



RADNOR YFC

Rules

Public Speaking

Friday 10th November & Saturday

11th November 2023

- Junior Public Speaking
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- Senior Mace Debating

SENIOR MACE DEBATING COMPETITION

Friday 10th November 2023

RULES

1.	VENUE Friday 10th November 2023, The Lion Hotel, Rhayader
2.	ELIGIBILITY A team shall consist of three members, each of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to Radnor YFC. Competitors will be required to show their digital membership cards. Failure to produce a card will be noted by the steward. Signing in sheets will be checked by office staff the following week and if a member has competed without signing up online or paying Radnor YFC, their club will be fined membership price of £30 plus £10 at total of £40 per non member.
3.	SUBSTITUTION If more than half of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent Wales.
4.	PROCEDURE The team will comprise of a Chairman, one principal speaker for the Proposition and one speaker for the Opposition. The team will be split so that the three members will operate with three different teams. Debating subjects will be provided fourteen days prior to the competition. The Chairman and Debaters must be available to meet each other at least twenty minutes before competing time, to enable the Chairman to prepare his/her introductory notes. Points of Information These are central to the interactivity of the debate and demonstrate ability to engage in arguments (approx 25% of the team's marks are for listening and response) These cannot be made during the first and last minute of the main speeches or during the summary speeches, this time is known as protected time. Points of Information are included in the time limit. Rebuttal Addressing the other side's arguments during your own speech is known as rebuttal. The aim or rebuttal is to undermine the opposition's case and leave your own case looking stronger. Rebuttal can be at any time during the speech but make sure the audience and adjudicators are clear that you are addressing the others sides arguments. The Vote shall be taken by a show of hands. The Chairman shall announce the result of the Vote and declare the meeting closed. <u>TERMS DEFINED</u> Protected Time: · The first minute and the last minute of each main speech

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · All of the Summary Speeches are protected · Protected time signalled by Chair <p>Unprotected time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · After the first minute and before the last minute of a main speech · Unprotected time signalled by Chair <p>Rebuttal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Addressing the other side’s arguments during your own speech is known as rebuttal · The aim or rebuttal is to undermine the opposition’s case and leave your own case looking stronger · Rebuttal can be at any time during the speech but make sure the audience and adjudicators are clear that you are addressing the others sides arguments <p>Points of Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · These are central to the interactivity of the debate and demonstrate ability to engage in arguments (approx 25% of the teams marks are for listening and response) · These cannot be made during the first and last minute of the main speeches or during the summary speeches, this time is known as protected time. · Points of Information are included in the time limit
5.	<p>TIMING –</p> <p>Chairman: <i>(Max 2 minutes for opening section only – time penalties will incur if over time)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair is responsible for inviting speakers to deliver their speech, thanking them and calling on the next speaker, calling on audience members <i>(maximum 5 minutes)</i> to make points during the floor debate and maintaining good general order. Taking the vote (show of hands – those for the motion, those against and any abstentions) and concluding the debate. • The chair is also responsible for time keeping, giving audible signals indicating when a speaker is in protected time (1 minute at the beginning and end of each speech) or unprotected time (middle section of each speech) and indicating when a speaker’s time is up. The chair should record the length of each speech and give the timings to the judges after the debate. • 30 minutes planning time before competition – Chair needs to gather information from each participant, so they can be introduced correctly and see if can gather any information about what they are planning to cover. <p><u>Proposer</u> <i>(Max 6 minutes – time penalties will incur if over time)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the motion the Chair gives

- Outlines the arguments the proposition will make towards the motion
- Set up the debate in terms of what the proposition wants to debate
- If the opposition interject with a point of information (POI) the speaker has to choose whether to accept it or not. If accepted listen to the POI and respond and then continue with your speech as though the POI never happened
- Ensure keep within time, any Points of Information will be included in the overall time of the speech
- Proposer summary speech (*max 4 minutes – time penalties will incur if over time*)

Opposer

(Max 6 minutes – time penalties will incur if over time)

- Rebut the arguments made in the First Proposition speech
- Outline all the arguments to be made by Opposition
- Make a substantive case for the opposition instead of just denying what the proposition have said
- If the proposition interjects with a point of information (POI) the speaker has to choose whether to accept it or not. If accepted listen to the POI and respond and then continue with your speech as though the POI never happened
- Ensure keep within time, any Points of Information will be included in the overall time of the speech
- Opposer summary speech (*max 4 minutes – time penalties will incur if over time*)

6. **SCALE OF MARKS**

CHAIRMAN

Expression & delivery	5
Organisation & prioritisation	5
Accuracy of timing	10
Overall control of debate	10
Total	30

PROPOSITION –

MAIN SPEECH

Expression & delivery	10
Organisation & prioritisation	10
(includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	

