

Radikale Redenaar

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1. The history of Radikale Redenaar

The Radikale Redenaar is the brainchild of Chantelle de Wet, a published author and well-known name in the public speaking realm. As a teacher she saw the potential of so many students wanting to participate in orators competitions, but there was a lack of opportunity in schools. Since she knew how much effort went into every speech, to only be used once, she decided to start a speaking festival, giving more learners the opportunity to speak in front of an audience.

The Radikale Redenaarsfees (RRF) was held for the first time in 2007 in Pretoria. In 2008 4 provinces participated and in 2009 the RRF held their first National competition. Currently all 9 Provinces participate in this competition. New categories were added and the Radikale Leesfees aimed at improving reading in schools. In 2016 Chantelle handed over the reign to Linda Henning and so the Radikale Redenaar is still going from strength to strength.

2. Radikale Vision

The Radikale Redenaar's vision is to create ample opportunity for as many learners as possible to speak in front of an audience. Adjudicators should be positive throughout the competition and their critique should help improve orators' ability. The Radikale Redenaar aims to lessen the stress of public speaking and enhance the confidence of speakers. Even though the Radikale Redenaarsfees is a competition, the **focus should remain on the development of public speaking as a life skill**. Throughout the competition cycle, the Radikale Redenaar will aim to develop new adjudicators and encourage teachers to become part of the public speaking community as an extramural activity. The Radikale Redenaar will, as far as possible, support teachers in schools by handling the administration of the competition. The Radikale Redenaar's Vision will always be to reach the maximum potential of learners while encouraging participation in orator's events throughout South Africa.

3. Radikale Adjudicators

Since 2007 the Radikale Redenaar has been using various adjudicators from all walks of life. In 2017 about 56 different adjudicators were used and even more in the Provincial Final and National Final rounds. Inconsistencies proved to be a problem and so the policy was revised and will be implemented from 2018. The Radikale Redenaar employs six permanent adjudicators that will travel throughout South Africa. With this we aim to set the same standard in every venue, in every province. Adjudication will be more consistent as all speakers will be judged by the same people, with the same goal in mind. There will only be one adjudicator present during the first rounds, to keep costs as low as possible. At the Provincial Finals and the National Finals, a minimum of two experienced judges will be used per venue, ranging from local students and teachers, to retired linguistic specialists

Training for adjudicators is held in January/February each year.

4. From the beginning to an Amen

4.1. How to enter

Entries can be done by parents themselves, but schools are encouraged to enter as an entity. This makes administration easier and restricts miscommunication. The official entry form can be downloaded from the website. With entry, participants should ensure they use the right codes as no alterations can be made after the first round.

Codes for public speaking:

R01 - Afrikaanse Moedertaal

R02 - Afrikaans Addisionele Taal

R03 - English Home Language

R04 - English Additional Language

R05 - Tweetalig / Bilingual

R06 - Afrikaanse Span

R07 - English Team

R08 - Eksperimenteel Individueel (Afrikaans)

R09 - Experimental Individual (English)

R10 – Eksperimenteel Span (Afrikaans)

R11 – Experimental Team (English)

There are no unprepared or bilingual teams.

For complete information on each category, please see Chapter 5.

From 2019 entry fees are **R110** per entry per item for individual speeches, **R85** per entry per item for the reading, and **R350** per entry per team. There are no limitations to how many categories each participant may enter for. Schools are not restricted on the number of entries they submit.

Entries will **only be accepted via email or fax** and it is the responsibility of the parent/teacher / school to follow up on whether the entry was received. The closing dates for entries are important to ensure that all information can be relayed in a timely manner and no entries will be accepted on the date of participation.

The time and place for participation will be communicated directly to schools or parents who entered privately, and all enquiries can be directed to Linda at radikaleredenaar@gmail.com. The Facebook page is to relay information and show the proud pictures of participants only, and messages will not be replied to.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations can be done via email. There will be no refund of entry fees. If a school want to send another participant in place of the original participant, an email must be sent 48 hours before commencement of the event.

4.2. The first rounds

Once all entries have been received, the date, time and venue will be communicated to schools and private entrants. During the prelim rounds, only 1(one) adjudicator will be allocated per venue. They will confirm all participant's grade, name and category before the session starts, as this cannot be changed after this round. Each participant will receive a certificate indicating the category and results (symbol) of each item they participated in. Please check that all information on the certificate is correct, and if there is an error, please inform the adjudicator...they will then issue a new one. As part of our vision, the adjudicators will provide the participants with notes on their performance. These notes must be read, and the nature of the criticism should be motivating and uplifting. As from 2018, participants will only receive a symbol and all marks (%) will be kept by the adjudicators who will forward this to the office at the end of the day. These results are **for office use only**.

