

Ritual Competition FAQs

1. For the individual competition, will I be expected to perform any corresponding floor work?
 - a. No floor work is expected for the individual competition
2. What session are awards announced at Grand Assembly?
 - a. Winners are announced on Sunday Morning at Grand Assembly
3. If my age category changes between my area competition and grand assembly, which category should I compete in?
 - a. Your age on the Grand Assembly Competition day determines which age group you will be in. What will your age be on March 24, 2018?
4. Does it matter if I'm a PWA?
 - a. It does not matter if you are a PWA. You compete in your age category.
5. I missed my area competition, can I compete at Grand Assembly?
 - a. No you may not, you must compete at your area competition
6. I am going to reach my majority right before Grand Assembly, but after my area competition. Can I still compete at Grand Assembly?
 - a. Unfortunately no. Only active Rainbow Girls may compete at Grand Assembly.
7. What is the expected attire for the Grand Assembly competition?
 - a. Rainbow appropriate formal according to the CA Rainbow Dress Code
8. Should I look to the side lines as if there were more candidates?
 - a. No please make eye contact with the judges only
9. What if I am a CO Helper, Page or Grand Choir? Isn't the competition at the same time as practice?
 - a. You may be assigned an approximate competition time in advance to ensure practices are not disrupted. When you check in at 8:00am on the day of competition at Grand Assembly, you will receive your time.
10. For the Bow Team, can we compete on Saturday instead of Friday night?
 - a. Unfortunately no. All Bow Teams must compete on Friday night. There's just not enough time!
11. For the Individual Competition, can I compete on Friday night?
 - a. Unfortunately no. The Individual Competition is Saturday morning.
12. Can I compete in Ritual and Speech Competition?
 - a. Yes, if you meet all of the criteria. You are responsible for managing your start times for both competitions.
13. Can my Rainbow adults and family watch me compete?
 - a. No, this year we are not allowing anyone in the competition rooms who is not a Judge or competitor
14. If my Assembly does traditional Ritual, can I compete in Contemporary Ritual at Grand Assembly?
 - a. No, you must compete in the same ritual that is used at your Assembly.

Speech Competition FAQs

1. What if my presentation is more than 300 words at Grand Assembly?
 - a. You will have two minutes to deliver your speech. You will be given a 30 second and a 15 second warning. If you go over the allotted time, points will be deducted from your overall score.
2. What if my speech is less than two (2) minutes?
 - a. This is acceptable
3. If I win First Place, does my presentation to the Grand Assembly have to be word for word what was said at the competition?
 - a. No, a small deviation is fine.
4. Will there be a speech competition at area competitions?
 - a. There will not be any area speech competitions
5. What is the dress code?
 - a. Business Casual attire as defined on the CA Rainbow website
6. What is considered business?
 - o Dress/Skirt
 - Length - Must not be more than 2" above the knee
 - Color - Any color (black or navy skirt is acceptable)
 - o Pants
 - Dress pants (at natural waist line, black or navy is acceptable)
 - o Blouses
 - Dress blouses or sweaters (not too short or too tight)
 - o Socks
 - Nylons, knee highs or Peds
 - o Shoes
 - Dress shoes (color appropriate to shirt or pants color, no higher than 1", sandals are not considered dress shoes)
7. What is not acceptable?
 - a. No T-shirts with long skirts allowed. No jeans, hip huggers, tight pants, skorts, miniskirts, capris, T-shirts, tube tops, halter tops, clogs, flip flops or athletic shoes.
8. Can I improv/ steer away from what I sent in?
 - a. A small deviation is ok, but please stick to the themes of your submitted speech.
9. Do I have to be a PWA?
 - a. You do not have to be a PWA for speech competition. You must be age 17 or older on the day of competition at Grand Assembly.
10. I'm twenty, but I have extended one more year. Can I compete?
 - a. Yes, as long as your dues are paid and you are an active member of your assembly.
11. What does the scoring look like?
 - a. You will receive a scoring sheet after you submit your speech to the Director of Ritual Competition
12. When is the competition at Grand Assembly?
 - a. The speech competition is Saturday Morning at Grand Assembly. You will check in at 8:00am to receive your start time. It will be located in the same area as the Ritual Competition at the Double Tree Hotel.
13. Can I talk about both prompts?
 - a. No, please pick one prompt only
14. Can my Rainbow adults and family watch me compete?
 - a. No, this year we are not allowing anyone in the competition rooms who is not a Judge or competitor