

# LOWER SCHOOL LITERARY MEET

## Grades 1-5

### Lower School Literary Meet Rules and Information

1. Participating schools will be notified of the registration time on the day of the Meet. Any school, or individual student, that does not arrive to register on time will be disqualified. Cancellations cause tremendous disruptions in the schedule of performances and unfairly penalize students who arrive prepared to compete. The Student Activities Committee will carefully review future registrations of any school who registers to participate, then demonstrates a disregard for cancellations.

#### NOTICE:

A SCHOOL WHO REGISTERS TO ATTEND (AND THEN CANCELS THE ENTIRE SCHOOL'S ATTENDANCE) MUST NOTIFY THE SCISA OFFICE OF THEIR CANCELLATION NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30th. FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE SCISA OFFICE OF A CANCELLATION WILL RESULT IN A \$100 FINE.

2. On the day of the Literary Meet, an individual, group, or school that is a "No Show" becomes a forfeit, NOT a "Bye".
3. THE POINT SYSTEM: In order to determine the Literary Meet overall winners, five points will be earned for each 1<sup>st</sup> place award, three points earned for each 2<sup>nd</sup> place award, and 1 point for each 3<sup>rd</sup> place award. Overall winners will be awarded based on points earned for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
4. A timekeeper with a stopwatch will be provided in each event in which there is a time limit to be observed. The timekeeper shall keep an accurate account of the time the contestant/event is consuming. The timekeeper shall not serve as a judge.
5. In any event in which the contestant(s) exceed(s) the time limit or fail(s) to reach the minimum time, the contestant(s) shall be penalized two points for each fifteen second period or portion thereof.
6. All timekeepers are required to post the time allotted and time consumed on all score sheets.
7. 1-3 judges will be provided for all events. The judges will have a written copy of the rules concerning the judging of that event.
8. The presiding official or judge(s) in any event will not by word of mouth, gesture, or any other change of expression, or in any manner indicate approval or disapproval of the manner in which a contestant presents material.
9. No portion of the Meet may be videoed, or audio taped.
10. If requested, score sheet/evaluation forms will be returned (BY MAIL) to the attending school faculty coordinator. If you wish to have evaluation forms returned, you must furnish SCISA with a self-addressed Priority Mail envelope with proper postage (\$5.60) affixed.
11. Each school may have only one contestant in each division of the following.
12. A student is limited to participation in only one (1) event.
13. All participants will be informed at the registration tables of the starting times for the events. A student who does not arrive for his/her event at the appropriate time will not be allowed to compete.
14. At the Meet, participants will be identified by a number. All schools will be issued a school identification number prior to the meet. Name tags will be distributed at registration on the morning of the meet. Only the student's name and school ID number are permitted on the name tag.
15. Contestants are not allowed to have cell phones, laptops, or any electronic items with them while participating in any event.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Storytelling

(No audience)

1. The contest will have a second grade and a third-grade division. There will be a separate contest for boys and girls in each division.
2. A school is entitled to enter a total of four contestants in the story telling contest. A school may enter one boy and one girl from the second grade, and one boy and one girl from the third grade.
3. The Literary Meet coordinator will appoint a duly qualified person to act in the capacity of storyteller.
4. The students who are entered in the contest shall be assembled in a room near the area in which the contest is to be held thirty minutes before the contest is scheduled to begin.
5. All contestants will be given pre-drawn positions. The storyteller shall then tell or read a short story to the group of contestants.
6. Contestant number one shall then be admitted to the presentation area and shall tell the story in his/her own way. When contestant number one has finished, contestant number two shall be admitted to the presentation area to tell the story, and so on until all the contestants have delivered their stories. Contestants shall take no more than four minutes to tell their story.
7. No one will be allowed in the contestant performance area except the judges and SCISA officials No school official, no parent, and no observers.
8. The Literary Meet coordinator of the contest shall disqualify any contestant who delivers a story other than the one presented by the storyteller.
9. The storyteller shall tell the story to the contestants only once.
10. No contestant shall receive prompting of any kind. No contestant is allowed to take notes during the presentation by the storyteller. The contestant is supposed to make up the plot in his/her own way if he/she forgets it.
11. A qualified critic judge may be used, or an odd number of judges may be chosen on the basis of competence and impartiality.
12. First, second, and third place winners in each division shall be announced and receive awards. The judges shall not be permitted to hear the story as it is told to the contestants.
13. To prepare, teachers should use stories from any good children's books and practice with students to stay within the four-minute time limit.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Poetry Recitation

1. The contest will have a fourth and fifth grade division. There will be a separate contest for boys and girls in each division.
2. A school is entitled to enter a total of four contestants in the poetry recitation contest. A school may enter one boy and one girl from the fourth grade and one boy and one girl from the fifth grade.
3. This is a memorization and students will be judged in three areas: memorization, diction, and interpretation. Theatrics and props are not to be used. Interpretation should emphasize voice and words with appropriate gestures which do not detract from the presentation of the poem. Singing is also prohibited.
4. Poems for both 4th and 5th graders will have between 20-30 lines. The material selected should be of good literary value, in good taste, and appropriate for the contest.
5. Contestants shall have pre-drawn positions.
6. Audiences will be permitted (as space allows) but no one will be allowed to enter or leave the area while a recitation is in progress. The judges shall be in complete control of the contest.
7. Student may be prompted twice. Points will be deducted for prompting. If a student requires a third prompting, they will be seated.
8. Each participant must bring **two (2)** copies of their poem to the competition. (Remember: copies will not be made by CSU)
9. A trophy will be presented to first, second, and third place.

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