

CT-COLT POETRY CONTEST PROCEDURES FOR JUDGES

I. Conflicts: Please check your list of students and notify the Chair of Judges if you find that you are

- Judging your own student
- Judging a student from your school
- Judging a relative, neighbor, friend, etc.
- Judging a student whom you've coached from a participating school
- Not qualified to judge this level

II. Criteria and Sample Rating Sheets

- Students will be judged on: **diction, memorization & interpretation.**
- **Latin and Ancient Greek** poetry must also be recited according to **classical metrics.** (See the second sample rating sheet).

Student	DICTION	MEMORIZATION	INTERPRETATION	TOTAL
Language Level Room #	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
Poem	6 7 8 9 10	6 7 8 9 10	6 7 8 9 10	
Author				Judge's Signature

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Language Level Room #	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
Poem	METRICS	6 7 8 9 10	6 7 8 9 10	
Author	1 2 3 4 5			Judge's Signature

- **ASL and ESOL poetry** should be judged according to the additional criteria included in the judges' folders for these contests.

III. Interpretation of the Poem

- Theatrics and props are **not** to be used.
- Interpretation should emphasize voice and words with appropriate, **not excessive**, gestures.

IV. Guidelines for Awards

- The Poetry Committee recommends at least one winner per level in each room. It is permissible to not award first or second places.
- **First Place** should earn at least **27 of 30** possible points.
- **Second Place** should earn at least **24 of 30** possible points.
- **Third Place** should earn at least **21 of 30** possible points.