

# Rotorua Speech and Drama Competition

## 22nd-23rd June 2024

Speech and Drama Syllabus

Rotorua Competitions Society (Inc)  
Performing Arts

**ENTRIES CLOSE**

**19th May 2024**

The Speech and Drama Competition will be held at:

DISTINCTION HOTEL  
ROTORUA

From Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd June 2024

## CONVENOR

Bridget Donovan - 021 132 8087

## ENTRY FEES:

\$8.00 entry fee per person **Compulsory**

\$7.00 per class

Group/Duo Dramas \$7.00 per person

## **ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 19th May 2024**

Entries must be submitted online at  
[rotoruacompetitionsociety.org.nz](http://rotoruacompetitionsociety.org.nz) or posted to:

The Convenor  
Bridget Donovan  
1 Graham Road  
Lynmore  
Rotorua 3010

## **CLASSES**

### **UNDER 8 YEARS**

200 O.S. Poem

201 Nursery Rhyme or Character in  
Costume

202 Light Verse

### **8 YEARS AND UNDER 10 YEARS**

205 O.S. Poem

206 Character Recital (Costume)

207 Light Verse

208 Impromptu improvisation (can be done in  
pairs)

209 O.S. Poem (restricted)

### **10 YEARS AND UNDER**

210 Small Group Drama (Max 7 Minutes)

### **10 YEARS AND UNDER 12 YEARS**

211 Impromptu Talk (Max 2 Minutes)

212 O.S. Poem

213 Character Recital (Costume)

214 Light Verse

215 Prepared Reading (Max 2 Minutes)

216 Impromptu Improvisation (can be done in pairs)

217 Restricted O.S. Poem

218 Bible Reading O.S. (Any Translation)

219 Reading at Sight

220 Prepared Speech (Max 2 Minutes)

### **12 YEARS AND UNDER 14 YEARS**

221 Impromptu Talk (Max 2 Minutes)

222 O.S. Poem

223 Character Recital (Costume)

224 Light Verse

225 Prepared Reading (Max 2 Minutes)

226 Impromptu Improvisation (can be done in pairs)

227 Restricted O.S. Poem

228 Bible Reading O.S. (Any Translation)

229 Reading at Sight

230 Prepared Speech (Max 3 Minutes)

### **UNDER 14 YEARS**

260 Small Group Drama (Max 7 Minutes)

261 Small Group Drama – Duo (Max 7 Minutes)

### **14 YEARS AND UNDER 16 YEARS**

- 231 Impromptu Talk (Max 2 Minutes)
- 232 O.S. Poem
- 233 Character Recital (Costume) Max 4 Minutes
- 234 Light Verse
- 235 Prepared Reading (Max 3 Minutes)
- 236 Impromptu Improvisation (can be done in pairs)
- 237 Restricted O.S. Poem
- 238 Bible Reading O.S. (Any Translation)
- 239 Reading at Sight
- 240 Prepared Speech (Max 4 Minutes)
- 254 Slam Poetry (Max 4 Minutes)

### **14 YEARS AND OVER**

- 280 Small Group Drama (Max 8 Minutes)
- 281 Small Group Drama - Duo (Max 8 Minutes)

### **16 YEARS AND UNDER 21 YEARS**

- 241 Impromptu Talk (Max 3 Minutes)
- 242 O.S. Poem
- 243 Dramatic Characterisation (Costume) Max 4 Minutes
- 244 NZ Verse/O.S. Poem
- 245 Prepared Reading
- 246 Impromptu Improvisation (can be done in pairs)
- 248 Bible Reading O.S. (Any Translation)
- 249 Reading at Sight
- 250 Shakespearean O.S. (Costume) Max. 4 Minutes
- 251 Rotorua Performer of the Year
- 252 Sonnet
- 253 Prepared Speech (Max 4 Minutes)
- 254 Slam Poetry (Max 4 Minutes)

### **TIMING GUIDELINES FOR IMPROMPTU TALKS, IMPROVISATIONS AND SIGHT READING**

Preparation time – 1 minute

Bell at 1.5 minutes and then again at 2 minutes (under 16 yrs)  
and at 3 minutes for 16 yrs and over.

Timing stated by class are guidelines only and should be adhered to as closely as possible but unless a competitor is well over then they should not be penalised. However timing is a crucial component for **PERFORMER OF THE YEAR** and penalties will apply.

### **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARED SPEECHES**

Prepared Speech can be on any topic. Contestants may use cue cards. Props are not required. Timing stated by class is a guideline and should be adhered to as closely as possible. A warning bell will ring 30 seconds before the time limit.

### **GUIDELINES FOR SLAM POETRY**

Slam Poetry must be memorised and a hard copy provided to the adjudicator before the category commences. The poem can be original works or from another poet. Maximum of 4 mins in length. Poets should recite their poems from memory. No props, costumes, pre-recorded/taped music, or musical instruments while performing. It's just you on stage. The Performer is allowed to sing or beat box or make any other sounds with the body in the performance.

**ROTORUA PERFORMER OF THE YEAR 2024**  
**CLASS 251**  
**CRITERIA FOR SPEECH AND DRAMA PERFORMER AWARD**

- A. Competitors shall be 15 and under 21 years at 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2024.
- A. Each competitor shall present a programme 13 to 15 minutes duration of a contrasting nature marked out of 80.
1. One prepared prose of 3 to 4 minutes duration which may be read or memorised.
  2. One item of poetry.

3. One characterisation.

4. Each competitor shall introduce the programme and provide a linking commentary. This should be in extempore style.

A. Each competitor shall give a two-minute Improvisation. The adjudicator shall select the topic. Thirty seconds of preparation time will be allowed. The improvisation will be marked out of 20.

