



## Rules

1. **DATE AND VENUE** – The County Final will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the YFC Centre.
2. **REPRESENTATION** – Groups may enter 2 teams
3. **ELIGIBILITY** - A team shall consist of **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 14 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
4. **SUBSTITUTION** - **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**
5. **PROCEDURE**
  - 5.1. The title of the book (including ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks prior to the day of the competition Final.
  - 5.2. The team of three members will be required to read aloud a passage selected and provided by the Judge, in English and in front of an audience.
  - 5.3. The passages to be read will be given to finalists by the Chief Steward **on the day of the final.**
  - 5.4. A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition.
  - 5.5. All teams will be held in the preparation room until it is their turn to compete to avoid an unfair advantage as all teams are reading the same text. Therefore, competitors and their trainer will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing.
  - 5.6. Competitors have the choice to read from the book or from the card provided or from an electronic device such as a Kindle supplied by the competitor.
  - 5.7. The Chairmen to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book.
  - 5.8. Each member of the team (including the Chairman) will be required to read a different passage from the book, but each team will read the same set of passages as the other teams.
  - 5.9. Teams will be given 30 minutes before they compete to read through the passages with their trainer in the preparation room.
    - 5.9.1. Members may read through their given passages in the preparation room.
    - 5.9.2. Books are allowed in the preparation room beforehand.
    - 5.9.3. One Trainer per team is allowed into the preparation room.
  - 5.10. 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.
6. **TIMING**

Chairman (opening) **2 minutes**

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time.

Members reading will not have an allocated time.

7. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Chairman – Introduction	<u>15</u>	<b>15</b>
<b>READING OF PASSAGE</b>		
Teamwork/Overall Presentation/Appearance	<u>15</u>	<b>15</b>
<b>READER 1:</b>		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	<u>10</u>	<b>30</b>
<b>READER 2:</b>		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	<u>10</u>	<b>30</b>
<b>READER 3:</b>		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	<u>10</u>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total marks</b>		<b><u>120</u></b>

8. **AWARDS**

The winning team will be presented the Junior Reading Salver, with place cards being awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams

9. **NOTES**

- 9.1. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams
- 9.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 9.3. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing – no jeans!)

**The Winning team will represent Devon at the South West Areas Competition Weekend**