

Voting & Adjudication Rules

1. Any jury member who teaches a contestant or has taught a contestant within two years of the commencement of the Competition will abstain from discussion and voting on that contestant. A masterclass to the contestant within six months of the first day of the Competition is to be deemed to be teaching. All jury members must declare such teaching at the commencement of the Competition.
2. For each separate round, each jury member will award a point score out of 10 to each contestant by secret vote. The jury members are required to use the whole range of points available when awarding a score for each contestant, and may award half points (for example, 7.5 out of 10).
3. The total number of points awarded to each contestant for a particular round will be divided by the total number of jury members voting on that contestant. This average is determined to two decimal places and then the following correction procedure is applied. If the number of points awarded by a juror is different from the average of the total points obtained by a competitor in any round by more than 2 points then a second average for that competitor which excludes the points outside the above allowable ranges will be calculated. The marks allocated by the juror which were excluded by this process shall be adjusted so as to award a mark within the new allowable range as close as possible to the mark the juror had allocated. A final average for the competitor will be determined.
4. The chairman of the jury is responsible for the tallying of scores for each contestant in each round. There will be two independent scrutineers for the tally who, along with the chairman of the jury, will sign the tally sheets.
5. Each round will be the subject of a separate adjudication. The results of the first, second and final rounds will not be aggregated, except as follows:
 - (a) in the event of a tie in relation to scores in the second round, the scores in relation to the first round shall be used to resolve the tie;
 - (b) in order to determine the first, second, third and fourth prize winners of the Competition:-
 - (i) each competitor's scores in the first round, the second round, the third round and the final shall be aggregated;
 - (ii) in the event of a tie in respect of first prize of the Competition, the winner shall be decided by the chairman of the jury.
6. The contestants' scores and the voting for individual rounds will be confidential to the chairman of the jury, the scrutineers and the chairman of the Competition. After the Competition, all individual scores and tallies will be revealed to the members of the jury, who must also keep them confidential.
7. For each individual prize in the Competition excepting the finals prize and any prizes in relation to the highest scores in rounds 1 and 2, each jury member will award five scores in whole numbers descending from 10 to 6 for the top 5 contestants eligible to receive the relevant individual prize. If there are fewer than 5 contestants eligible to receive the relevant individual prize, then each jury member will award scores in whole numbers descending from 10 in respect of each of the competitors eligible for the relevant prize. The total number of points awarded to each contestant for a particular prize will be tallied and the winner shall be the competitor with the highest score.
8. The chairman of the jury is responsible for the tallying of scores for each individual prize in the Competition. There will be two independent scrutineers for the tally who, along with the chairman of the jury, will sign the tally sheets.

9. During the Competition, the contestants' scores and the voting for individual rounds and for any individual prizes will be confidential to the chairman of the jury, the scrutineers and the chairman of the Competition. After the Competition, each competitor's aggregate scores will be published on the Competition's website.
10. The voting and adjudication for the award of all prizes in the Competition will be governed by these rules.
11. All decisions of the jury are final. The jury must determine, and award, the first, second, third and fourth prize for the Competition. The jury may in its discretion, in respect of all other prizes in the Competition, determine that no competitor has performed to a standard sufficient to warrant the awarding of each or any of those other prizes.