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General Rules...

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Correspondence

- *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* uses email and whatsapp correspondence.
- *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* uses the WhatsApp platform as a primary method of communication to the users registered on the *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* website. It's important to use the same primary contact number consistently across your registration, payment and entry forms to ensure proper communication and validation of your details. By providing your phone number and opting in, you consent to receive communication from *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* via WhatsApp. This communication may include important updates, competition schedules, promotional offers, and other information related to your purchases or inquiries.
- You acknowledge and agree that:
- You are voluntarily sharing your WhatsApp contact information with *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* for the purpose of receiving such messages.
- You can opt out of WhatsApp communication at any time by replying "STOP" or contacting us at info@oppietongaf.co.za
- Message and data rates may apply depending on your mobile carrier and plan.
- ·*Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* will not share, sell, or distribute your personal information to any third party. Your information will be used solely for communication between you and *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue*.
- ·*Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* will never request sensitive information (such as passwords or payment details) via WhatsApp. Please verify all competition links originate from our official domain before clicking.
- By proceeding, you confirm that you are the authorized owner or user of the WhatsApp number provided and that you consent to be contacted by *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* through this channel.
- *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* will also make use of email correspondence using the email address provided as a registered user on this platform. *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* takes no responsibility for email addresses that are captured incorrectly by the user.
- It's important to use the same primary contact email address consistently across your registration, payment and entry forms to ensure proper communication and validation of your details. Always check your spam or junk email folders for correspondence from us. *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* cannot be held responsible for emails that are filtered or redirected by your email settings or service provider.
- Queries are encouraged, we have an open door policy. Do not hesitate to ask.

Enries

- All entries are paid for and completed via the the *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* website's online entry platform. (under the compeptition enties tab)
- No email entries will be accepted.
- No entries will be accepted if the entry forms are not completed in full. If your topic is outstanding by the time of entry, ensure that all topics reach *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* at least two week before the scheduled competition date.
- **School bulk entries:** Schools may email us their invoicing details and the number of entries. We will gladly issue an invoice for payment by electronic bank transfer. Schools must still complete the online entry form with all the required entry details.
- Ensure that you enter under the correct categories. All categories are available on the *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* website under the Competition Categories tab.
- No entry fees will refunded for incorrect category entries. Fees will not be refunded should an entry not comply with the Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue rules. These fees will, in this instance, be regarded as a donation towards the project.
- Group Orators consist out of four members only. Ensure that all the participant details are captured when submitting the entry form.
- Individual entries are limited to a maximum of four entries per individual.
- **Please note** that entry fees apply for preliminary and semi-final competition rounds. The annual National Final event is free of charge.
- Competition entry fees are available on the *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* website under the Competition Entry Fees tab.

Competition Format

- *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* offers a combination of "live" online and in person participation.
- A preliminary round and a semi-final round will be hosted for each province. All preliminary and semi-final rounds will be hosted on a "live" online competition platform.
- **No prerecorded videos will be accepted.**
- The annual National Final event is an in person event that will be hosted in Gauteng.
- In the prepared categories, participants must deliver the same speech throughout the competition. They may not use a new speech when progressing to the next round.

Disqualification

- A participant has been adjudicated by a friend, family member or coach.
- Two or more participants or groups perform the same speech.
- Individuals or groups are not online throughout the session, until the session has been concluded.
- Participants have made use of video recordings or voice notes during live performances (National Final). Failing to adhere to this rule will result in disqualification of the entire participating school.
- In Unprepared categories: guidance from parents, coaches or teachers will not be permitted. Unprepared speecjes should reflect the work of the participant. Breaching this rule will lead to the disqualification of the entire participating school.
- Participants that disrespect the authority of the Oppie Tong Af/On The Tip Of Your Tongue organising team by disrupting sessions or demanding changes to the programme..

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Categories

- Participants are permitted to compete in multiple categoeries.
- One speech with the same content will **not be permitted** under multiple sections or under different language categories. Participants are not permitted to translate content and use the same speech in an Afrikaans and English category. Unique speeches should be presented under multiple category entries.
- A new year means fresh content. Speeches should be original and the same speech cannot be entered the next year.
- No unprepared questions will be asked in prepared categories. The adjudicators will only evaluate the speech category.
- Unprepared Persuasive Category for Group orators and Individual participants (Afrikaans & English): Open to participants in Grades 5–12 only. Participants in Grades 1–4 are not eligible to enter this category.
- Golden Tongue Category (Afrikaans & English): Open to participants in Grades 3–12 only. Participants in Grades 1–2 are not eligible to enter this category.
- Topics for the Unprepared and Golden Tongue categories may not be shared, disclosed or communicated to other participants at any stage of the competition.
- Creative and pure language is encouraged.
- Foul language is not permitted nor tolerated.
- *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* does not limit participants to speech themes. Participants that speak to change their world, their country and immediate environment will be promoted.
- Categories will be adjudicated as follow:

Preliminary round:

All categories will be adjudicated on the level (grade) of the participants.