- A+ (90% and higher)
- A (85-89%)
- A- (80-84%)
- B+ (77-79%)
- B (74-76%)
- B- (70-73%)
- C (60% and lower)

By implementing the symbols, we aim to focus on participation and development of life skills. These marks will be rechecked to eliminate calculation errors.

4.3. Provincial finals

After a Provincial round the top speakers per category will go through to the next round. The highest results of adjudicators are also considered.

IMPORTANT NOTES: (also applicable to first rounds)

- Not all A+ results go through to the next round...it gets calculated according to the highest % results. It sometimes happens that in a category there is a lot of participants with the same % then we cannot put them all through as we are limited on the number of participants for the next round.
- If there was only 1 participant in a Province in a category, he/she will go through directly to the National...**provided their % results qualify** (high above 90%)

During this round there will be 2 adjudicators per room/hall. Each learner will receive a pin as proof of participation and one or two winners will be announced at the end of the session. (If there is 6 and less participants in a category, only 1 will go through to the next round). If a learner cannot participate on this day in his/her specific category and grade, it will be accepted that they withdraw... **no changes will be granted to participate in another timeslot.** Time will be taken during the Provincial- and National final rounds and speakers will be penalized for speeches too long...3 points for the 1st minute and 1 point for each minute thereafter. For speeches too short 3 points will be deducted. **This is also applicable for the National final.**

The results will be published on our web. If there is an error, please send an email to radikaleredenaar@gmail.com and not on facebook or whatsapp.

The decision of the adjudicators is final, and no changes can be made.

4.4. National Final

The National Final takes place in October in Pretoria. The date is already confirmed at the end of the previous year and cannot be changed.

Learners must participate in their specific session to win and **no exceptions can be made.** There will be 2 adjudicators per session and the 1st and 2nd place winners will be announced at the end of the session. The results will be published on our web indicating the order of place obtained.

The decision of the adjudicators is final, and no changes can be made.

5. General terms and conditions & rules and regulations

- ✓ Learners must participate in their school uniforms
- ✓ Learners are not allowed to change their speeches...the same must be used from the first round. Speeches used previously at National level may not be used again
- ✓ The same speech may be used for Afrikaans and English, but the speaker must do the translation him-/herself. The same speech may not be used for more than 2 categories
- ✓ As from 2019, Gr 0-R will not go through to Provincial- and National final rounds. Please encourage them to still participate as this is their experience for when they start primary school.
- ✓ Please take note of the information and rules for each category.

Duration: (VERY IMPORTANT)

Individual speeches (all categories)

Gr R – 3: 2-4 minutes

Gr 4 – 7: 4-6 minutes

Gr 8 – 12: 6-8 minutes

Teams (all categories). Please note that the structure remains unchanged

Gr R – 3: 5-7 minutes

Gr 4 – 7: 8-10 minutes

Gr 8 – 12: 10-12 minutes

5.1 Afrikaans Moedertaal & Addisionele Taal

Important points (during adjudication)

The speech:

- ✓ Topic to be argumentative and suitable for the speaker's age
- ✓ The introduction and conclusion to be effective and strong
- ✓ Structure and content: clear/logical arguments, research effective/suitable
- ✓ Research: 3 (one per argument), own examples/opinions
- ✓ No motivational-, information- or entertainment speeches

The presentation

- ✓ Is the speaker presentable?
- ✓ Is the speaker enthusiastic/confident/convincing?
- ✓ Voice: natural/clear/intonation?
- ✓ Gestures: natural/suitable/effective?
- ✓ Eye contact & note handling: natural/comfortable?

In this category NO props, singing and dancing allowed.

5.2 English Home- & Additional Language

The basic rules also apply to this category.
The rules are the same and in 5.1 (Afrikaans)

5.3 Tweetalig (Bilingual)

These speeches to be 50% Afrikaans and 50% English. We prefer that the first half to be in die speaker's first language and the other half in his/her additional language.

Points to remember (used during adjudication)

The speech:

- ✓ Topic to be argumentative and suitable for the speaker's age
- ✓ The introduction and conclusion to be effective and strong
- ✓ Structure and content: clear/logical arguments, research effective/suitable
- ✓ Speech to be 50% English and 50% Afrikaans
- ✓ Research: 3 (one per argument), own examples/opinions

The presentation:

- ✓ Is the speaker presentable?
- ✓ Is the speaker enthusiastic/confident?
- ✓ Voice: natural/clear/pronunciation
- ✓ Gestures: natural/effective/suitable
- ✓ Note handling and eye contact: natural/comfortable

In this category NO props, singing and dancing allowed.

