



2023 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

This competition is open to QCWA members only.

TOPICS

1. My life as a QCWA member
2. Dancing in Trinidad and Tobago
3. My Inspirational Hero
4. My first driving lesson
5. Life on the land

GUIDELINES

This competition will be held in two sections –

- i. NOVICE SPEAKERS – those who have not won at region level (compete to region level only).
- ii. ADVANCED SPEAKERS (Open) – previous winners at State level are eligible to compete.

PREPARED SPEECHES

1. The ADVANCED speech will be of 7 minutes duration with warning bell/lights at five minutes and final bell/lights at seven minutes. Half a point will be deducted for every second under or over time (of 5-7 mins).
2. The NOVICE speech will be of 5 minutes duration with warning bell/lights at three minutes and final bell/lights at five minutes. Half a point will be deducted for every second under or over time (of 3-5 Mins).
3. A draw to be conducted by the Convenor for the contestants order of speaking.
4. First, Second and Third places will be awarded at each level.
Division and Region Prizes are to be provided by that Division or Region committee.
State winners will receive a cheque/voucher 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20.
5. At Division and Region level contest the topics will be chosen by the State Convenor with the approval of the State Executive. The same topic from Division proceeds to Region Conference level.

6. If the winner at Division level is unable to proceed to the Region level the second placegetter is to be prepared to compete and if neither can compete the third placegetter is eligible.
7. If the winner at Region level is unable to proceed to the State Final the second placegetter is to be prepared to compete and if neither can compete the third placegetter is eligible.
8. At Division, Region and State levels, topics will be chosen by the State Convenor after ratification by the State Executive. The winners at Division, Region and State level proceed with the same topic.
9. Each Region Conference committee is responsible for the finalist expenses to the State Judging if that finalist is not a delegate to Conference or receiving funding from another source. The finalist would be entitled to the cheapest mode of travel (return fare) (if not receiving pooling) accommodation (including meals) at the State rate for the days required to be at the State Conference judging.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH

There will be two impromptu sections – Advanced and Novice at Division and Region levels. Only one impromptu section at State level and that is the Advanced. After all contestants have completed their prepared speech in each section they then compete in the impromptu section and these points are added to their prepared speech points. They do not see the topics prior.

1. The impromptu speech will be of two minutes duration with a warning bell/lights being rung at one minute 30 seconds and a final bell/lights at two minutes. – Half a point will be deducted for every second under or over time (of 1½ -2 mins).
2. The contestant (in the same order as the prepared speech) will draw one topic at the microphone immediately prior to speaking (there will be five topics in the container and as one topic is drawn it is replaced by another for the next contestant to have 5 to pick from).
3. The contestant will announce her impromptu topic and begin speaking immediately.