

Code of Conduct for Competition

- **Participants will —**
 - treat the occasion, each other, and the adjudicators with respect;
 - respect the rules of the competition, particularly relating to the impromptu;
 - accept the adjudicator's decision.
- **Participants will not —**
 - disrupt or distract from another's speech or the adjudicator's comments;
 - use offensive language or behaviour;
 - make denigrating comments on the basis of age, culture, gender, sexuality, disability, religion, family; or
 - harass their opponents or the adjudicator.
- **Adjudicators will —**
 - treat the outing in a formal and professional manner;
 - limit their adjudications to 10 minutes, and make constructive comments to assist; and
 - be sensitive when commenting upon physical or physiological disabilities;
- **Adjudicators will not —**
 - allow bias or personal knowledge to influence their decisions.
- **Teachers and the audience will —**
 - hear the speakers in reasonable silence; and
 - encourage and foster a spirit of fair play and good sport.
- **Teachers and the audience will not —**
 - harass speakers and adjudicators before, during or after the competition.
- **Coaches will —**
 - Conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times;
 - Notify Coordinator of any possible conflict between their role as coach and their involvement in any Vida's Voices activity.
- **Coaches will not —**
 - Communicate with any representative with the purpose of intimidating them or challenging them in the fulfilment of their role.
- **Participants will —**
 - request and receive permission from all participants, the adjudicators, and the Host School Coordinator, and Vida's Voices Project officer before recording any speech in whole or part
- **Participants will not —**
 - use mobile phones to make or receive calls or send text messages during a speech