

Information for Ritual Competition

- Girls are divided into 2 groups – Ages 11 through 14
Ages 15 through 19 (Age is determined by the ages of the girl on the day of competition.)
- Once a girl turns 20 (reaches majority) she is ineligible to participate.
- Girls may take either written part, oral part, or both.
- All girls are eligible to compete even if they were winners in previous years.
- Girls are allowed to take one written test and one oral part each year.
- Girls competing in the oral part need to memorize Initiation parts.
 - Worthy Advisor – two parts (questions to candidate before going to the altar – p. 48 and speech at the altar after the prayer – pg. 51 – “on the altar before you....)
 - Worthy Associate Advisor, Charity, Hope – speech to candidate.
 - Faith – two walking parts.
 - Bow stations – speech.
 - Chaplain – prayer at altar.
 - The following officers do not have major speaking parts in Initiation and therefore, girls cannot use these offices for the oral competition – Drill Leader, Recorder, Treasurer, Confidential Observer, Musician, Choir Director.
- **A girl cannot compete in the oral competition with the same part if they won 1st place in a previous year. For example: Suzy Sunshine won 1st place in 2008 competing with The Station of Hope. She cannot do Hope again due to her 1st place win. She can do any other available part.**
- **Girls entering the oral competition cannot give the same part as the Grand Office they hold or once held. Ex. The 2010 Grand Hope cannot give the Hope lecture in 2010 or any years in the future.**
- Girls entering the oral competition say their part to two Grand Deputies (one set of Deputies listens to the younger group and another set listens to the older group). If a girl’s Grand Deputy is one of the judges, then the girl will automatically say her part to the other set of Grand Deputies.
- Girls entering the oral competition are judged on the following – percent of words correct in speech, confidence/poise, diction, voice projection, delivery rate, and tone/sincerity.
- Girls entering the written competition are proctored by a Grand Deputy. The tests are then scored by a Grand Deputy. Girls do not have to have answers spelled perfectly – as long as it can be read by the Grand Deputy, it is counted as correct.
- Awards are presented at Grand Assembly. Girls are eligible to compete even if they do not attend Grand Assembly.

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