

APRIL 5, 2024		NSCC IVANY CAMPUS	
TIME	TASK		
845am	Competitors arrive		
9am-930am	Orientation and Ice Breaker		
945am	Prepared Speech and question		
100pm	SCNS Competition question		
200pm	End of competition		

2. Purpose of the Contest

The Conference Board of Canada has identified the skills needed to enter and progress in the world of work, whether it is self-employment or working as a part of a team. One such skill area is effective oral and written communication including the ability to do the following:

- Write and speak so others pay attention and understand
- Listen and respond to questions
- Share information
- Use technological knowledge and skills to explain or clarify ideas

The public speaking competition is designed to encourage and enhance the development of these skills in making career choices. The challenge provides the opportunity for competitors to prepare and present speeches, conduct research and to construct answers to related questions in a clear and concise manner.

3. Criteria

All competitors will speak from the same area in Ivany Campus at their assigned time.

A copy of the prepared speech must be submitted to the provided folder by noon the day prior to the competition. The folder will be provided to registered competitors at the alter date.

4. Number of Stations / Allocations

There are ten (10) available competitor spaces.

5. Skills & Knowledge to be Tested

1. Present original thoughts in a clear, coherent, and well-constructed format on the assigned topic;
2. Deliver a clear message (main idea, argument, opinion, or position);
3. Speak with ease and confidence;
4. Use non-verbal skills (body language and gestures) to assist in expression;
5. Be expressive by varying voice in pitch, tone, tempo, and volume;
6. Think quickly and answer unseen questions clearly;
7. Reflect upon research, make observations, and share experiences through prompted response.
8. Competitors will speak three times during the competition; a prepared speech based on the provided prompt, and then will respond to two questions. The first question will be based on the assigned topic. The second question will be based upon the required observation/research of the Skills Canada - Nova Scotia competitions component completed prior to the speech presentations.

Each competitor will speak on the following prompt:

There are ever increasing advancements being made in technology.

With this in mind,

How might the skilled trades and technologies navigate this change?

Competitors will write original speeches that reflect creatively on the topic, ensuring they maintain a focus and consider the content implied by the topic. Students are expected to express themselves clearly while capturing the attention of their listening audience.

Competitors will prepare a 5-to-7-minute speech on the assigned topic.

Competitors will attend an orientation session on the morning of the competition prior to the public speaking event during which time they will have an opportunity to ask questions. Contestants must submit an electronic copy of their prepared speeches prior to the Orientation Session.

Competitors will research the various Skills Canada - Nova Scotia competitions to gather information about skilled trades and technology careers.

The purpose of this observation/research component is to help students prepare for a general question that will be posed in the afternoon. The focus of this question will relate to what they have observed/researched about skilled trades and technology careers.

Competitors will present their speeches in person at NSCC Ivany Campus. No virtual speeches will be permitted.

Length of prepared speech:

The speech shall be at least five (5) minutes in length and will not exceed seven (7) minutes. There will not be a warning or sound to indicate time allotment. Competitors should develop the skill to monitor the length of their presentation.

Length of responses to questions:

At the end of their prepared speeches, competitors will be asked one question. Competitors will have up to one minute to respond to the question. A timing signal will indicate 45 seconds.

After observing the various Skills Canada - Nova Scotia competitions to gather information about skilled trades and technology careers, competitors will then be asked a question on their observations. Competitors will have two minutes to prepare a response and up to three minutes to verbally respond to the question. A timing signal will indicate 2 minutes.

Prerequisites

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SCNS Prerequisites

- Secondary level competitors must meet the following criteria in the current school year:
- Attend a public or private recognized secondary institute, or be enrolled in a registered home school program through the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD);
- Be between 13 and 21 years of age on January 1 of the year of the Competition. Competitors are responsible for verifying this information, if requested.
- Have been earning junior or senior high school credits any time during the current academic year (September to June);
- Be registered as a competitor with Skills Canada – Nova Scotia;
- Possess Canadian citizenship or Landed Immigrant status and be a resident of Nova Scotia; or be a registered International Student. Competitors are responsible for verifying this information, if requested;
- Have completed and submitted a signed release form by a parent or guardian if under the age of 19.

7. Equipment & Clothing

What Will Be Supplied

- A podium and microphone.

What Competitors Must Supply

- Competitors should be dressed appropriately for a business presentation;
- Clothing that identifies school, team or area may not be worn during the competition;
- Use of cue cards / notes are optional;
- Electronic equipment may be used only at the prior approval of the PTC;
- Recording of your speech is permitted.
- Competitors must not identify their home areas, schools, or names during the competition in the delivery of their speeches.
- Competitors are responsible for notifying the PTC in advance of any special requirements related to their presentation.

8. Evaluation & Judging Criteria

Speech Point Breakdown – out of 100 total points

Item	Point Value
Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction is effective in focusing attention on the assigned topic 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangement of supporting ideas contributes to a competent, convincing presentation 	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas linked to effectively support points presented 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusion is appropriate, convincing and skillful 	5
Delivery	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captures and holds interest 	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convincing 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coherent, uses descriptive and precise language 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory volume 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses tempo (pacing) and phrasing effectively 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressive 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays self-confidence and composure 	5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct use of conventions – diction, grammar and pronunciation 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye contact – engages with entire audience 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluency – fluidity, smoothness, polish 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-verbal – gestures, mannerisms, body language 	7

Questions Point Breakdown – Maximum of 5 points per question

Item	Point Value
<i>Question 1 – Prepared Speech Question</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the question 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates knowledge of topic 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops ideas adequately 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizes ideas logically 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates clarity and conviction 	1
<i>Question 2 – Skilled Trades & Technologies Question</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the question 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates knowledge of topic 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops ideas adequately 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizes ideas logically 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates clarity and conviction 	1
<i>Regulations</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared speech delivered within time specifications 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared speech question response delivered within time specifications 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled trades and technologies competition observation question response delivered within time specifications 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets clothing requirements 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech submitted prior to the contest start 	1

9. Additional Information

- No ties are permitted. In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest score in the 'Delivery' criteria of the prepared speech will be declared the winner. If a tie remains, the competitor with the higher mark in the 'Content' will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the student with the highest overall score in the 'Impromptu Speech' will be declared the winner.
- Contestants will be notified of their positional results but will not be provided with the judges' score sheets.

10. PTC Contact Information

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