



## INTERPRETIVE READING CONTEST 2023

1. This competition is restricted to QCWA members and those competitors who have not previously competed in a QCWA Public Speaking contest at State level.
2. The competition will be held in two sections to region level only.
  - (a) Novice speakers are those who have not won at any level
  - (b) Advanced speakers are for those who have won at novice level in Division
3. Contestants choose a reading of their own choice provided it is in good taste and acceptable. Any short story, part of a longer story or poem - to be read.
4. The prepared reading will be four to six minutes duration, with warning bell/lights at four minutes and final bell/lights at six minutes. Half a point will be deducted for every second under or over time (4 to 6 minutes)
5. The selected piece is to be read NOT recited
6. A microphone is allowed and a suitable lectern must be available but not necessarily used.
7. The Contestant or the Convenor may read a short introduction of no more than 45 seconds if the reading is an excerpt.
8. The contestant will supply three (3) copies of the reading for the judges to follow the text.
9. The convenor will supply the judges with a copy of the guidelines and judging sheet.
10. The Judges for the Interpretive reading competition will be those organized for the Public Speaking contest.
11. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded at Division and Region level. The second placegetter is to be prepared to compete if the first placegetter is unable to compete at a higher level. If neither is available, third placegetter is eligible.
12. Prizes at region level to be provided by the Region Conference Committee.