

CONTEST RULES

- **REGISTRATION:** All schools/groups, and students must be properly registered, in advance, in order to perform in the preliminary rounds.
- **ENTRIES:** Students are encouraged to enter either one monologue or scene and focus on that piece, and most students follow this advice. No student may appear in more than two pieces - one monologue and one scene. Students are strongly discouraged from repeating material they performed in the past.
- **WEATHER:** Every effort to reschedule for weather-based appointment cancellations will be made, but cannot be guaranteed.
- **COACHING:** Based on availability, limitations apply. See coaching section.
- **MEMORIZATION:** all pieces must be completely memorized; no prompting.
- **LENGTH OF MONOLOGUE/SCENE:** Monologues are restricted to 2-3 minute (approx. 20-50 lines) and scenes to 3-4 minutes (approx. 80 lines, but adherence to time is more important than number of lines). No performance may exceed 5 minutes.
- The judges **will call time on any piece exceeding 5 minutes** as the contest schedule must remain on time for all students to perform. We don't want to see this happen, so please ensure all pieces are well-rehearsed and timed.
- **Monologues & scenes should not be edited**, but students may begin a piece late or end it early for timing purposes. Removing one non-essential line to meet monologue minimums is permitted.
- **COSTUMES, SETS, & PROPS:** Students are encouraged to focus upon their performance and understanding of the text, so costumes & props should be kept to a minimum. No set pieces are permitted. PPT will provide one bench and two stools for students to use if wanted.
- **Absolutely NO liquid, glitter, high heels, sharp objects** or anything else that could damage the stage or set.
- **WATCHING:** Only the school/group performing and their teachers, chaperones, parents/guardians and contest judges/staff are permitted in the audience.
- **SKIP the accent!** We want to hear YOUR VOICE.
- **LAST but not least... have fun! Support your fellow participant!**