
Zone G5 (Ottawa)  
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST  
RULES & REGULATIONS**



Due to limited time we are required to limit the number of entries as follows: Grades 1 to 6 – 30 entries and Grades 9– 12 – 30 entries. Registration forms will be accepted on first come first served basis upon arrival at the branch. Registration for Grades 1 to 6 starts at 8:00 am and Grades 7 to 12 starts at 12:30 pm at the address to be announced.

**Please note that the legion will try to make sure that all students that wish to participate will be able to speak. Therefore it is important to sign up as soon as possible so we can adjust the time line for the day events.**

***RULES & REGULATIONS***

1. The speaker may select any subject as their topic (no restriction on theme) and the speeches must be the **original work of the speaker**. The speaker will credit the authors of source material if referring to another person's work. Speeches that repeat verbatim another person's original work will not be accepted. **If a Primary Speaker (Grades 1 – 3) is re-telling a published story or work this speaker MUST provide a copy of the original work to the Chairman at the time of the competition.**
2. Visual aids, props, notes, etc. may be used to support the speech, notwithstanding that judges may add or deduct marks according to the manner in which they are used.
3. Speakers will not be allowed to use "**Power Point**" as a method of presentation or as a tool during presentation
4. The assistance of persons other than the Chairman is not permitted at any level of the contest.
5. A penalty of 5% of the total marks received will be imposed to a speech which is short of, or in excess of the time limit, before the total scores are compiled. No penalty will be levied in the Grade 1-3 division.
6. **Speeches will be 3-5 minutes for Grades 1 to 9 and 5-7 minutes for Grades 10 to 12.**
7. A penalty of 5% will be imposed to any candidate who freezes. Such candidate will be allowed to continue.

8. The speakers must commit themselves to progress through all levels of the competition, Branch, Zone, District, Area and Provincial should they continue to place first.
- 9. A microphone may only be used by a Special Needs student. Such student will require a Medical Certificate from a Medical Practitioner to support this requirement.**
- 10. No person, including press photographers, shall photograph or videotape a speaker during the contest unless prior permission is given by the Chairman.**
11. Speakers may not identify themselves during the contest except by first name. And they will divulge any other personal information. e.g... School, age, etc.
12. Each contestant will be assigned a number at the time of registration which will be used as the only means of identifying each contestant during the contest.
13. Contestants who are late for registration without **just cause** will be disqualified from the contest.
14. Only English or French will be allowed in the contest at all levels and speakers must continue to speak in their chosen language throughout all levels of the competition. Bilingual Judges will be used.
- 15. Final registration will take place at 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM. The contest will begin 1/2 hour after the registration. Initial registration is done by emailing ([staillon@ca.inter.net](mailto:staillon@ca.inter.net)) or fax (613-829-6537) the registration form. Please bring the original sign registration with you on the day of the Public Speaking Contest.**
16. Any violation of the above rules & regulations will result in a penalty being imposed which could include disqualification from the competition and future competitions.