

RULES (Science Competitions)

When you enter a science competition which is part of the Eisteddfod, you agree to be bound by these rules. If you do not agree to these rules your entry shall be invalid and you may not participate in that competition. These rules may be changed and any competition withdrawn at any time.

Language Policy

The Eisteddfod's aim is to promote Welsh culture and to protect the Welsh Language. All science competition entries must be submitted in Welsh except where specifically noted otherwise in the rules for a particular competition. Welsh is the official language of the Eisteddfod.

General

1. Welsh is the official language of the Eisteddfod.
2. Only full members of Urdd Gobaith Cymru may compete. No one shall be considered a full member unless their membership fee for the year 2009/2010 has been paid in full and a Membership Card and number have been received for the year. The last date for enrolment is **24 December 2009**. No cash alternative is available for any prize and the actual content of any prizes shall be determined by the Eisteddfod Organisers.
3. All competitors must be within the correct age group on the last day of **August 2010**, that is on **31 August** after the Eisteddfod. When an "age 14-25" competition is specified, for example, the competitors must have had their 14th birthday but not their 25th birthday. If any doubt arises regarding the age of any competitor, the Eisteddfod Organisers reserve the right to ask to see the birth certificate of that competitor and to disqualify from the competition any competitor who breaks this important rule. Any competitor may be refused entry in the Eisteddfod's discretion.
4. The adjudicator's decision shall be final in every case and no correspondence shall be entered into. Any appeal/protest must be brought to the attention of the Eisteddfod Organiser in writing within an hour of the adjudication of any competition, but the matter may also be discussed verbally.
5. A written adjudication cannot be guaranteed for competitors.
6. "Group work" means work for a group of two people or more.
7. It must be understood that adjudicators must not have instructed or trained any competitors between 1st September of the previous year and the Eisteddfod, in whatever area of work that they shall be adjudicating.
8. The Urdd Council, in consultation with the Eisteddfod Executive Committee (the "Committee"), reserves the right to curtail, postpone or cancel the Eisteddfod if it is deemed necessary due to special circumstances. The Urdd Council and the Committee shall endeavour to ensure that the Eisteddfod is efficiently organised, but neither the Urdd Council nor the Committee shall be held responsible for any loss or accident that occurs during the Eisteddfod, save where any personal injury or death is caused by their negligence.
9. All entries must be received by the designated time to be counted. It is advised to register entries sent by post. Every due care will be taken of the entries but the Committee cannot be responsible for any loss or unavoidable damage arising.
10. The Committee shall have the right to publish or exhibit all or some of the winning entries, and to do so without the prior consent of the competitors. The Committee can also use the winners' names and images for promotion. Personal data will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

11. All entries must be the original work of the competitor.

12. Neither the entry nor any part of it shall have been copied from any other person.

13. The promoter of the science competitions is the Urdd Eisteddfod Sciences Committee, Ceredigion 2010. No purchase is necessary to enter a science competition.

14. The terms of any competition are governed by the laws of Wales and the Courts of Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any disputes which may arise under them.

“Urdd Gobaith Cymru expects competitors, instructors and supporters to engage in the spirit of fair play in all aspects of the Movement’s activities.”