



Rotary
Great Britain & Ireland



RIBI YOUTH SPEAKS COMPETITION

INFORMATION PACK

FOR THE

DISTRICT 1175 COMPETITION

FOR THE USE OF

COMPETITORS

2023-2024

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Introduction to the Competition 2023-2024

The National Youth Speaks Competition is a well established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI) and is extremely well supported within District 1175, where it has been a feature of youth competitions for many years.

Within this District, it is a three-stage competition designed to support and encourage development of effective communication skills. .

Aims

This competition aims to offer young people:

- an experience in speaking on a public platform as a member of a team
- an incentive to formulate ideas on topical subjects
- the discipline in dealing with a topic in a limited time
- the opportunity of learning and practising high standards of expression, presentation and appearance
- the impartial feedback and assessment of performance by experienced adjudicators

Who can take part?

Within this District, the competition is open to teams of three children who must be aged between 7 and 10.

The qualifying date is

31 August 2023

With the age qualifying date above, it should be noted that, when the competition actually takes place, some junior entrants may be 11 years old.

Schools, colleges and other youth organisations can participate in a Club competition or a District competition that is outside the boundary of the Club or District in which they are situated, but can only complete in one Club competition or one District competition

Potential competitors should enter the competition through their school, college or organisation, by contacting their local Rotary Club, and by taking part in a preliminary competition organised by them.

To find a club local to you, use the “club finder” facility in the top right-hand corner of the RIBI home web page <http://www.rotarygbi.org>

The Three Stages of the District Competition

Club/ Cluster Competitions

Organised by local Rotary clubs, usually during January. Age group winners of local heats are entered into an Area Heat. The number of winning teams which may progress to the Area competition depends upon the number of teams participating in the Club competition –for more information, see your Rotary organiser.

Area Heats organised by District, usually during February. This year, there will **five (5) Area heats** in the junior category. To find out which Area heat to attend, please refer to the appropriate Area Allocation sheets issued with this Pack, or contact your Rotary organiser. The 2 best teams in each category at the Area heats will be entered into the District finals

District Finals organised by District.

The District Junior Final this year will take place on (Date to be arranged)

Further stages For teams in the junior category, the competition ends with the District Final.

Competition Guidelines

Format Each team member takes one of three roles: Chairperson, Speaker and Vote of Thanks. The team should be the same throughout the competition. In exceptional circumstances substitutions may be made, subject to the approval of the particular competition organiser. Each team member is allocated a time in which to perform their role. The role of each team member is detailed in the Procedure section below

Judges Judges with appropriate skills, appointed by Rotary, will apply the judging criteria below and provide feedback to all competitors and mentoring to winners. The judges will **not** discuss marks and their decision will be final. Judges are expected to be impartial.

Judging Criteria Judges will allocate marks as follows:

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| • Chairperson's management of the meeting | 25 points |
| • The Speaker's ability to present and develop a topic; and ability to answer the question | 50 points |
| • The quality and courtesy of the Vote of Thanks | 25 points |
| • Team work | 15 points |
| | Total 115 points |

A judge's score sheet, which illustrates the points judges will be particularly useful for guidance and is provided at the end of this Information Pack. It is also very useful in helping teams to be aware of the relevant marking criteria, so entrants are urged to read this carefully..

Time penalties The judges will **deduct one** point for each **complete 15 seconds over** the allocated time and **one** point for each **complete 30 seconds under** the allocated

time. Points will **not** be deducted for time overrun or underrun in answering the question.

Only in exceptional circumstance, and at the sole discretion of the competition organiser, will correspondence or discussions be entered into, following the completion of a competition.

Questioner The Questioner, who shall not be one of the judges, will be appointed by the competition organiser. Speakers will be asked to respond to a question asked by the Questioner. The Questioner may be a Rotarian, but should not be from a participating club.

Prizes At **all** stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

After the judges have determined the result of the competition, one or more judges will comment on their observations of the competition before announcing the result.

At Club competitions, the awarding of any prize will be left to the discretion of each Club.

