
WILCOX COUNTY COALITION IN ACTION



Poetry Slam Registration and Rules

Poetry Slam Registration-Ages 12-20

How does the Poetry Slam work?

First, one individual from each organization receives a chance to perform an original poem. Next, individual poets can perform their original poem. The highest scoring individual from each organization will win a cash prize. All participants receive recognition. All original teens' poems will be **written about "Prescription Drug Misuse" (consumption, consequences, etc.)**.

Poetry Slam Scoring

There will be five qualified judges. Each judge will receive a set of scoring cards, with whole numbers (1-10).

Categories & Prizes – 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mentioned winners will receive cash prize. All participants will receive recognition.

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| 1st Place Prize | \$50.00 |
| 2nd Place Prize | \$25.00 |
| 3rd Place Prize | \$15.00 |
| Honorable Mentioned | \$10.00 |

Bouts: Only in the event of a tie there will be a second bout.

- **First bout:** All contestants will receive an opportunity to perform.
 - **Second bout:** Only contestants whose score ties with someone.
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Poetry Slam Rules

Rules

- Ages 12-20
 - Poems must be original.
 - 12-point Font in Times New Roman
 - Double-spaced
 - Include Name, Grade and Age, Title of Poem, and Name of Organization.
 - **Absolutely no profanity is allowed.**
 - No props!
 - This is a performance, not a reading. Choreographed movements and other unique expressions are encouraged.
 - Each contestant must submit a **Parent Consent & Release form signed by a parent/guardian to participate. Parent Consent & Release-Poetry Slam**
 - Performances are timed. Each poet gets three minutes (plus a ten-second grace period). If the poet goes over time, points will be deducted from the total score.
 - Participants **must** submit a written copy of the poem they plan to perform at least **3 days in advance** via email to **bautry@altapointe.org**
 - Students who attend the slam **must** be accompanied by a teacher, parent, director, or a coach. If you need more information, contact me via email to **bautry@altapointe.org**.
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