

**NATIONAL YOUNG PERFORMER AWARDS
2021 CRITERIA FOR SPEECH AND DRAMA**



- A. Competitors shall be 15 and under 21 years as at 1st October 2021
- B. Each competitor shall present a programme of 13 to 15 minutes duration of a contrasting nature, marked out of 80.
1. One prepared prose of 3 to 4 minutes duration
 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
 5. The use of Props and/or Costumes is optional.
- C. Each competitor shall give a two-minute Improvisation during the preliminary round. The adjudicator shall select the topic. Thirty seconds of preparation time will be allowed. The Improvisation shall be marked out of 20 marks.
- D. 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.
- E. There will be a semi final of up to eight competitors who will repeat their full programme as stated in B. Semi-finalists will repeat their full programme, as set out in B. Competitors will be chosen based on marks in the Preliminary round(s)
- F. For the Final Awards Concert three competitors will be recalled and shall repeat their characterisation together with either their poetry or prose as chosen by the competitor.

SOCIETY NOMINATION

Each Society, which is a financial member of PACANZ, may nominate up to two competitors, who shall be selected by the adjudicator, based on a performance as outlined in A-D (above).

The adjudicator will determine that a competitor has displayed a sufficient standard of performance to competently represent that society at the National Finals.

The standard required will be at the absolute discretion of the adjudicator but will include;

- A demonstration of adequate preparation
- An authority of performance
- A performance with a level of maturity commensurate with a national final competition of this age group.

If the adjudicator considers that sufficient standard has NOT been reached by any competitor, then NO nomination will be made.

The Nominating Society is responsible for paying part of the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards, which is \$75.00 incl gst.

The Nominee is responsible for paying their portion of the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards, which is \$175.00 incl gst.

DIRECT NOMINATION

If the adjudicator considers that more than two competitors have reached a sufficient standard, the adjudicator may report to the committee that those competitors should be given the option of a DIRECT NOMINATION.

The DIRECT NOMINATION competitor will be responsible for paying the full entry fee, which is \$250.00 incl gst.