



PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

WUDC MÉXICO 2018

I. General aspects

1. The Public Speaking Competition at WUDC México 2018 aims to be innovative and different from anything done before. Speech times will vary in each round and new mechanisms for choosing and presenting topics will be introduced; the competition will become bilingual to incentivize the participation of native Spanish speakers as well as second and foreign language Spanish speakers willing to do so. We firmly believe that Public Speaking Competitions should function as a tool for debaters inside and outside debating rooms to express themselves better, learn to transmit emotions, convey messages and/or to have a space for relaxation and pure fun.

2. Registration

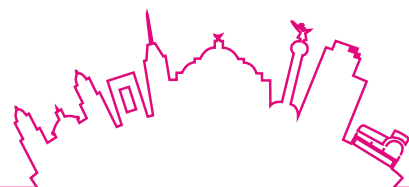
- a. The deadline to register for the Public Speaking Competition is December 27, 2017. The preliminary registration form can be found here <https://goo.gl/forms/GTgJsaHH47nyiJHB2> or at <http://www.wudc2018.mx/>

3. Participants

- a. The Public Speaking competition is open to all participants registered at WUDC 2018, including debaters, adjudicators, and volunteers. The speech presentations will be individual.

4. Speeches

- a. The order will be randomly determine but will be announced before the round starts.
- b. If necessary, speeches will be held simultaneously in different rooms
- a. During rounds with designated prep time, the use of internet or electronic devices is strictly forbidden.



- b. There will be a volunteer showing participants the number of minutes left. At the end of the speech, there will be two claps (just like at the end of a debate speech).
- c. Speeches can be held either in Spanish, English, or a combination of both. Participants must announce their preferred language before their speech.

5. Evaluation

- a. Speeches will be evaluated by at least three judges. In case a participant wishes to make his/her/their speech in Spanish, the panel will be composed of bilingual judges.
- b. Each speech will be graded in terms of:
 - i. Speech Development
 - ii. Effectiveness
 - iii. Speech Value
 - iv. Body Language
 - v. Voice
 - vi. Style
 - vii. Vocabulary
 - viii. Pet words/phrases
- c. The score granted to each speaker will be determined by the summation of points given in the former categories.
- d. Judges are responsible for handing in their evaluation sheets, which will be filled out individually and impartially.
- e. In case there is a tie between speakers, this will be resolved by the average of their previous scores.

6. Disciplinary code

- a. Participants must act accordingly to the WUDC México 2018 Code of Conduct. In the event that a participant makes a reference considered offensive, the case will be analyzed by the Equity Committee and the Academic Team. If deemed necessary, the partic-





ipant will be disqualified from the Public Speaking Competition.

II. Rounds

1. Round One

- a. Participants may speak about a topic of their choosing. Participants may have several days to prepare their topic.
- b. The speech must be one minute long. Participants will have a grace period of 10 seconds in order to complete their ideas.
- c. Depending on the number of registered participants, the number of speakers advancing to the second round will be 32.

2. Round Two

- a. The topic will be randomly assigned. There will be six categories containing six topics each.
- b. The time for each speech will be randomly assigned. A speech may last between 45 and 120 seconds.
- c. Speeches are impromptu, participants will only have 30 seconds to prepare the speech for the topic they have been assigned.
- d. Depending on the number of registered participants, 16 will advance to the semifinals.

3. Semifinals

- a. Each speech must last 2 minutes. There will be a grace period of ten seconds. Speakers will only have 30 seconds to prepare once their topic is announced.
- b. Only the best 7 speakers will advance to the final round.

4. Final

- a. The topic will be given to the speakers 10 minutes before the round starts.
- b. The speech must be between 4:30 and 5:00 minutes long. There is a 10 second long grace period in order for them to finish their final thoughts.

