

2020 HECTOR McINTOSH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The **Rotary Club of Duncan** invites students from your school to participate in the **40th Annual Hector McIntosh Public Speaking Competition**. The object of the program is to develop the art of public speaking for elementary, junior and secondary students by promoting inter-school competitions.

1. Selection

- a. Each school is to hold internal competitions to select up to **TWO representatives per category** for the semi-finals. Categories are listed in Appendix A.

Please note that the style of speech (**Persuasive or After Dinner**) is specified for each category. This change aims to make judging more objective and fair. Full descriptions of each style are found in the Appendix.

- b. School competitions may be based on in-class programs or extra-curricular programs, whichever will result in the best participation.
- c. The **Finals** will be held on **Monday, May 11, 2020**, in the Fellowship Hall of the Christian Reformed Church, 930 Trunk Rd, Duncan, BC, at **7:00 PM**. Light refreshments will be served.
- d. The Semi-Finals will be held in two locations on **April 27, 2020**.
Category 1: Queen of Angels School, 2085 Maple Bay Rd, Duncan, BC 5:30 PM
Category 2: Queen of Angels School, 7:30 PM
Category 3: Theatre, VIU Cowichan, 2011 University Way, Duncan, BC, 5:30 PM
Category 4: Theatre, VIU Cowichan, 7:30 PM

If the time or location changes, schools will be notified at least one week in advance

2. Judging

- a. There will be three to five judges who have been invited from Toastmasters, the Rotary Club, and the general public.
- b. A tie-breaking judge will be appointed. However, his/her scores will be used only in the event of a tie.
- c. A copy of the form that the judges will use as well as guidelines for judges is available on the Rotary web site.
- d. Three students from each grade grouping (category) will be selected to advance to the finals. No ranking will be given at the semi-finals.

3. Rules

- a. Speakers must speak for a minimum of 4 minutes and 30 seconds, and a maximum of 7 minutes and 30 seconds (speaker disqualified if under 4 minutes and 30 seconds; or over 7 minutes, 30 seconds).
- b. Speeches must be memorized. If notes are used, only a single 3 x 5 inch index card (both sides) is allowed.
- c. Props may be used with care not to distract from the speech itself.
- d. Speakers will **automatically be disqualified** for use of **profanity** in speech content.
- e. Winners of semi-finals **MUST** prepare a new speech for finals.
- f. Speakers will draw for speaking positions at the finals.

- g. There is no requirement to end the speech with “Madame Chair”. The audience should be aware that the speech is over by its conclusion and the fact that the speaker has stopped.

4. Timing

- a. The timing of the speech starts with the **first** word uttered by a contestant. For example, when a contestant is introduced to present his/her speech and upon arriving at the podium, he/she says "Thank you for the introduction", the timing starts with the words "Thank you". Speakers are reminded to pay particular attention to this timing rule.
- b. Timing lights will be placed in a highly visible position for the speaker. The lights will consist of a green light, an orange light and a red light and will be used as follows:

<u>Green Light:</u>	The green light will go on at four (4) minutes thirty (30) seconds and remain on for a period of one (1) minute thirty (30) seconds.
<u>Orange Light:</u>	The orange (or yellow) light will go on at six (6) minutes and remain on for a period of one (1) minute.
<u>Red Light:</u>	The red light will go on at seven (7) minutes and remain on until the speech is completed.

REMEMBER: Speeches should be between 5 and 7 minutes. Speakers must speak for a **minimum of 4 minutes 30 seconds**, and a **maximum of 7 minutes 30 seconds**. (30 seconds grace given at either end of the 5- to 7-minute range)

5. Awards

Three awards will be presented in each of the following categories:

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
1 (Gr.1-6)	\$140	\$90	\$70
2 (Gr. 7 & 8)	\$250	\$165	\$125
3 (Gr. 9 & 10)	\$420	\$275	\$210
4 (Gr. 11* & 12*)	\$1250	\$875	\$500

*Full amount will be awarded only on proof of registration at a post-secondary institution.

6. Rotary Liaison

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7. Registration

To register for the semi-finals, parents of the students selected in each school must complete the registration form. Click [here \(Register\)](#) to open the form.