5.4 Spanne/ eams – Please note that the structure for RR's teams did not change

Teams can be 2-4 members and teamwork are important.

The speech:

- ✓ Topic to be argumentative and suitable for the group's age
- ✓ The introduction and conclusion to be effective and strong
- ✓ Structure and content: clear/logical arguments
- ✓ Research: 3 (one per argument), own examples/opinions

The presentation:

- ✓ Are the speakers presentable?
- ✓ Are the speakers enthusiastic/confident/convincing?
- ✓ Voices: natural/clear/intonation/articulation?
- ✓ Gestures: natural/suitable/effective?
- ✓ Note handling and eye contact: natural/comfortable?

In this category, NO props, singing or dancing allowed.

5.5 Experimental Individual (English & Afrikaans)

This section is not as strict and formal as the other sections. The speech should still be argumentative. Research is not required, and speakers are encouraged to write their own speeches. They must convince with their own experience and their own opinions. Teams may also participate here (team members of 2-4)

The speech:

- ✓ Topic to be argumentative and suitable for the speaker's age
- ✓ The introduction and conclusion to be effective and strong
- ✓ Structure and content: clear/logical arguments

The presentation:

- ✓ Is the speaker presentable?
- ✓ Is the speaker enthusiastic/confident/convincing?
- ✓ Voice: natural/clear/intonation/articulation
- ✓ Gestures: natural/effective/suitable
- ✓ Note handling and eye contact: natural/comfortable

Please take note of the rules for this category:

- ✓ Speakers to wear school uniform (tie, cap and flower allowed)
- ✓ Only small and appropriate props are allowed
- ✓ No dramatic movements...must be suitable
- ✓ Singing and dancing must be restricted
- ✓ The team must start in front...no entry from outside or with music

5.6 Experimental teams (English & Afrikaans)

This section is not as strict and formal as the other teams. The speech should still be argumentative. Research is not required, and speakers are encouraged to write their own speeches. They must convince with their own experience and their own opinions. Team members of 2-4

5.7 Creative writing (R110 entry fee per item per category)

Learners love to write poems and short stories and the RSF gives them the opportunity to enter these writing pieces. They will receive a certificate. Schools may enter any number of learners and learners may enter any quantity of writing pieces. Private **entries** are also welcome. **This section, however, is not a competition.** Because of the period it takes the mail to reach us, as well as when we return it to you, you can submit the pieces via email before the closing date (same as for orators). We will then deliver your certificate the same day as we visit your school/area for the first round of the public speaking.

Categories:

- S01 - Afrikaans Poësie
- S02 - English Poetry
- S03 - Afrikaans Prosa/kortverhaal (maksimum 5 bladsye)
- S04 - English Prose/short story (maximum 5 pages)
- S05 - Eksperimenteel /Experimental.

5.8 Reading category

Important notes/guidelines

- ✓ Any book/piece may be read as long it fits the reader's age
- ✓ Their introduction must be correctly and complete
- ✓ This section is formal and all participants to wear school uniform.
- ✓ **No gestures and props are allowed.** Voice use is encouraged.
- ✓ No dramatized reading
- ✓ The reader must introduce him-/herself, the name of the book/piece and the author eg. "I am Rian Smith and will be reading written by"
- ✓ Readers must submit a clear copy of the piece to the adjudicator. If not, they will be penalized. This is a **reading** category and anyone who recite a poem will not receive a certificate. No entries for reciting will be accepted.
- ✓ Beware of pieces too big when reading, it can easily look uncomfortable and can affect the eye contact with audience
- ✓ Participants must read the same piece throughout, in other words from the first round until National. In this section, we are very strict on time, especially during the Provincial- and National finals.

Participation takes place the same day and session as the public speaking (first round).

Time is **maximum 2 minutes** for primary school learners and **maximum 3 minutes** for high school learners

Categories:

- L01 – Afrikaans Prosa
- L02 – Afrikaans Poësie
- L03 – English Prose
- L04 – English Poetry

For any enquiries, please feel free to send an email to: radikaleredenaar@gmail.com

We kindly request that no enquiries be sent via whatsapp, sms or facebook.

Thank you and we look forward to a super "radikale" competition!!!