Semi-final and National final round:

The following categories will be adjudicated on the level (grade) of the participants:

Afrikaans: Oorredingstoespraak Voorbereid will be adjudicated on the level (grade) of the participants.
English: Individual Persuasive Speech will be adjudicated on the level (grade) of the participants.
Afrikaans: Oorredingstoespraak Spanredenaars Voorbereid will be adjudicated on the level (grade) of the participants.
English: Group Orators prepared will be adjudicated on the level (grade) of the participants.

The following categories will be adjudicated under the categories grade 1-3, grade 4-5, grade 6-7, grade 8-9, grade 10-12:

Afrikaans: Motiveringstoespraak Voorbereid
English: Motivational Speech Prepared
Afrikaans: Vermaaklikheidstoespraak Voorbereid
English: Entertainment Speech

The following categories will be adjudicated under the categories grade 3, grade 4-5, grade 6-7, grade 8-9, grade 10-12:

Afrikaans: Die Goue Tong
English: The Golden Tongue

The following categories will be adjudicated under the categories grade 5, grade 6-7, grade 8-9, grade 10-12:

Afrikaans: Oorredingstoespraak Individueel Onvoorbereid
English: Individual Persuasive Speech Unprepared
Afrikaans: Oorredingstoespraak Spanredenaars Onvoorbereid
English: Group Orators Unprepared

Adjudication

- All live online sessions and annual National final sessions will be adjudicated by two competent adjudicators who are aligned with the objectives of the *Oppie Tong Af/On The Tip Of Your Tongue* project.
- Participants receive valuable verbal feedback from the adjudicators at the end of each session. We encourage speakers to stay online until the session has concluded.
- No verbal feedback will be given at the annual National final event.
- Each participant will receive an individual written feedback form via whatsapp at the end of the day on which they presented their speech.
- Adjudicators will not provide results to participants, regardless of the round.
- The adjudicator's decision remains final.

Participation

- Respect the online platform.
- Keep microphones muted during the sessions. Only switch on your micophone on when you are directed to do so by the chair person.
- We aim to provide a professional online platform. Speaking out of your turn will not be tollerated.
- If your video is visible, keep movements to the minimum to avoid distracting fellow participants.
- *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tonge* will not be held responsible for poor internet connections or power interruptions.
- All participants must be dressed in school uniform. Only the *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* badge is permitted to be worn. No achievement pins or colours are allowed. The dress code for homeschoolers is smart casual.

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Programmes

- The programmes for each competition will be compiled after each entry closing date.
- *Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue* organisers are authorised to make changes to the programme.
- We aim to send out the programmes three weeks before the competition event starts.
- Participants are responsible for following up by contacting Oppie Tong Af/On The Tip Of Your Tongue by email or WhatsApp if they have not received a programme.
- If a scheduled time has been missed the participant will be marked as absent. Unfortunately there will be no second opportunity in this instance.
- Requests to change dates must be sent by email only, at least one day before the scheduled participation. *Oppie Tong Af/On The Tip Of Your Tongue* will respond if it is able to accommodate the request.
- Unfortunately no changes can be made to the Semi-Final and National Final programmes.
- If you are scheduled in the programme, you are not permitted to swap or replace your scheduled time with other speakers without the organising team's approval.
- **Take note:** If an allocated speaking time is changed, outside of an age group or category, the speaker/s will not be taken into consideration and will not be invited to the next round or the National final round.
- Should a participant not attend the session's technical test as it it indicated on the programme, unfortunately no further technical support or advice can be shared.
- Once the technical test has been completed, the session will begin with the participants who are logged in and ready.
- Speakers will be called to speak in the order as indicated on the programme.
- Once all the speakers logged into a session have delivered their speeches, the adjudicators will give verbal feedback and the session will close, regardless of the ending time indicated on the programme. Please note that the start and end times listed for sessions are guidelines only.
- Participants are responsible for checking the programme at least one day before their scheduled participation in case of any minor changes.
- Session IDs and passcodes are listed in the programme.

Advancement

- After each competition, a list of participants that are invited to the next round will be published on the *Oppie Tong Af/On The Tip Of Your Tongue* website under the Competition Results tab.
- ***Oppie Tong Af/On The Tip Of Your Tongue* will consider the overall percentage achieved in each category in each province, the adjudicators' recommendations and the number of entries received in each category to determine the category standard and identify the top speakers to be invited to the next round.**
- **Semi-Final Round:** Participants invited to the semi-final round will be notified by email and WhatsApp. Failure to complete the semi-final entry form and make payment by the stated deadline will result in forfeiture of their place in the round.
- **National Final Round:** Participants invited to the National final round will be notified by email and Whatsapp. Failure to complete the R.S.V.P. by the stated deadline will result in forfeiture of their place in the National Final event.
- **All speakers invited to the National Final are required to attend the prize-giving ceremony. Speakers who fail to attend, or leave before the formalities have concluded, will automatically forfeit their placing at the national level.**

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