

2020 Washington State Chinese Language and Talent Competition

Frequently asked questions:

Q1. Why there is a new rule in the individual language-related competitions for promoting Class B contestants to Class A and Class C to Class B?

- A. The individual language-related competitions include Poetry Recitation 詩歌朗誦, Story Telling 說故事, and Public Speaking 演講. **Class B and Class C** in these competitions are reserved for contestants who communicate well in Chinese but carry an accent or still find the oral presentation a challenge. In the past, we had a number of contestants whose language skills were much higher than expected signed up for Class B or Class C. To better reflect the contestants' language skills, we will promote those who are over-qualified for Class B to again compete in Class A and Class B to Class C. The scores they earn in Class B or Class C will be voided. Please be sure to check the promotion list at the administrative office after completion of the event. If you don't know which class to register, please consult with your Chinese language teacher or email cltc@littlemastersclub.org.

Q1.1 I mistakenly signed up my daughter for the Class A category when she should be Class B, as she is non-heritage. Would you be able to modify this and confirm back with me?

- A. Just as a clarification, the Competition Class is based on the contestant's individual language ability (not based on the contestant's family background or birth of origin). Just because your daughter is non-heritage, doesn't mean she should automatically sign up for Class B. Also, please note that the judges have the right to promote students whose Chinese language skills are much higher than expected for Class B or Class C to again compete in Class A or Class B and the scores that they earned in Class B or Class C will be voided.

Please read the Rules & Regulations documented on our website at <https://www.littlemastersclub.org/cltc/Public/Articles/cearticle.aspx?theme=maroon&path=/talent/guidelines&content=ceguidelines> and make your choice accordingly.

Q2. How can contestants participate in multiple events when it appears there are schedule conflicts? For example, the China Knowledge Bowl and the Public Speaking event.

- A. Starting from 2020 Competition, each contestant can only register for up to 3 categories of contests, including both team and individual items. In order to finish all the competitions in one day, unavoidably some of the categories must overlap. However, that doesn't mean the contestants are limited to compete. The general rule of thumb is that if there is more than one event scheduled for the same time, report **first** to the team competition. If there is more than one team competition scheduled at the same time, use this order: 1. China Knowledge Bowl 中國常識搶答, 2. Talent Show 才藝競賽, 3. Singing 歌唱比賽, 4. Group

Poetry Recitation 團體組詩詞朗誦. and then Chinese Language Arts 口語才藝競賽. After the team competition completes, report to the room assigned for the individual category. Example, to participate in both the China Knowledge Bowl and Public Speech, finish the China Knowledge Bowl (which is scheduled from 8:30am – 9:00am) first, then contestant will join the Public Speech event(which is scheduled from 9:00am – 9:50am). If you need to leave early for another competition, please be sure to let the event facilitator know. You will be put on to perform as soon as it can be arranged.

Q3. Is there a category for individual Chinese singing 歌唱比賽 for middle to high school students? In the Rules section, it implies that individuals may participate, but there is no such category in the drop-down box for individual middle/high school students. Also, it states that there is no limit to the number of students in the team competition. Does that include 1 person? I am going to register my student for the team singing category as a team of one.

A. Starting in 2015, individual constants can use the “Individual” bottom on the “Registration” page to sign up for those competitions such as Chinese singing 歌唱比賽, Talent Show 才藝競賽, or Language Arts 口語才藝競賽 that require one or more than one person in a team to compete. The awards will be given to the top three individuals AND also the top three teams.

Q4. I have registered on line for my son to the talent show section 才藝競賽 but there is not an option to add a helper for background percussion music. How I can do that on line and do I need to pay for the helper too?

A. When you register for Talent Show, there is a place for you to add more than one person to a team. In your case, the “helper” is counted as a team member and should be a K-12 student. Or you can record the background music and upload it to assigned link. The competition is \$10 per person per category signed. For one performer and one “helper,” the registration fee is \$20 in total.

Q5. I am a student in Middle School. I have a concern about the Chinese Knowledge Bowl 中國常識搶答. Last year, I signed up to do it. My team and I studied and studied for it, but the written test had nothing to do with the things we studied on the packet. The test talked about news about China. I was just wondering if the test is about what's on the packet?

