

Section 1. Telugu Elocution Divisions

The contest will have two (2) divisions of competition.

DIVISIONS:

Grades 1-5

Grades 6-8

Section 2. Participants

This category is to be considered “Open” for individual participants, members, desiring to participate in elocution

Section 3. Awards

- A. Computation of scores in each round and for overall score will be determined by the total score of all judges.
- B. Three (3) Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places of the entire competition in the finals if we have more than three participants in each competition category. If not, event coordinators will notify prior to competitions on # of prizes.
- C. If prelims will be conducted then the top 5 participants will perform again in finals. The event coordinators will inform if there is prelims.
- D. The announcement of awards shall be as soon as possible after the last competition in the program.

Section 4. Telugu Elocution Contest Format

- A. All contestants will be given overview of the contest format and rules
- B. All Contestants will be called into the competition room together.
- C. The event shall be conducted in a format appropriate to the total entries. The event coordinators decision is final in case of total entries did not meet minimum criteria for any competition category.
- D. There will be 3 winners selected in each category (Grade 1-5 & Grade 6-8) and identified for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.
- E. All the winners must present in the award ceremony to collect their prizes and there is no exchange of prizes allowed.
- F. All the winners list will be published in organizers website after the competitions.

Section 5. Telugu Elocution Rules

Elocution topic will be selected by the participant from the choices given by the coordinator.

- A. There should be one round in prelims each contestant will be asked to present their elocution topic.
- B. There will be 3 finalists selected from Prelims in both Jr category (Grade 1-5) and Sr category (Grade 6-8).
- C. In the event of tie, Judges will conduct additional round(s) until they shortlist the required finalists as mentioned above.
- D. There will be 10 minutes time limit for each participant. The final decision on the winners will be taken by Judges and Contest coordinators.
- E. The rules are subject to change by Contest coordinator and Judges prior to event. All the rules will be notified to all contestants prior to competition begins.

Section 6. Being Ready

Contestants must be ready to participate when scheduled and/or called or shall be scored no show with zero (0) placement for that category.

Section 7. Judging Criteria.

A panel of judges (2-3) consisting of either Telugu instructors, Telugu professionals, or Telugu experts with competition experience shall be used. All judges agree to judge in an impartial manner. Any conflict of interest shall be reported to and resolved by the contest coordinator.

Judging will be done on a “Relative Placement System”. Final placement will be determined by judges and ***judge’s decision is Final.***

The following judging criteria will be used for Telugu Elocution shall be scored as follows:

1. Judging will be done based on,
 - a. Beginning and Conclusion of the topic.
 - b. Content of the topic
 - c. Body language and stage fear
 - d. Modulation and Expression
2. Each Contestant will be given 1 to 5 points for each of the above category.
3. There are no negative points.
4. The contestants are not allowed to use any reference books, or internet devices or phones during the competition.