

**2023 - 2024 LIONS DISTRICT 5M13**

**SPEAK-OFF COMPETITION RULES**



**This is a co-educational contest available at three levels:**

**Grades 6-8 Grades 9 &10 Grades 11&12**

**Participants must be attending a Manitoba Department of Education sanctioned school.**

**Rules:**

* **A speaker’s resume is required for introductory purposes. Please include: name, age, grade, school, name of parent(s) or guardian, address, phone number, email, sponsoring Lions Club, hobbies, career aspirations and any other relevant information.**
* **Speeches are to be 4-6 minutes in length.**
* **A 5-point deduction for each half minute or portion thereof will be assessed if under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes.**
* **Contestants may use notes (excessive reading to be penalized)**
* **Speakers are expected to use the microphone supplied**
* **Speeches must be original, on a topic of speaker’s choice**
* **At end of each speech, questions will be posed by 2 people to the contestant, based on the speaker’s topic**
* **Order of speaking will be by assigned numbers drawn prior to contest**

**Speeches will be evaluated in four categories:**

**1. Delivery**

**2. Material**

**3. Response to questions**

**4. Language & grammar.**

**Each of the following will be scored out of a possible 10 points:**

* **Voice/modulation, enunciation, grammar/language and clarity of message**
* **Speaker’s passion for the topic, organization and pace**
* **Poise and confidence**
* **Is the response to questions adequate, logical and made in a clear & fluent manner.**

**Prizes for each age category will be:**

**1st $200**

**2nd $100**

**3rd $50**

**With Grades 11 & 12 winner having the option of a $1000 prize towards the Lions Youth Exchange Program**

**Entries to be submitted to:**

**Lion Lorna Hislop**

**Email:** [**lornahislop@gmail.com**](mailto:lornahislop@gmail.com) or **Phone 204-210-2111 by January 30, 2024. Depending on the number of participants from clubs, speakers will be advised if a zone or region speak off elimination is required for each category.**

**Final Contest will be held at the 5M13 District Convention**