



PEMBROKESHIRE YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

ENGLISH PUBLIC SPEAKING 2020 RULES

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Sunday 13th December

Venue: Pembrokeshire College

- All competitions and rules are subject to change and may be adapted to be held virtually if restrictions and guidelines change.
- Strictly no audience. Competitors only.
- Pembrokeshire YFC and Wales YFC reserve the right to amend or cancel any of the foregoing rules.
- Covid safe procedures and rules must always be adhered to.
- General Rules are applicable in all competitions. The Judges decision is final.

County Public Speaking Competition - Junior Section

JUNIOR READING

The team shall consist of three members, each of whom shall be aged 15 or under on 1st September 2020 and members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC. Members will be required to show their membership cards. Failure to produce a current Membership Card, complete with photo attached, will result in a £5 fine for the individual concerned.

PROCEDURE

A team of three to read a passage selected by the adjudicator. Competitors will be required to read in English approximately one side of a page from the chosen book. Teams will be notified three weeks before the day of the competition of the book chosen for reading.

A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition.
All teams will be held in the preparation room until it is their turn to compete.

Each member of the team (including the chairman) will be required to read a different passage from the book, but each team will read the same set of passages as the other teams. Members may read through their given passage in the preparation room.

One trainer is allowed into the room.

Competitors have the choice to read from their own book or from an electronic device such as a Kindle supplied by the competitor.

The chairman needs to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book.

Competitors and trainers will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing.

The trainer and competitors will be given the set passage 15 minutes prior to competing.

Timing: Chairman (opening) 2 minutes

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time by any member of the team.

SCALE OF MARKS

CHAIRMAN

Opening Introduction 15

READER 1 - CHAIRMAN

Diction 10

Clarity 10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10

Total 30

READER 2

Diction 10

Clarity 10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10

Total 30

READER 3

Diction 10

Clarity 10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning) 10

Total 30

Teamwork, Overall Presentation & Appearance 15

Total 120

The judge's decision is final.

County Public Speaking Competition - Junior Section

JUNIOR SPEAKING

The team shall consist of three members, each of whom shall be aged 17 or under on 1st September 2020 and members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC. Members will be required to show their membership cards. Failure to produce a current Membership Card, complete with photo attached, will result in a £5 fine for the individual concerned.

PROCEDURE

The team shall consist of a Chairman, Speaker and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks.

The procedure will follow that of a normal meeting.

(a) The Chairman will be introduced to the Speaker fifteen minutes before his/her team (the Chairman's) is due to compete.

(b) The Speaker will provide written notes giving subject chosen and personal background (e.g. school, special interests, YFC membership, Club Offices held, activities within the Club etc.). These notes to be written on a card and handed to the Chief Steward at the beginning of the Competition and will be available for the Chairman and Judges.

(c) To note that Power Point may be used as a visual aid for the Speaker, but they are not to be used for the whole speech and can only be used to enhance the speech. I.e. this is **NOT** a business presentation competition. (CLUBS TO INFORM COUNTY 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION IF THEIR SPEAKER REQUIRES POWERPOINT.)

(d) The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer a question put by the Proposer followed by a question from the Judge.

(e) The Proposer will be seated in the body of the hall. He/she will take up some point in the Speaker's address, comment, agree or disagree and ask one pertinent question on the subject matter of the address. He/she will give the Vote of Thanks to the Speaker after all questions have been dealt with.

(f) No communication, written or verbal, between any of the team members will be permitted and to do so will result in immediate disqualification.

Competitors may take notes **FOR REFERENCE** onto the platform as long as these notes are written on **POSTCARD**. However, excessive, and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used by teams while on the platform, except for visual aids intended to add to the understanding of the subject by the audience.

TIMING:

Chairman (opening)	2 minutes
Speaker	6 minutes
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (Question)	No time limit
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (Thanks)	1 1/2 minute

PENALTIES:

Time deductions are 1 mark for each half minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time by any member of the team. The judge may also deduct marks if the timings are below half of what is expected.

SCALE OF MARKS:**Speaker**

Presentation of speech and ability to speak	20
Content of speech and knowledge of subject	20
Answer to questions	10
Total	50

Chairman 30

Proposer of Vote of Thanks 20

TOTAL 100

The Judge's decision is FINAL.

Should any Club find that it is unable to field a full team on the day of the competition, it will be that Club's responsibility to provide substitute/s, not necessarily of the appropriate age group.

County Public Speaking Competition - Intermediate Section

BRAINSTRUST

A team shall consist of four members per Club, each of whom shall be 22 years of age or under on 1st September 2020 and members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC. Members will be required to show their membership cards. Failure to produce a current Membership Card, complete with photo attached, will result in a £5 fine for the individual concerned.

