



SPEECH & DRAMA
Teachers of Ireland



Saturday 18th April 2026 - Improvisation Competitions Only

Sunday 19th April 2026 - All Other Competitions

The Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin

Closing date for entry and fees: 9th February 2026

Closing date for video entries: 2nd March 2026

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Entrants perform a poem of their choice. Actions may not be used.

***Not to exceed 2 minutes. Ages 5 - 12.**

GIRLS

Code	Age	Code	Age	Fee
GP5	5 Years	BP5	5 Years	€11
GP6	6 Years	BP6	6 Years	€11
GP7	7 Years	BP7	7 Years	€11
GP8	8 Years	BP8	8 Years	€11
GP9	9 Years	BP9	9 Years	€11
GP10	10 Years	BP10	10 Years	€11
GP11	11 Years	BP11	11 Years	€11
GP12	12 Years	BP12	12 Years	€11

BOYS

MIXED

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
MP1314	13 - 14 Years Mixed	Not to exceed 3 minutes	€12
MP1518	15 - 18 Years Mixed	Not to exceed 3 minutes	€12



Create Your Own Poem

Compose your own poem with any theme.
Work **MUST** be original.

Marks are awarded as follows: 75% composition, 25% performance.

All entrants must upload a performance of their work and a text document of their poem via the Teacher Folder. Both entries are marked with the same UIN.

All those who reach the final will perform their work on the day (memorisation is not required).

Code	Age	Lines (Max.)	Fee
CP810	8 - 10 Years	Not to exceed 20 lines	€11
CP1113	11 - 13 Years	Not to exceed 24 lines	€16
CP1418	14 - 18 Years	Not to exceed 30 lines	€16

Paint A Poem

Choose your favourite poem and create the images on paper as you see them, as a collage, crayon, watercolour, pen, paint, charcoal, etc.

Entry by online submission, one digital image only. Max size A3.

Code	Age	Fee
PAP57	5 - 7 Years	€11
PAP810	8 - 10 Years	€11
PAP1113	11 - 13 Years	€11
PAP1418	14 - 18 Years	€11

Solo Drama

An individual performance of a short monologue from a play or story. Screenplays / Teleplays are not permitted. Time limits to include setting the stage. Costumes may be worn, but no additional marks are awarded for same.

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
SD89	8 - 9 Years	3 mins. max	€16
SD10	10 Years	4 mins. max	€16
SD11	11 Years	4 mins. max	€16

Solo Drama – The Montaine Perpetual Cup (Junior)

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
SD12	12 Years	4 mins. max	€16
SD1314	13 - 14 Years	4 mins. max	€22

Solo Drama – The Montaine Perpetual Cup (Senior)

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
SD1516	15 - 16 Years	5 mins. max	€22

* A bursary of €50 will be awarded to 1st place in this event.

Solo Drama – The Gawn Perpetual Cup

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
SD1718	17 - 18 Years	5 mins. max	€26

* A bursary of €100 will be awarded to 1st place in this event.



Duologues

This event requires two entrants to perform a short duologue from a play or story. Time limits to include setting the stage. Each entrant may perform in one duologue only. No substitutions for confirmed entrants is permitted. Screenplays/teleplays are not permitted. Costumes may be used, but no additional marks will be allocated.

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
DUO810	8 - 10 Years	4 mins. max	€26 per team
DUO1113	11 - 13 Years	4 mins. max	€26 per team
DUO1417	14 - 17 Years	5 mins. max	€26 per team



Musical Theatre

The selection must be from a published work of musical theatre. The song must be the main part of the candidate's performance but may also include script. While costumes are permitted, no marks will be allocated for same. Entrants must provide their own music / accompaniment / equipment. Time limits to include setting the stage.

SOLO MUSICAL THEATRE

	Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
<i>Introductory</i>	SMT79	7 - 9 Years	3 mins. max	€11
<i>Junior</i>	SMT1012	10 - 12 Years	3 mins. max	€11
<i>Intermediate</i>	SMT1315	13 - 15 Years	4 mins. max	€16
<i>Senior</i>	SMT1618	16 - 18 Years	5 mins. max	€16

Live Format Competitions

The following competitions will run in a **fully live format** – no video submission is required.

All entry form dates remain the same as for general entry.

*Subject to minimum entry numbers.



Poetry
Events
LIVE

Seamus Heaney Special Award

Commemorating the life and times of our Poet Laureate.

Entrants will be required to recite two poems by Seamus Heaney from his collection.

These must be introduced and linked.

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
HEA1318	13 - 18 Years	5 mins	€22

*A €150 bursary will be awarded to 1st place in this event.

Bernadette Garvey Perpetual Cup

*William Butler Yeats Award

William Butler Yeats is widely considered to be one of the greatest poets of the 20th century. Recite from memory a poem from any of his collections of poetry.

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
WBY1318	13 - 18 Years	3 mins	€18

*A €100 bursary will be awarded to 1st place in this event.



Shakespeare

A solo performance from any play by William Shakespeare.

