



## 2010 13th ANNUAL SKILLS MANITOBA COMPETITION CONTEST SCOPE

**CONTEST NAME:** PREPARED SPEECH

**CONTEST NO:** 85

**LEVEL:** Secondary Level - 2 competitors per school allowed

**CONTEST LOCATION:** Red River College – Notre Dame Campus

**CONTEST START TIME AND DURATION:**

Orientation will take place immediately following opening ceremonies (approximately 9 a.m.) at which time each competitor will submit four hard copies of his/her speech. Competitors will be given opportunity to observe other on-site competitions. Formal Speech Competition begins at 11 a.m.

**PURPOSE OF CHALLENGE:**

The Conference Board of Canada has identified the skills needed to enter and progress in the world of work – whether it is self-employment or working as a part of a team. One such skill area is effective oral communication including the ability to do the following:

- write and speak so others pay attention and understand
- listen and ask questions
- share information
- use relevant technological knowledge and skills to explain or clarify ideas

The prepared speech competition is designed to encourage and enhance the development of these skills in making career choices. The challenge provides the opportunity for competition to prepare and present a speech and to construct answers in a clear and concise manner.

**SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE TESTED:**

Competitors will demonstrate these abilities:

- Capture and hold the attention of the audience within the 5 to 7 minute time frame.
- Present thoughts in a clear, coherent and well-constructed format on the assigned topic
- Deliver a clear message (main idea, argument, opinion or position)
- Speak easily with confidence
- Use non-verbal skills (body language and gestures) to assist in expression
- Be expressive by varying voice in pitch, tone, tempo and volume
- Observe other skills and trades competitions for the purpose of gathering information
- Think quickly and answer unseen questions clearly with conviction within the one minute and thirty second time limit per question.

## **TOPIC: “Skilled Trades and Technology Careers: the Connections to Canada’s Future”**

Competitors should reflect on this topic “**Skilled Trades and Technology Careers: the Connections to Canada’s Future**” creatively ensuring that they maintain a focus and consider the content implied by the topic. Students are expected to express themselves clearly while capturing the attention of their listening audience. During the orientation session, each competitor must submit four copies of his/her speech to the committee chair.

### **LENGTH OF PREPARED SPEECH:**

- The speech shall be at least five (5) minutes in length, and will not exceed seven (7) minutes.
- Fifty (50) points will be deducted from the final score (i.e. the combined total score of 1000 points from all judges) for each minute or portion thereof under the minimum time or in excess of the maximum time.
- There will not be a warning light or sound to indicate time allotment. Competitors should develop the skill to monitor the length of their presentations.
- At the end of the speeches, presenters will be asked two questions. Competitors will have exactly one minute and thirty seconds to respond to each question. Twenty (20) points will be deducted from the final score for exceeding the one minute thirty seconds specified. One of the two questions will relate to the other skills and trades competition observations made during the time between the orientation and the speech presentations.

## **POINT BREAKDOWN/1000 TOTAL:**

### **CONTENT /300**

#### Point breakdown:

- Ideas and information; related to and focused on the assigned topic (150)  
This portion may be scored with the aid of the hard copies submitted at the time or orientation
- Organization: logical and focused structure (100)
- Opening of Speech: lead into topic, creating interest (25)
- Closing of Speech: summary and conclusion (25)

### **DELIVERY /500**

#### Point Breakdown:

- Mechanics: diction/grammar/pronunciation (50)
- Effectiveness: convincing/coherent/interesting/descriptive language (150)
- Eye Contact (50)
- Non Verbal: gestures/mannerisms/body language (50)
- Voice: pitch/tone/tempo/volume (50)
- Poise: confidence (150)

### **QUESTIONS /200**

(100 per question)

#### Point Breakdown:

- Clarity/to the point (100)
- Conviction/Knowledge of topic (100)

## **EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED BY COMMITTEE:**

A lectern will be provided.

**EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED BY COMPETITOR:**

Use of cue cards/notes is optional. No electronic equipment or other props will be permitted. Clothing should be appropriate for a formal presentation. Competitors must not identify their school, community, or their names during the competition and the delivery of their speeches. 10 points will be deducted from the final score of 1000 points for violation of this regulation.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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