PROCEDURE:

The team shall consist of a Chairman and a panel of 3 members.

Twenty minutes before going on to the platform, the Chairman will be given a choice of sealed envelopes. Each envelope will contain six question topics, three on rural affairs and three of a general nature, from which he/she will select three for discussion by the team. One question must be selected from each section, plus one other.

The Chairman will have no prior communication with the team about the questions he/she has selected to be discussed. ***No written communication on the topics may be given to the Panel at any time or any use of mobile phone at any time.*** The penalty will be automatic disqualification.

The Chairman will be responsible for introducing the panel to the audience, putting each question to the panel, summarising their answers, concluding the meeting, timing, control of the panel and coverage of each question.

The competition should be treated as a formal meeting.

Competitors may make their own notes FOR REFERENCE on the platform, but excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used while on the platform.

TIMING:

Each team will be allowed twenty minutes from the commencement of the Chairman's introduction and the teams will be expected to keep to the timing stated.

PENALTIES:

Time deductions are one mark for each half minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

SCALE OF MARKS:**Chairman:**

Opening, introduction and handling questions	10
Handling of panel, including timing	15
Summing up of discussions	10
Closure of meeting	5
Ability and style	10
Total	50

Panel:

Each question:

Quality, relevance, and range of discussion	20
Co-operation and teamwork	15
	35 each
Total	105 (35 x 3)

Panel: General deportment and style 15

Overall: Audibility 10
Overall impression of team 20
Total 45

TOTAL **200**

The judges will have before them a duplicate copy of the question topics from which the selection was made for the team that is competing.

Competitors may be admitted to the competition room before and after competing.

The Judge's decision is FINAL.

Any Club finding it necessary to withdraw from the competition must do so by the date as advised by the County Office.

County Public Speaking Competition - Senior Section

Mace Debating

A team shall consist of five members, each of whom must be 27 years of age or under on 1 September 2020 and full members of a YFC Club based in Wales and affiliated to either Wales YFC or NFYFC. Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.

Failure to produce a valid membership card (with photo) will result in a £5 penalty charge. Any member whose name is not listed as a current paid up member of the Federation and who cannot produce a membership card at the start of the competition will not be allowed to compete.

Procedure

The team will comprise of a Chairman, two speakers for the Proposition and two speakers for the Opposition.

The teams will be split so that the Chairman from Team A will work with the two propositions from Team B and the two oppositions from Team C.

The Chairman and Debaters must be available to meet each other at least twenty minutes before competing time, to enable the Chairman to prepare his/her introductory notes.

Points of Information

These are central to the interactivity of the debate and demonstrate ability to engage in arguments (approx. 25% of the team's marks are for listening and response)

These cannot be made during the first and last minute of the main speeches or during the summary speeches, this time is known as protected time.

Points of Information are included in the time limit.

Rebuttal

Addressing the other side's arguments during your own speech is known as rebuttal. The aim or rebuttal is to undermine the opposition's case and leave your own case looking stronger.

Rebuttal can be at any time during the speech but make sure the audience and adjudicators are clear that you are addressing the other sides arguments.

The Vote shall be taken by a show of hands.

The Chairman shall announce the result of the Vote and declare the meeting closed.

SCALE OF MARKS**CHAIRMAN**

Expression & delivery	5
Organisation & prioritisation	5
Accuracy of timing	10
Overall control of debate	10
Total	30

FIRST PROPOSITION –**MAIN SPEECHES (1ST SPEAKER)**

Expression & delivery	10
Organisation & prioritisation	
(Includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	10
Reasoning & evidence	10
Listening & response	10
Total	40

FIRST OPPOSITION –**MAIN SPEECHES (1ST SPEAKER)**

Expression & delivery	10
Organisation & prioritisation	
(Includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	10
Reasoning & evidence	10
Listening & response	10
Total	40

SECOND PROPOSITION –**MAIN SPEECHES (2ND SPEAKER)**

Expression & delivery	10
Organisation & prioritisation	
(Includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	10
Reasoning & evidence	10
Listening & response	10
Total	40

SECOND OPPOSITION –**MAIN SPEECHES (2ND SPEAKER)**

Expression & delivery	10
Organisation & prioritisation	
(Includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	10
Reasoning & evidence	10
Listening & response	10
Total	40

OPPOSITION SUMMARY SPEECH - SUMMARY SPEECHES

Expression & delivery	5
Organisation & prioritisation	
(Includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	5
Reasoning & evidence	5
Listening & response	5
Total	20

PROPOSITION SUMMARY SPEECH - SUMMARY SPEECHES

Expression & delivery	5
Organisation & prioritisation	
(Includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	5
Reasoning & evidence	5
Listening & response	5
Total	20

TOTAL **230**