At Area competitions, the winning team in each category will be awarded the appropriate Area Winners' Shield, which will be held for a period of one year, before being returned for the following year's competition.

At the District finals, the winning team in each category will be awarded the appropriate District Shield, which will also be held for a period of one year, before being returned for the following year's competition. The members of the first and second placed teams in each category will also receive a small prize, as will the best Chairperson, Speaker and Proposer of Vote of Thanks, as adjudged by the judges.

How to enter

To enter the competition, interested parties should contact their local Rotary Club, dartmouthrotary.co.uk or email struan@coupar.plus.com

Each member of the team **must** complete an Entry Form individually and submit it to their local Club organiser at the time specified by such organiser. There will be no need to complete any additional entry form at any other stage within the District competition..

Competition Procedure

On Arrival Make yourself known to the organisers, to let them know you are present. At some competitions there may be a registration desk, to which you must report. Before each competition starts, the competition organiser will conduct a draw to determine the order in which each team will make their presentation. The order will be notified to teams before the start of the competition. In unforeseen circumstance the organisers may have to adjust the order.

Arrangements

A master of ceremonies will invite each team , in order of the draw, to come to the front or stage to make its presentation.

The team should be ushered into position by the Chairperson, who should sit down with the Speaker on their **right** and the Vote of Thanks on their **left**.

A system of lights or coloured cards will be used to advise team members of time.

Green will show when a team member stands ready to start, **amber/yellow** will warn the allocated time is coming to an end and **red** will indicate the end of the allocated time.

Notes may be used. However they should not be too obvious, and simply reading written content will be reflected in the marks. Notes can be written on paper, card, tablet or i-Pad. If electronic media is used for this purpose, it must only be used as a reminder of the content of the speech, and not as a prop or as a live means of presenting or sourcing information during the speech. Using cards as prompts is more effective than A4 paper, but preferably the teams should deliver their presentation without either.

Items (other than dress or furniture provided) are not permitted to be used as props. This includes any electronic delivery such as PowerPoint. The use of props will be severely reflected in the judges' marks. If used in a Junior competition, then their use should be very limited and appropriate to the topic.

Where venues would benefit from amplification, static microphones will be provided. Team members should use the static microphones. A sound test will be arranged prior to the start of the competition. If any team member fails to use the static microphones and their words are inaudible, then the judges will deduct marks.

The team members will perform their roles in the following order:

Chairperson

When the members of the team are ready the Chairperson will stand. From this point on the Chairperson is in control of the team's performance until the performance is closed after the vote of thanks. The green light will appear.

The Chairperson has **90 seconds** to welcome the audience and to introduce the Speaker. The introduction should include the relevance or expertise of the Speaker to the subject of their speech.

An amber/yellow light will indicate there are **30 seconds** left of the allocated **90 seconds**.

A red light will appear if the Chairperson continues to speak beyond the allotted **90 seconds**.

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| Speaker | <p>The Speaker has four (4) minutes to speak on their chosen subject. The Speaker may choose any subject, subject to the approval of the organisers. Considerable discretion should be used in choosing the subject. Sensitive subjects such as party politics, race or religion should be avoided. The subject may change between stages. As the Speaker stands a green light will show.</p> <p>An amber light will indicate there is 30 seconds left of the allocated four minutes left.</p> <p>A red light will appear if the Speaker continues to speak beyond the allotted four minutes .</p> |
| | <p><u>Chairperson</u> When the Speaker has finished, the Chairperson will invite the Questioner to ask a Question.</p> |
| Speaker | <p>Before answering the question, the Speaker may seek clarification of the question via the Chairperson. The Speaker, who is the subject expert, may not consult about the question with other team members.</p> <p>The Speaker then has about two minutes to answer the question</p> <p>An amber/yellow light will show after two minutes. After the amber light Speakers should bring their response to a conclusion as quickly as possible (but please note that no time penalties will be incurred)</p> <p>Speakers are advised to respond spontaneously, without prepared sections, to obtain high marks from the judges.</p> |
| Chairperson | <p>When the Speaker has finished answering the question, the Chairperson will invite the Proposer of the Vote of Thanks to propose the vote of thanks</p> |
| Vote of Thanks | <p>The proposer of the Vote of Thanks has 90 seconds to propose the vote of thanks. A green light will appear when the Vote of Thanks stands. The Vote of Thanks should remark on both the content of the speech and the response to the question. Vote of Thanks are advised to respond spontaneously to the response to the question, without prepared sections, to obtain high marks from the judges.</p> <p>Thanks should be expressed for the Speaker, <u>not anyone else</u>. The audience should then be invited to show its appreciation of the Speaker .Any request for applause should be left until after the Vote of Thanks has been expressed, not during it.</p> <p>An amber light will indicate there are 30 seconds left of the allocated 90 seconds.</p> <p>A red light will appear if the Vote of Thanks continues to speak beyond the allotted 90 seconds.</p> |

