



HTSA Tamil Speech / Thirukkural Competition - Rules and Regulations

Registration:

- Students must be registered to participate.
- Only registered students will be allowed to participate in the competition. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure their children are registered by the set deadline.
- Only students who are currently enrolled in the Tamil language classes are eligible to participate in the Speech Competition.
- Parents are to ensure students have their term fee(s) paid by the deadline of the speech competition registration.
- Speech competition will take place on a date according to the calendar.
- Students can be registered at school on the available registration form.
- Scripts are based on Students' mainstream school academic year groups and NOT by the Tamil school classes/year groups.

Competition Day:

- The competition will be conducted by the BOA and the Team formed by the BOA for coordinating the Speech Competition.
- Semi-finals will be conducted by potential judges for those over-subscribed year groups and these judges' decision(s) will be taken as final for results.
- Students will give their speeches in front of the judges and the present parents and children.
- Students are not allowed to bring in index cards or their speech to the stage.
- Parents cannot accompany students on the stage.
- Participants are not to receive any aid/support from anyone in the audience while giving their speech. In any such case, the participant will be disqualified.
- Only judges can prompt when a student is struggling to proceed with the speech.
- Parents are allowed in the hall to see their children's speeches.
- Parents are not allowed to walk in/out during the speeches and cause any distraction to students and the judges.
- Students who are absent on the day will not be included the competition
- Participants are expected in cultural and Tamil traditional attire.

Scoring/Results:

- Judges decisions are final in the scoring/selecting the winners.
- Winners' names will be posted on HTSA Website following the competition.
- Assigned tabulators will compile the results
- Parents or BOA members cannot be involved in the scoring or cannot help/influence the Judges decisions in any manner.
- Names of students who get 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be posted on website.

Complaints/Suggestions:

- Complaints/issues/suggestions can be raised with the BOA via the HTSA complaint management procedure on the day. The issues will be dealt with and addressed following the end of the competition. Any urgent issues can be raised with the BOA in a private location not interrupting the competition.
- See the HTSA Complain/Suggestion procedure for making any complaint/Suggestion.