

English Public Speaking Competition 2021 Rules and Regulations (Finals)

- Any participant, who does NOT log into the ZOOM link on time for the competition, Those who fail to log in on time will **AUTOMATICALLY** be disqualified.
- Participants **MUST** change their ZOOM name to the name on the registration form.
- Participants must give a speech on a wide range of topics related to sports including the Olympics spirit, fairness and e-sports.
- After judge announces the topic, they will be given time for preparation:
 - Aged 5-9: 3 minutes
 - Aged 10-12/ 13-15/ 16-18: 2 minutes
- Each participant must then deliver an impromptu speech that is:
 - Aged 5-9: 1-2 minutes
 - Aged 10-12/ 13-15/ 16-18: 2-3 minutes
- Participants are NOT allowed to receive help from their parents or teachers. Any participant suspected or found to have received help will receive points penalty.

Competition Rules:

- Participants are **REQUIRED** to have their camera turned on, and their face visible at all times during the competition (unless instructed otherwise).
- Participants **MUST** ensure their face is always clearly visible with sufficient light.
- Participants **MUST** ensure that their device is muted unless when speaking.
- Participants should ensure that their device has an adequate microphone to ensure clear sound.
- Participants **MUST** ensure a quiet environment during the competition.
- Participants should ensure a stable internet connection throughout the competition.
- Name calling or bullying is **NOT** allowed throughout the competition. See Change Education has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for this behavior.

Competition FAQ

1. What should I do if my internet connection suddenly cuts out during final? Would the time it takes to log back on be counted into my allotted time?

If your connection cuts out mid-round, log back into the ZOOM link and ask committee to assign you to your breakout room again. Your time will be paused until you rejoin your breakout room.

2. How do we know how much time is left on my turn? Would the judge provide any signal to wrap up?

The judge will provide a signal or share their screen to present a timer.

3. Would going beyond the allotted time result in a point penalty?

Going beyond the allotted time is NOT allowed. Each judge is allowed the discretion to give speaker time to wrap up. Failure to follow the judge's instruction will result in points penalty.

4. Would all participants receive a certificate?

Yes, all participants will receive a certificate.

5. I am not located in Hong Kong, how would I receive my certificate?

An e-certificate will be sent to the email submitted on the registration form.

6. Are parents allowed to observe the competition? Should I join via a Zoom link or allowed to be in the same room as the participant?

Joining via ZOOM link is recommended for observers. Being in the same room as the participants puts them at a higher risk of being suspected of gaining outside help.

7. Do we have to stay for the entire award ceremony?

We encourage participants to watch the final round as a learning experience, and stay for the award ceremony to meet peers from around the world. However, it's not compulsory for participants to stay.