Reasoning & evidence	10
Listening & response	10
Total	40

OPPOSITION –

MAIN SPEECH

Expression & delivery	10
Organisation & prioritisation	10
(includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	

Reasoning & evidence	10
Listening & response	10
Total	40

OPPOSITION SUMMARY SPEECH - SUMMARY SPEECHES

Expression & delivery	5
Organisation & prioritisation (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	5
Reasoning & evidence	5
Listening & response	5
Total	20

PROPOSITION SUMMARY SPEECH - SUMMARY SPEECHES

Expression & delivery	5
Organisation & prioritisation (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	5
Reasoning & evidence	5
Listening & response	5
Total	20
TOTAL	150

GENERAL**NO CLUB MAY WITHDRAW AFTER SUBMITTING THEIR ENTRY FORM**

The adjudicator's decision will be final.

Radnor YFC reserve the right to amend or cancel any of the foregoing rules.

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Saturday 11th November 2023

RULES

1.	VENUE – Wales YFC Building, Royal Welsh Welsh Show Ground
2.	ELIGIBILITY A team shall consist of three members, each of whom must be 16 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to Radnor YFC. Competitors will be required to show their digital membership cards. Failure to produce a card will be noted by the steward. Signing in sheets will be checked by office staff the following week and if a member has competed without signing up online or paying Radnor YFC, their club will be fined £40 per non member.
3.	SUBSTITUTION If more than half of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent Radnor.
4.	PROCEDURE The team shall consist of a Chairman, Speaker and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room. The procedure will follow that of a normal meeting. Fifteen minutes before his or her team is due to compete; the Chairmen will be introduced to the speaker. The Speaker will provide written notes giving the subject chosen and personal background (e.g. school, special interests, YFC membership, Club Offices held, activities within the Club, etc.). These notes to be written on the card provided and handed to the Chief Steward at the beginning of the competition and will be available for the Chairman and Judges. The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer a question put by the Proposer. The Judging panel <i>may</i> also ask questions. The chairman will invite the judges to put a question(s) to the speaker who will respond. The Proposer will be seated in the body of the hall. He/she will take up some point in the Speaker's address, comment, agree or disagree and ask one pertinent question on the subject matter of the address. He/she will give the Vote of Thanks to the Speaker after all questions have been dealt with. No communication, written or verbal between any of the team members, or the audience, will be permitted, and to do so will result in immediate disqualification . Competitors may take notes FOR REFERENCE on to the platform as long as these notes are written on POSTCARDS. However, excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used by teams while on the platform, except for visual aids intended to add to the understanding of the subject by the audience.
5.	TIMING Chairman(opening)-2 minutes Speaker - 6 minutes Proposer of Vote of Thanks (question)- no time limit Proposer of Vote of Thanks (thanks) - 1 minute and 30 seconds. Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time by any member of the team. The judges may also deduct marks if the timings are below half of what is expected.
6.	SCALE OF MARKS SPEAKER Presentation of speech and ability to speak 20 Content of speech and Knowledge of subject 20 Answer to questions 10

	TOTAL 50 CHAIRMAN 30 PROPOSER OF VOTE OF THANKS 20 TOTAL - 100
7.	GENERAL This Competition will go forward to The Wales Final at the Royal Welsh Showground on the 24 th March 2023. The adjudicator's decision will be final. Radnor YFC reserve the right to amend or cancel any of the foregoing rules.

INTERMEDIATE BRAINSTRUST
Saturday 11th November 2023
RULES

1.	VENUE – Wales YFC Building, Royal Welsh Showground
2.	ELIGIBILITY A team shall consist of four members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to Radnor YFC. Competitors will be required to show their digital membership cards. Failure to produce a card will be noted by the steward. Signing in sheets will be checked via office staff the following week and if a member has competed without signing up online or paying Radnor YFC, their club will be fined £40 per non member.
3.	SUBSTITUTION If more than half of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent Wales
4.	PROCEDURE The team shall consist of a Chairman and a panel of three members. The draw for order of appearance will be made prior to the day. All competitors must be present 20 minutes before going onto the platform; the Chairman will be given a choice of sealed envelopes. One will be chosen which will contain six question topics, three of a general nature and three on rural affairs, from which he/she will select three for discussion by the team. One question must be selected from each section plus one other. The Chairman will have no prior communication with the team about the questions he/she has selected to be discussed. No written communication on the topics to be discussed may be given to the Panel or any use of a mobile phone at any time. The penalty will be automatic disqualification. The Chairman will be responsible for introducing the panel to the audience, putting each question to the panel, summarising their answers, concluding the meeting, timing, control of the panel and coverage of each question. The competition should be treated as a formal meeting. Competitors may make their own notes FOR REFERENCE on the platform, but excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used while on the platform. Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.