Chairperson After the vote of thanks and applause, the Chairperson will close the proceedings .

Judges will normally retire after all the teams have given their performances, so that they can consider and mark the teams' performances. This normally takes some little time. Refreshments may be provided by the organisers at this time.

Results After the judges have determined the result of the competition, the chief judge will usually comment on the judges' observations of the competition before announcing the results.

Other Rotary Youth Competitions

This Youth Speaks competition is one of six competitions organised by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland. The others are: Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Photographer, Young Writer, Young Citizens Award and the Technology Tournament. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities please contact your local Rotary Club or check on the District website www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/homepage.php?DistrictNo=1175 .

Working with Children

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, the vulnerable and those with disability.

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.

Entry Form Details

RIBI reserve the right to retain contact details within the terms of the Data Protection Act to enable RIBI to contact and keep in touch with them as part of the Alumni of Rotary and as future potential members

Rotary District 1175 Youth Speaks – Judges' Score Sheet

Date of Competition2024

Team.....

Topic.....

| Member | Aspect | Marks | Points to be considered | COMMENTS | POINTS |
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| Chair <i>Manages the meeting</i> | Delivery | 5 | Effective use of voice, clear enunciation, easy manner, natural gestures, expression of personality, humour in the right context. | | |
| | Control of Meeting | 10 | Business-like, yet courteous handling of the meeting. Maintain a good atmosphere with a calm & courteous manner showing appropriate attention. | | |
| | Process | 10 | Welcome audience. Explain meeting structure. Introduce the team & the subject. Inform audience of relevance / expertise of Speaker to subject of speech. Act as a conduit for the question & seek clarification if required. Conclude the meeting. | | |
| Speaker <i>Presents & develops an argument and answers a question</i> | Delivery | 10 | Effective use of voice, clear enunciation, easy manner, natural gestures, expression of personality, humour in the right context. Impact on and ability to involve the audience. Show appropriate attention during the meeting. | | |
| | Subject | 10 | Content of the speech and logic | | |
| | Construction | 15 | Introduction: Get the audience to want to listen to the talk. Body of Talk: Develop the topic and demonstrate clear thinking. Use of, for example, illustrations & rhetorical questions. Conclusion: Draw threads together, summarise, give the final idea, thank the audience for listening, sit down. | | |
| | Answer to the Question | 15 | Clear, courteous answer to the question. Full but not unduly wordy. Spontaneity | | |
| Proposer of Vote of Thanks <i>Expresses the appreciation of the audience to the Speaker</i> | Delivery and Process | 10 | Effective use of voice, clear enunciation, easy manner, natural gestures, expression of personality, humour in the right context. Show appropriate attention during the meeting. Give positive comments; give a clear signal for applause. | | |
| | Content and Reference to Question | 15 | Refer to the content of the speech, picking out specific items. Invite the audience to express their appreciation of the Speaker. Comment on the Speaker's answer to the question; include originality. Spontaneity. | | |
| Teamwork | | 15 | All members of the team reacting to each other and acting together as a team | | |
| Name of Adjudicator | | | | SUB- TOTAL | |
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Signature

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| | TOTAL MARKS AWARDED | |
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