



# 美東中文學校協會

*Association of Chinese Schools*

## The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Association of Chinese Schools The Foundation of Pei Chi Chou

### General Rules of Chinese Speech Contest (CSL Group)

**Host:** Chinese Language School of Greater Hartford

**Time :** 2:40pm Saturday May 27 2017

**Location:** Hilton Hartford, 315 Trumbull Street, Hartford, CT 06103

**Registration Deadline :** April 16 2017

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Students are assigned into two groups – Intermediate Group for students age 9-12 on 8/31/2017 and Advanced Group for students age 13-18 on 8/31/2017.
2. Students who are currently enrolled in any of our affiliated Chinese Schools are eligible to participate.
3. Students who have previously won the first prize are NOT eligible to register for the same contest.
4. Students must meet one of the following three criteria to be eligible for participating in CSL contest: (a) Family members are not able to use Chinese to communicate. (b) Neither of student's parents are native speakers. (c) Students are currently enrolled at CSL program in Chinese school.
5. Students who are currently enrolled or previously enrolled for more than 3 years in Traditional Track in Chinese school are not eligible to participate in CSL contest.
6. Each Chinese school is responsible to review the eligibility of their students. Students have to obtain the signature of school principal on the registration form as proof of eligibility.
7. Each Chinese school can only register one student for each group.

**Speech Time Length Limit:** 1 min. 30 sec. ~ 3 min.

#### **Order of Appearance:**

Please arrive and check in 30 min before the contest. Students will draw lots to decide the order of appearance and should be seated in order.

#### **Topic:**

Students can decide the topic for their speech. Any form of plagiarism is strongly forbidden.

#### **Judges:**

We invite five judges who are experienced with speech contest and not affiliated with any schools.

#### **Scoring Items and Weight:**

Pronunciation (25%), Tone (25%), Content (25%), Stage Manner (15%), Time Control (10%)

#### **Scoring Rules:**

1. Each judge score students with 1-10 for each item. We calculate the score with weight, and the sum would be the final score. Each judge will create one rank of list. After obtaining all lists, we sum up the rank number of each student, and create a final rank of this contest.
2. During the contest, the contest assistant will time the speech. The score of "Time Control" will be reported immediately after each speech. Students get full score of 10 if the speech timing is between 1 min. 30 sec. to 3 min. One score will be deducted for every 10 sec shorter or longer than the above period.
3. Challenges should ONLY be requested by the school team leader during the competition. Any challenges requested after the contest is not considered. The school team leader is responsible to provide the reasons for challenge. Judges will make the final decision after group discussion. Once the final decision is made, challenge related to the same issue is not allowed.

#### **Reward:**

1. The contest result will be released right after the contest, and students will receive the award at the closing ceremony. In addition to the top three awards, all participated students are awarded with certificate.

Awards for top three students:

- a. First Prize: \$150 with certificate and trophy
  - b. Second Prize: \$100 with certificate and trophy
  - c. Third Prize: \$80 with certificate and trophy
2. Under the circumstance that only four students register to compete in one group, we award top 2 students with prize, certificate and trophy.
  3. Under the circumstance that fewer than four students registered to compete in one group, we only award certificate for each student.

#### **Registration Fee:**

\$40 per student. We ONLY accept checks for registration. Please make the check payable to ACS, and note "ACS2017 speech contest" on the check.

#### **Registration:**

Please register online at the Google Form on ACS website. The registration team will send back the completed form within 48 hours, printed registration form, check and ask the principal to sign, together with the registration fee by **April 16, 2017** sent to:

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