A. All the written questions last year were from the study guide. Only the tie breaker questions (5 in total) were related to the current event and not from the study guide. The tie breakers are counted only when there are two teams with the same score competing for the

8th position, however, there was no such case last year. Please note that although all questions were from the study guide, they were paraphrased, and hence did not look exactly like the information from the study guide.

Q6. We have registered for the team competition of poetry recital 團體組詩詞朗誦. For this competition, do we choose any poetry freely or there is a list of poetry that we should use for competition?

- A. Each team in the group poetry recitation competition needs to recite two pieces: one assigned and one self-selected. You can find the assigned poem at our website at <https://www.littlemastersclub.org/clatc//Public/Articles/cearticle.aspx?theme=maroon&path=/talent/guidelines&content=ceguidelines>. Also please read the regulation for your competition at our website at <https://www.littlemastersclub.org/clatc//Public/Articles/cearticle.aspx?theme=maroon&path=/talent/guidelines&content=ceguidelines>, so you don't miss out the important information.
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Q7.1 The past two years, my son and three other friends have done the group poetry recitation together. This year, two of them are 6th graders and two are 5th graders. Could they all compete in the middle school group? Could they compete in Knowledge Bowl 中國常識搶答?

- A. 1. In a mixed group, we used the oldest kid's age to determine the grade level they compete.
2. Yes, they can compete in the knowledge bowl in the Junior High School level.

Q7.2 Our group have 7 kids, 1 is 4 years old, 1 is 5 years old, 2 are 8 years old, 2 are 9 years old, and 1 is 12 years old. The 12-year-old one is in 6th grade, but in her school district 6 grade is still in elementary. So which group we should register? Grade 3 -5? or Grade 6-8? (this is middle school group)

- A. Accordingly to our regulation, in a mix-aged group (such as in your case), the age group you enter is based on the "oldest" member of the group (in your case is the one in the 6th grader).

Although your 6th grade is still in elementary in her school district, but to be fair to everyone else, you should still sign up for the "Middle School" division.

Q8. When will I know the result of the competitions?

- A. The awards ceremony will be held on the same day as the competition, beginning at 2:30PM at **Chief Sealth International High School's** auditorium. Unless noted otherwise, the top three performers in each category, division, and class will be awarded

with trophies as well as scholarships (\$50 for individual, and \$100 for the team competition) at the ceremony. The winning certificate issued by OSPI will be mailed to the administrative office of your registered school.

Q9. Will there be food served at the site?

- A. For your convenience, there will be a food stand on site run by the community volunteers offering lunch selections, snacks, and drinks at a reasonable price. There will also be a resting area for the contestants and parents to wait and relax. Please feel free to bring family and friends to come and join the audience.
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Q10. May I come to observe?

- A. Of course. The event is open to general public free of charge. Please drop by anytime. The first competition begins at 9:00am, the last 2:30pm. The award ceremony follows right after at 2:30pm.
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Q11. I am a Chinese teacher who plans to participate in the 2020 Washington State Chinese Language and Talent Competition. However, I still do not know that topic for the Public Speaking competition. In order to better prepare my students for the competition, I would like to know what the topic for the Public Speaking competition is.

- A. Thank you for participating in the competition. In order to ensure fairness and equality for all contestants, the topic for the Public Speaking contest will be announced to all contestants on January 1st, 2020.
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Q12. I am a student who has registered for the Singing competition. I have uploaded a piece of accompanying audio, but how do I know that it is acceptable for the competition?

- A. All uploaded audio files must be examined by a professional. The main requirement for uploaded audio is that it cannot contain any singing from the main vocalist. More specifically, the requirements are
1. For soloists, the audio cannot contain any singing from the main vocalist but may contain accompanying singing.
 2. For groups, the audio cannot contain any singing from the main vocalist, as well as any accompanying singing unless the accompanying singing only occurs during the chorus. If the song is split into parts, then the accompanying audio cannot have accompanying singing.