A. A penalty of five marks will be imposed if the minimum time limit is not met, or the maximum time limit is exceeded by 30 seconds or more.

Please refer to the PACANZ website for full details of the National Young Performer criteria and competition details.

## **RULES**

Competitors should read these rules carefully.

### **1. ENTRY**

Entry is to be online and submitted before the closing date. No changes in the title or substance of any item as stated on the entry form will be permitted after programme printing.

Group Dramas must have a group drama entry sheet completed per drama.

### **2. AGE LIMIT**

The competitor's age shall be reckoned as at 1 May 2024. If called upon to do so the competitor concerned shall produce a birth certificate at the time of entry or subsequently.

### **3. CLOSING DATE**

Entries must be completed by 5.30pm on Sunday 19th May 2024. No late entries will be accepted.

### **4. DEFINITIONS**

a) AMATEUR: The competitions are open only to bona fide amateurs except where a class is specified in the syllabus as "Open". An amateur is one whose income is not substantially derived from his or her talents in the sections in

which he or she competes. Prize money won in similar competitions does not affect the amateur status.

b) **OPEN:** Such class is open to all persons of any age, whether amateur or professional.

c) **RESTRICTED:** This class is open to any person who has not previously won a first prize in a similar class at any previous competitions festival in New Zealand, whether Junior, Intermediate or Senior.

## **5. COMMITTEE'S POWERS**

The committee shall have the sole right of determining the status of any competitor and of determining and applying the rules and conditions of the society. It has the sole right to decide any matters arising in connection with, or out of, these competitions. Its decisions on all questions shall be final and conclusive. In general, the Committee shall decide any questions of eligibility or otherwise arising out of these rules and may, in any case decline to receive an entry. For a breach of any of the conditions in the syllabus by any competitor or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the entrant, the Committee may take steps as it deems suitable by way of disciplinary action.

## **GENERAL**

The submission of any entry by or on behalf of any person implies acceptance of the conditions laid down in the syllabus and of any other conditions attached to any specific class therein. The receipt of any entry in good faith by the Society's office does not imply acceptance by the society of responsibility for regularity or compliance with the conditions relative to such an entry. The Committee shall have the power to combine or cancel classes if there are insufficient entries or to divide classes where entries are excessive.

## **6. CONDUCT AND OBLIGATIONS**

a) **ORDER OF PERFORMANCE:** Competitors names appear in the programme in the order that will be called. Competitors must report to the Stage Manager at least 10 minutes before the stated time of the class. Except with permission given under special circumstances any competitor not ready when called may be liable to forfeit the right to compete. Competitors in sight reading and impromptu classes will be kept in a separate room until called by the Stage Manager. Competitors leaving the room without permission will not be allowed to compete.



b) **ADJUDICATORS:** No competitor who has been tutored and/or coached by a judge of that section during the two years preceding the competing will be allowed to compete in that section. If any competitor, teacher or other interested person prior to or during the competition communicates with any judge, the competitor concerned or affected may be disqualified. This rule does not apply to committee members in the course of their duties. Interviews arranged by the Secretary shall not cause disqualification provided that no improper communication be made there at. The Committee reserves the right of appointing additional or substitute judges if necessary.

c) **PROMPTING:** No prompting of any kind may be rendered during a performance except by the Adjudicator, and except for Character Recital/Group Drama which may be prompted from the wings as in theater. This rule will be enforced.

d) **STAGE:** No person shall appear on or at the side or back of the stage until so directed by the Stage Manager or other official acting under their discretion.

e) **PERSONAL POSSESSIONS:** Competitors must ensure the safe-keeping of their personal property. The Society will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to property.

f) A Respectable dress standard for competitors is expected.

## **7. OWN SELECTIONS**

A copy of the material relating to own selections in any section headed with the class number must be handed to the Adjudicators Assistant at the commencement of the class on competition day. This material may be collected at the end of a session except in the case of recalls where they may be collected after the recall has been heard. Own selections cannot be changed. Time is limited to 4 minutes, except where otherwise stated. The judge may stop or bar any performance of an objectionable nature.

## **8. CERTIFICATES AND PRIZE MONEY FOR CLASSES**

a) Unless otherwise stated in the syllabus – medals and prize money will be awarded as follows:

Award Certificates will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing and commended, highly commended and very highly commended.

Prize money for individual performances: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$10.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$8.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$5.00

Prize money for Group Drama and Improvisation (more than two competitors): 1<sup>st</sup>

Place \$40.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$30.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$20 Prize money for Duo Group Drama and Improvisation (two competitors) 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$10  
NB: These amounts may be altered at the Committee's discretion. In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> placing, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize money will be added together and shared by the winners. If there is a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> placing, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place money will be shared by those tying.

Where a sponsor is supporting a particular class or classes, the sponsor's monies will be allocated accordingly. The adjudicators may withhold at their discretion, a first or any prize money.

All placings receive a certificate and are also assessed for Cup and Trophy points where appropriate. Prize money accompanies some of these awards.

b) Adjudicators Reports: Only competitors, their parents/caregivers or teachers may obtain the Adjudicators report. Unclaimed reports will be held for one month after the end of the competitions then destroyed.

c) Unclaimed certificates and reports will only be forwarded if a stamped, addressed envelope is left with the Convenors.

**9. New Zealand Young Performer of the Year Award** for Speech and Drama (PACANZ)/ Class 251 Rotorua – Performer of the Year. 2025 is a PACANZ year for Speech and Drama.

**10. Taking Photos & Videos of Competitors** - Please only take photos and/or videos of your own child/ren. You must have the competitors or parents/guardians' permission to take photos or video of competitors.