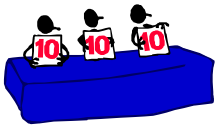


# TYD FOUNDATION Poetry Slam Guidelines



## Scoring

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There will be five qualified judges. Each judge will receive a set of scoring cards, one with whole numbers (1-10) and one with decimal numbers (.1-.9). *Here's an example of possible scores: 1.9, 5.3, 10, 10 and 10.* The highest and lowest scores are dropped, leaving a possible total score of 25.3 points.



## Categories & Prizes:

| Categories   | Prizes  |
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| 3-5th grade  | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place |
| 6-8th grade  | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place |
| 9-12th grade | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place |

### **A team may comprise**

- 2 to 5 students
- students from different grades within a specified category

### **Prizes**

- Trophies, ribbons or monetary awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams
- All participants will receive a certificate and a chance to be published.

**Bout:** There will be one bout.

Only one team per school will be allowed to perform. Select two to five students to represent your school or organization. Your team may comprise students of different grades from a specific category listed above i.e. an elementary team may have a third, fourth, and fifth grader.



## Rules

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1. Poems must be original.
2. **Absolutely no profanity is allowed.**
3. No props!
4. This is a performance, not a reading. Choreographed movements and other unique expressions are encouraged.
5. Each contestant must submit a completed Registration form signed by a parent/guardian to participate. Download forms at [www.tydfoundation.org](http://www.tydfoundation.org)
6. Performances should not exceed **four minutes** or points will be deducted.
7. Participants **must** submit a written copy of the poem they plan to perform two weeks prior to the poetry competition. Short 50 word bios are also encouraged (Possible bio questions- Who are you? Who are your favorite authors, books, movies, etc? What's your favorite thing to do? How has poetry helped you in school and in life?). Team photos will be taken before the slam begins.
8. Students who attend the slam **must** be accompanied by a teacher, parent or coach.

Register early! Time slots are only available for the first 6 teams in each ES, MS, HS category.

**Deadline for Registration:** March 31, 2010

**Deadline for Poetry Submissions:** April 9, 2010

Fax: (817) 306-1648

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## Check-in

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1. One hour prior to slam - 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Coaches only**
- 3. Official, full name of school**
- 4. Verify all poetry team members who are present**

When: April 23, 2010

Where: I. M. Terrell Elementary School 1411 East 18th Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102