

Writing Contest Rules & Duties

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Active members of clubs in good standing and members-at-large, meeting qualifications as set out in these contest rules shall be eligible to compete.

ADHERENCE TO ALL CONTEST RULES IS REQUIRED

Failure to comply with the deadline dates will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Members eligible to compete:

- a) All active members of clubs or members-at-large in good standing

2. Eligibility Statement:

- a) The contestant's eligibility statement shall include a certification signed by the club president
- b) The association president for members-at-large

CONTEST RULES

1. There shall be three categories:

- Fiction: Prose - a short story.
- Non-fiction: A feature article; structured expository prose on a topic, an issue, an event.
- Poetry: Metrical and free verse.

2. A contestant may enter any and all categories. Only one entry per person per category is permitted.

3. Fiction and non-fiction entries shall comprise no fewer than 500 words or more than 1,500 words.

4. Poetry shall not be fewer than 10 lines or more than 32 lines.

5. Entries be sent electronically in a Word document with Moderate margins in size 12 plain type font.

6. A cover page shall accompany the entry and shall contain:

- Name of author.
- Address and telephone number, and email address
- Club name
- Category of entry
- Title of entry

7. Entries shall be titled and shall not include indication of the identity of the author.

8. The word count and category for both fiction and non-fiction shall be noted at the top of the title page (example: word count 1220/fiction or non-fiction) and the line count/category for poetry (example: line count 24/poetry). Pages shall be numbered.



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9. The entry shall be received by the POWERtalk Australia Writing Contest Chairperson, Bernadette Knight by the deadline date by March 1st 2019. By emailing bernknight@gmail.com
10. Awards will be given for first place, second place and third place if judges deem the entries meet a standard that is fitting.
11. Identity of the judges shall not be made known prior to the judging.
12. Deliberation of the judges shall be confidential and the decision shall be final.
13. Entries will not be returned to the author.

WRITING CONTEST COMMITTEE

The Writing Contest Committee shall be responsible for supervising the Writing Contest in accordance with contest rules.

1. The Writing Contest Chairperson shall:
 - a. Be responsible for distribution of the contestants' entries to the judges by the deadline date.
 - b. Remove any identification (name, address, etc.) from the entry before sending to the judges.
 - c. In the top right-hand corner of each page of the entry, identify the category of the entry and a code number for the contestant. Example: P-03 for poetry, contestant #3.
2. The Writing Contest Committee shall:
 - a. Observe the deadlines for receipt of entries.
 - b. Verify eligibility of all contestants to avoid disqualification.
 - c. Secure qualified judges and provide them with the necessary information (e.g. rules, criteria and ballot forms) regarding the contest. An alternate judge should be appointed to deal with issues such as ties.
 - d. Ensure that entries are forwarded to the judges by deadline date.
3. The writing contest committee shall serve as the tellers. Scores shall be tallied as follows:
 - First place 11 points
 - Second place 6 points
 - Third place 4 points

JUDGES

1. Three well-qualified judges and one alternate judge shall be used.

Definition of "well qualified judges" includes: professional writers, journalists, publishers, editors, critics, reviewers, writing teachers.

End of Writing Contest Rules