

COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition is open to all full-time secondary school students who satisfy the age criteria.
2. Dress code – students are requested to dress in their school uniforms.
3. Students who enter the competition and later find they are unable to participate will need to notify their teacher or the Regional Co-ordinator.
4. There are two age divisions:
Junior: students who are at least 11 years of age and under 15 years at 1st January 2008
Senior: students who are under 18 years of age at 1st January 2008
5. In each age division there are two speaking segments:
 - a. A prepared speech of six minutes for juniors and eight minutes for seniors, from a selection of five topics. This segment carries a maximum of 100 marks.
 - b. A short notice speech of three minutes from a selection of three topics (preparation time 15 minutes). This segment carries a maximum of 70 marks.
(Please note that a short notice speech is compulsory *only* for the State and National finals and the round immediately preceding the State final).
6. A warning bell will be sounded at two minutes for the three minute speech, at five minutes for the six minute speech and at six minutes for the eight minute speech. (At State and National finals, a card showing 1st or 2nd bell will be held up also signalling that bells have been sounded)
7. Timing begins when the contestant starts speaking and continues until the speech is finished or the contestant leaves the platform. No restart of the timer is permitted.
8. A variation in a speaker's timing in the prepared and short notice speeches is acceptable if it does not exceed 30 seconds either side of the time limit. Outside these limits, adjudicators may choose to deduct marks.
9. Guidelines for adjudicators are those approved by the Australian Rostrum Council.
10. At the State final and where possible at earlier levels of the competition, there will be at least three adjudicators.
11. The ultimate placing of each competitor is based on the aggregate of the rankings awarded by the adjudicators for that competitor.
12. The adjudicators' decision is final.

ADJUDICATION GUIDELINES

Adjudicators will assess each speech as a whole paying particular attention to *relevance to the topic* in relation to both *impact on the intellect* and *impact on the emotions*.

IMPACT ON THE INTELLECT (50% of the total marks)

This rates the ability of the speaker to achieve a clear purpose using relevant material presented in a logical order.

- Material** – scope, accuracy, clarity, relevance, logic, adequacy
- Arrangement** – introduction, body, conclusion, general construction
- Progression** – cohesion, timing, logic, development, evidence of research and preparation
- Language** – words, sentences, phrases, grammar, word pictures, figures of speech
- Appeal** – imagination, originality, wit, illustrations, highlights

IMPACT ON THE EMOTIONS (50% of the total marks)

This rates the ability of the speaker to present material so as to affect or influence the audience.

- Visual Impact** – appearance, stance, gesture, notes, use of eyes, aids
- Vocal Impact** – quality, clarity, variety, volume, pitch, use of pause, pace, pronunciation
- Empathy** – contact, understanding, acceptance, audience involvement
- Mood** – feeling, emphasis, enthusiasm, sincerity, speaker's involvement
- Appeal** – credible, entertaining, memorable, motivating, convincing

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<p>Details of the contacts for all other areas will be posted on this page as soon as they are available. In the meantime, enquiries for those areas should be referred to the Rostrum Voice of Youth State Co-ordinator.</p>			

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