

BALALA SAMBARALU 2022: VOCABULARY COMPETITION RULES

Section 1. Telugu Vocabulary Divisions

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

DIVISIONS:

Grades 1-4

Grades 5-8

Section 2. Participants

This category is to be considered “Open” for individual participants, members, desiring to participate in vocabulary. Contestants will be judged based on the number of Telugu words that they answer correctly for given English words.

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 Vocabulary Contest Format

- A. All contestants will be given overview of the contest format and rules, and announcement of music selections prior to beginning of the competition. In the event a music selection is found to violate the rules, a suitable replacement will have to be provided by contestant.
- 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 1-4 & Grade 5-8) 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 Vocabulary Rules

The English words asked in Vocabulary will be selected by the Judges and Contest Coordinator of their choice in both divisions.

- A. There should be minimum of three rounds in prelims as well as Finals and each contestant will be asked unique English word in each round of competition.
- B. There will be 5 finalists selected from Prelims in both Jr category (Grade 1-4) and Sr category (Grade 5-8).
- C. In the event of tie, Judges will conduct additional round(s) until they shortlist the required finalists as mentioned above. There will be Antonyms, Singular<-->Plural, Proverbs in addition to English word.
- D. There will be 20 seconds time limit to respond Telugu vocabulary word for each contestant after Judges ask English word. 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 Vocabulary shall be scored as follows:

- 1. Each Contestant will be given one (1) point scored for right answer in each round.
- 2. There are no negative points in case of wrong answer.
- 3. The contestants are not allowed to use any reference books, or internet devices or phones during the competition.