



After Dinner Speaking (28 & Under)

RULES

Competition Aim

To encourage members aged 28 or under to work as a team to plan and deliver an engaging and entertaining after dinner speech.

Learning outcomes

Preparation, confidence, effective listening, communication, presentation, timing, audibility skills and originality and knowledge of the subject.

1. **DATE AND VENUE** the County Final will be held on Saturday 29th January at the Amory Building, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6JH at 6.00pm
2. **REPRESENTATION** Groups may enter one team
3. **ELIGIBILITY**
 - 3.1. A team shall consist of five members, each of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2021 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.
4. **SUBSTITUTION**
 - 4.1. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the Group Final.
5. **PROCEDURE**
 - 5.1. The team shall consist of a Chairman, Speaker (who will propose the main toast), Respondent to Speaker, Proposer to Visitors (propose a toast to the visitors) and a Respondent to respond on behalf of the visitors.
 - 5.2. The Chairman will address the diners and introduce the Speakers in order of appearance.
 - 5.3. The teams will be split so that the Chairman, Respondent to Speaker and Proposer to Visitors will come from Team A, and Speaker and Respondent on behalf of Visitors from Team B.
 - 5.4. Teams will be notified **four weeks prior to the competition** of their Toast for the evening. Toasts in the National Final will be provided by NFYFC. In Area Rounds, the Area Committee will provide the Toasts.
 - 5.5. Teams will be given the opportunity of meeting to exchange notes 30 minutes before appearing on the platform.
 - 5.6. 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. **SCALE OF MARKS AND TIMING**

Chairman (Introduction)	20	2 minutes
Chairman (Overall Role)	10	Not timed
Speaker	50	6 minutes
Respondent to Speaker	50	6 minutes
Proposer to Visitors	35	4 minutes
Respondent on behalf of Visitors	35	4 minutes
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>200</u>	

- 6.1. Judges will take into consideration originality, presentation of speech, humour, timing, audibility, knowledge of subject, use of notes and dress.
- 6.2. Time deductions are 1 mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time by any member of the team, apart from the Chairman whose speeches throughout (apart from their Introduction) are not timed.

7. **NOTES**

- 7.1. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.
- 7.2. These rules should be read in conjunction with the After Dinner Speaking 'How-To' guide available from NFYFC
- 7.3. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams
- 7.4. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 7.5. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing – no jeans!)

Late Withdrawal of Entries

No deposits will be required from Group teams prior to the County final.

However, withdrawals or cancellations made less than 4 weeks before the day of the final will result in an administration charge of £25.

AWARDS

The NFU Cup will be presented to the winning team, the South Devon Farmers Cup to the Best Boy and the East Devon Hunt Cup to the Best Girl.

The three highest teams will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize cards respectively

The Judges will pick the team going forward to represent Devon at the South West Area Competitions Weekend.