Junior Shakespeare Perpetual Cup

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
JSH1214	12 - 14 Years	3 mins. max	€22

*A €100 bursary will be awarded to 1st place in this event.

Senior Shakespeare Perpetual Cup

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
SSH1518	15 - 18 Years	4 mins. max	€22

*A €100 bursary will be awarded to 1st place in this event.

Presenting to Camera

Entrants present a piece to camera, scripted in role as “reporter”. Marks awarded for presentation skills and entertainment value. The piece may be inspired by fact or fiction. Props and costumes may be used, but no additional marks will be awarded for same.

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
TV810	8 - 10 Years	3 mins. max	€16
TV1113	11 - 13 Years	4 mins. max	€16

Mime

Entrants perform an abstract, character, or occupational mime. Black clothing required. No costume permitted. Music may be used. Entrants are responsible for their own music.

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
M810	8 - 10 Years	3 mins. max	€12
M1114	11 - 14 Years	3 mins. max	€12

Prepared Reading

Entrants must read a passage from a book of choice. No actions permitted. Memorisation not required. Entrants must read from their chosen book. No digital readers / photocopies permitted.

**Please see additional needs supports in rule book for students requiring accommodations.*

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
PR78	7 - 8 years	2 mins	€12
PR910	9 - 10 years	2 mins	€12
PR1112	11 - 12 years	2 mins	€12

Individual Public Speaking

Entrants must prepare a speech on a topic of their choice. Notes permitted – not digital.

**Please see additional needs supports in rule book for students requiring accommodations.*

Marks are awarded for presentation, communication, content, and delivery.

Code	Age	Time Limit	Fee
IPS1114	11 - 14 years	3 mins	€16



Please note - **NEW** - this year we are holding
the Improvisation Competition on **SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026**.
This competition will run fully live and be adjudicated and awarded
on **SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026**

Group Improvisation

The competition room will be open for ***competitors only*** at the start of the competition.
A title will be presented to entered groups 5 mins prior to performance.

Strictly competitors ONLY will be permitted in the performance room while titles are being issued. Teachers, family, and audience may not be present at this time. Once preparation time has concluded, the audience will be permitted to enter.

Each entrant may perform only once. No substitutions permitted for those entered.
Each entrant may perform in one group only.

Code	Age	Participants	Time Limit	Fee
IMPROVG1012	10 - 12 years	Max 6	3 mins max.	€36
IMPROVG1315	13 - 15 years	Max 6	4 mins. max	€36
IMPROVG1618	16 - 18 years	Max 6	4 mins. max	€36



Speech and Drama Teachers of Ireland Hybrid Feis

Rules and Guidelines

Teachers will be sent full list of rules and guidelines.

1. Entries accepted from active members of Speech and Drama Teachers of Ireland ONLY. For membership applications please **click** [Membership Application](#)
2. Strictly **NO** late entries will be accepted.
3. Time limits will be strictly enforced.
4. Pupils must be in the correct age range as of January 1st 2026, unless otherwise stated. It is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure that ages are correct.
5. Any hard copy materials submitted as part of your entry will not be returned.
6. Students with Associate Diplomas in Speech and Drama are not eligible to enter themselves in the Feis.
7. The decision of the adjudicators is final. Adjudicators may not be approached by teachers, parents or entrants.
8. The board reserves the right to amend/cancel or otherwise adapt competitions as it sees fit.
9. It is the responsibility of the teacher to maintain and securely store all video submission files on their own drive until the conclusion of the competition. Files which are deleted or removed by a teacher prior to the competition may be disqualified. SDToI do not hold back up files and are not responsible for retrieving any files deleted by a teacher. Please see the rulebook for further guidance on this matter.
10. Images and videos may be shared on our social media platforms and website as per consent of terms and condition of entry.
11. No substitutions for confirmed entries is permitted.
12. In the event of cancellation of any competition, teachers will be issued a refund. No refunds otherwise.
13. Our Feis 2026 is an inclusive event, if you have any specific needs please get in touch.

Important Dates

- Mon January 5th 2026** - HYBRID FEIS 2026 OPENS FOR ENTRY
- Mon February 9th 2026** - Closing date for receipt of ENTRY FORMS and ENTRY FEES
*Video Folders will be opened on receipt of payment.
(uploads should be made in plenty of time to ensure any errors can be addressed before the closing date)
- Mon March 2nd 2026** Video Folders CLOSE at 6pm
- No changes or uploads can be made after the deadline of 2nd March
- Mon 9th - 16th March 2026** - Online Adjudication
- Mon 23rd March 2026** - Notification of Finalists
- Sat 18th April 2026** - LIVE IMPROVISATION COMPETITION IN THE TALBOT HOTEL, STILLORGAN, DUBLIN
- Sun 19th April 2026** - LIVE FINAL IN THE TALBOT HOTEL, STILLORGAN, DUBLIN



Thank You

The Board of Speech and Drama Teachers of Ireland
would like to thank the teachers,
students and their families for their support of Feis 2026



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