



Speak Off is held at the 5M13 Mid-Winter Convention, and this is your opportunity to participate. This is a fun event and our young people never fail to amaze me with their passion and insight to this world we live in... the topics are endless.

Speak Off will **provide students** from our communities an opportunity to:

- Think about important current issues.
- Organize, present and defend their thoughts and ideas.
- Present these ideas publicly and effectively
- Develop and practice effective public speaking skills
- Build self confidence and enhance self image
- Meet and interact with peers from other areas of the District

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. (grades may be combined if necessary)

Speeches of 4-6 minutes; 5 point deduction for each half minute or portion thereof to be assessed 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 speech, two questioners will pose questions 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; pace; poise/confidence; organization; clarity of message; speaker's passion for topic; grammar/language; response to questions adequate & logical and made in a clear & fluent manner.

Entry forms are available from your local area Lions Club.

Prizes for each age category will be: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50 with Grades 11 & 12 winner having the option of a \$1000 prize towards the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

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 Mid-Winter Convention.