

Special Rules for Queensland Japanese Speech Contest 2021

1. Divisions

The Divisions for the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest are:

1. High School Senior Division
2. Open Beginner Division
3. Open Division
4. Background Speaker Division (including Yrs. 11 & 12)

The Queensland Japanese Speech Contest will be held in conjunction with Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest organised by the Gold Coast Branch of the Modern Language Teachers' Association of Queensland and the Gold Coast campus of Griffith University. The winners of the **high school senior division** and the **Open Division** will progress to the National Finals in Sydney.

Entry rules for the High School Senior Division are as follows:

- Gold Coast students: Students must first enter the Year 11 or 12 level of the Gold Coast competition. First and second place winners from this competition will re-present their speeches for the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest.
- Students from other speech contests: First and second place winners in Year 11 and Year 12 from other face-to-face speech contests in Queensland held prior to 25 July will join the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest and re-present their speeches. Students who are unable to enter another speech competition prior to this date may enter the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest directly.

In this division, 1st and 2nd places will be awarded for both Years 11 and 12 for the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest, but only one grand champion will be selected from these to progress to the National Finals, which will be held on 12 October 2021 at the Japan Foundation, Sydney.

Although questions will be asked in the normal Gold Coast divisions, they are no longer asked in the National Speech Contest, so will not be asked in the Queensland finals in order to save time. Students must participate in their own division first or enter through the Gold Coast division.

The subject, content and form of the speeches are left open to each contestant. Contestants must write an original speech on their own chosen topic. Entrants who have competed in previous contests may not use the same speech (this includes the title and content) presented in previous years.

2. Subject of speech:

The subject, content and form of the speeches are left open to each contestant. Entrants who have competed in previous contests may not use the same speech (this includes title and content) presented in previous years.

Length of Speech (Time Limit):

High School Senior Division: 2.5 - 3 minutes
Open Beginner Division: 2.5 - 3 minutes
Open Division: 4.5 - 5 minutes
Background Speaker Division 4 – 4.5 minutes

3. Eligibility:

High School Senior Division

This Division is open to students in Year 11 and 12. Contestants must fulfill all the following conditions to be eligible for the High School Senior Division:

- Contestant's background language is not Japanese
- Contestant may be studying Japanese as a Language other than English (LOTE) Contestant has not spent more than 24 months in Japan after reaching the Japanese compulsory education starting age
- Contestant has not completed more than 2 academic years of Japan's compulsory education, either in Japan or at any Japanese school overseas
- Contestant has not been the first prize winner of a previous Australian Japanese Language Speech Contest in this division

Open Beginner Division

This Division has been created especially for beginner students of Japanese, and is open to individuals aged 17 or above, who are no longer high school students. Contestants are encouraged to express their views, ideas, thoughts, or stories using language within their capabilities and with which they feel confident. Contestants must fulfill all the following conditions to be eligible for the Open Beginner Division:

- Contestant's background language is not Japanese
- Contestant has not spent more than 12 months in Japan before starting primary education
- Contestant has not attended school in Japan or Japanese school overseas anytime between entering primary school and completing high school
- Contestant has not studied Japanese at any time from Year 5 or above, in primary school or high school
- Contestant may have studied Japanese at a tertiary institution or language school, or privately for up to 300 hours
- After completing high school, contestant has not spent more than a total of 3 months in Japan, either as a visitor or as a student on a study abroad program or similar. Any time spent in Japan will not be counted towards the 300 hours mentioned above unless contestant has taken Japanese language classes during that time.
- Contestant has not been the first prize winner of a previous Australian Japanese Language Speech Contest in this division

Open Division

This Division is open to individuals aged 17 or above who are no longer high school students. Contestants must fulfill all the following conditions to be eligible for the Open Division:

- Contestant's background language is not Japanese
- Contestant may be studying Japanese as a Language other than English (LOTE) at a tertiary institution or privately
- Contestant has not spent more than 36 months in Japan after reaching the Japanese compulsory education starting age
- Contestant has not completed more than 2 academic years of Japan's compulsory education, either in Japan or at any Japanese school overseas
- Contestant has not been the first prize winner of a previous Australian Japanese Language Speech Contest in this division

Background Speaker Division

This Division is open to individuals in Year 11 or 12 (of any age) at high school, or individuals age 17 and above. Contestants must fulfill all the following conditions to be eligible for the Background Speaker Division:

- Contestant's mother and/or father's first language is Japanese
- Contestant may be studying Japanese as a Language other than English (LOTE) at a school, tertiary institution or privately
- Contestant has not spent more than 24 months in Japan after reaching the Japanese compulsory education starting age
- Contestant has not completed more than 2 academic years of Japan's compulsory education either in Japan or at any Japanese school overseas
- Contestant has not been the first prize winner of a previous Australian Japanese Language Speech Contest in this division

4. Judging criteria & judges:

The marking system is as follows:

- **Content 50% (structure development, originality and uniqueness, message impact, justification, engagement)**

- **Language 30% (grammar and expression, language variety, pronunciation and intonation)**
- **Presentation 20% (delivery, memorisation and fluency)**

- The speech must be the original work of the contestant. The degree of assistance given by teachers or by Japanese native speakers should be limited to no more than correcting grammatical errors or making minor alterations for the sake of continuity
- Props (e.g. puppets, objects etc.) must not be used. A lectern will be provided for contestants to stand behind and on which to rest their notes. Use of the lectern is optional
- Contestants should not read their speeches. Contestants may refer to their notes, however excessive consultation will result in marks being deducted
- Uniform is compulsory for contestants in the High School Senior Division
- Please be mindful of the speech time limit

5. Prizes:

All contestants will receive a participation certificate and small prize. The first and second place winners of each division will receive a trophy and prize money. The grand champion of the High School Senior Division and the Open Division will progress to the National Final held in Sydney on 12 October 2021.

6. Entry fees:

The rules of Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest apply to the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest.

7. National Rules: see <http://speechcontest.jpf-sydney.net/index.html>.