

RULES OF THE 14th PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

THEME: “Great artists have no country”

ELIGIBILITY

- Competitors **must hold a Chilean passport** or be a **permanent resident** in Chile.
- Competitors must be at least **16 years** of age by May 14th, 2018.
- Competitors may not have participated in previous ESU Chile National Public Speaking Competitions.
- Each school may enter a maximum of **two speakers**.

THEME

All participants should speak on the theme set by ESU London, which for 2018 is “**Great artists have no country**”.

- Speakers may interpret the theme in any way they see fit, but they must create their own title and the speech must be clearly relevant to the general theme.
- In choosing their topic, speakers should not be afraid to be provocative, hard-hitting or humorous, as long as their intention is constructive and the speech is not offensive.
- Speakers may not read their speeches, but may use very brief notes (key words on cards, for example).

APPLICATION

- The closing date for schools to confirm their participation is **Friday, March 30th**.
- The closing date for schools to confirm the names of their speakers is **Friday, April 6th**.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- Speakers will be divided into heats by the competition organisers. Each heat will have a maximum of 18 speakers.
- The organizers will decide on the distribution of the speakers among the heats by drawing lots before the event takes place.
- When two speakers represent a school, they will be in the same heat.
- Two speakers from each heat will be selected for the impromptu semi-finals, from whom four finalists will be chosen.
- The panel of judges in the semi-finals and final may be different from those in the heats. There will be at least three judges (including a questioner) for each heat and five judges and a questioner for the semi-finals and final.
- The judges' decision is final and binding.

TIMING AND SEQUENCE OF SPEAKERS

- Each speaker will be allocated five minutes. Participants who speak for less than 4:30 minutes or more than 5:30 minutes may be penalised by the judges. After 5 minutes 30 seconds speakers will be asked to finish their speech immediately.
- The timekeeper will indicate after 4 minutes 30 seconds (to indicate that 30 seconds remain); at 5:00 minutes (to indicate that the participant's time is up); at 5:30 minutes (at which point the participant must conclude the speech immediately).
- The timekeeper will record the lengths of the speeches and give these to the judges.
- Each speech will be followed by approximately two minutes of questions from the questioners and/or the judges.
- The sequence of speakers within a heat will be decided by lot prior to the competition. The sequence in the semi-final and final will be decided by drawing lots after the announcement of the semi-finalists/finalists.
- The chairperson of the judging panel will introduce each speaker, giving his or her name and the title of the speech.
- After the speaker has delivered his/her speech, the chairperson will invite questions from the questioners. Questions should be answered briefly and to the point.

IMPROMPTU SEMI-FINALS

- The timekeeper will ring a bell at 2 minutes 30 seconds (to indicate that 30 seconds remain); at 3 minutes (to indicate that the participant's time is up); at 3.30 minutes (at which point the participant must conclude the speech immediately).
- There will be no questions from the judges following the impromptu speeches.

ROOM LAYOUT

- The speaker will stand at the front of the room.
- Speakers may not use a lectern.
- For the heats, the judges' panel sit at the back of the room behind the audience.
- The timekeeper will sit at a table to the side of the room, next to the judges.
- No visual aids, microphones or props of any kind may be used by the speakers.

PRIZES

- There will be prizes for the winner, the runner-up and the third-placed speaker.
- The winner will receive an air ticket and will be provided with hotel accommodation in London. He/she will participate in the International Public Speaking Competition and in the full programme of activities organised by the ESU in London. Flight details will be organised by ESU Chile.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- School uniform may **NOT** be worn. Speakers should wear formal clothes. See Minimum Standard of Dress below
- Teachers may not prompt speakers or coach them in any way during their speeches. Non-observance of this rule will result in disqualification of the speaker.
- Each school is encouraged to bring supporters - students, teachers or parents - to accompany their speakers.

Minimum standard of dress for the ESU Public Speaking Competition

The standard of dress adopted by the contestants in the Public Speaking Competition should be in keeping with the solemnity and prestige of this national competition (NO jeans/t-shirts/trainers/ etc.) Teachers should emphasize this to their students, as points may be deducted for untidy appearance

Guidelines for Adjudicators

This is a public speaking competition conducted through the medium of the English language. It is not an English language proficiency test. While it is necessary to deliver your speech in English, and proficiency in English is an asset, speakers should not be penalized for mistakes of grammar, different pronunciations or for the occasional problem with a difficult word.

Where one speaker, having a reasonably good level of English but making a few minor mistakes, delivers a fascinating, funny and thought-provoking speech, and another speaker, who is fluent in English and speaks flawlessly, but with less interesting content and less engagement with the audience, the former speaker should win.

Marking Scheme

Subject, reasoning and evidence: 35 marks.

- The speaker should present an interesting speech of relevance to the topic and of general significance.
- The speaker's main ideas should be presented in a clear and structured way. These ideas should be supported by evidence or illustration.
- The speaker should consider alternative viewpoints to their own, but should present the audience with a definite conclusion.

Expression and delivery: 35 marks.

- The speaker should use verbal and non-verbal skills to maintain the attention and interest of the audience. Vocabulary should be clear and understandable, but imaginative and appropriate word choice should be rewarded.
- The speaker should be confident and appear in command of their subject.

Establishing credibility: 15 marks

- Good performance in the previous two sections will aid the speaker's credibility.
- In addition, the speakers should be able to guide the audience clearly through their topic, from an introduction that makes their aims obvious and the importance of their topic apparent, to a conclusion that leaves the audience in no doubt as to the purpose of the speech.
- In the main body of the speech, the speaker should develop a good relationship with the audience, responding to their reaction, perhaps engaging them with humor, and appearing genuine when conveying emotion about the topic.

Responding to questions: 15 marks

- The speaker should engage with the question which was asked and use the question to reinforce the ideas presented in their speech.
- Speakers should not attempt to avoid the question.
- The speaker should answer as succinctly as possible and should be rewarded for introducing new material, where relevant and appropriate.

Total: 100 marks

IMPROMPTU SEMI-FINALS

There will be no questions in the impromptu semi-finals, which will be marked as follows:

Expression and Delivery – 40 marks

Reasoning and Analysis – 40 marks

Organization and Prioritization – 20 marks