

## **Guidelines to finalists**

### **Changes to title, presentation and abstracts**

#### **1. AIM**

The aim of the Young Persons' Lecture Competition is to provide an atmosphere of friendly competition for students and early career materials, minerals, mining, packaging, clay technology and wood science scientists and engineers so that their presentation skills will improve whilst addressing an informed audience.

#### **2. RULES**

- i.** The competition is open to anyone who is following, or has followed, a course in any aspect of Materials, Minerals, Mining, Packaging, Clay Technology and Wood Science, Science and Engineering.
- ii.** Each entrant will give a presentation in English lasting between 12 and 15 minutes on a subject of their choice about any aspect of materials, minerals, mining, packaging, clay technology and wood science engineering.
- iii.** No indication will be given to competitors on timing.
- iv.** PowerPoint is the software used at the YPWLC final.
- v.** Questioning from each of the three of the judges (appointed prior to the event) will take place immediately after each presentation. Each judge will ask one question.
- vi.** The judges will retire to consider their verdict and the result will be announced to competitors and audience at the end of the evening. It is up to the judges as to whether they just announce a winner or other place winners. In Regional finals a runner-up candidate will be identified in case the winner is unable to make the National final.

### 3. JUDGING CRITERIA & PENALTIES

The following judging criteria will be the same for all finals. Each entrant will be marked from a total of 100 points.

a.	Clarity and relevance of the entrant's abstract	10 marks
b.	Structure of the lecture, clarity of explanation and argument, neither assuming too much or too little knowledge on the part of the audience	25 marks
c.	Standard of presentation, clarity of diction, personal enthusiasm for the subject, ability to deliver lecture spontaneously (points deducted if constant reference to notes or memory aids interferes with the presentation)	25 marks
d.	Clarity and relevance of any visual aids used	10 marks
e.	Technical content of the presentation	15 marks
f.	Calmness and competence in handling judges' questions	15 marks

\*One mark will be deducted if the presentation runs one minute under 12 or over 15 minutes.

5 marks will be deducted per minute the presentation runs under 11 and over 16 minutes.

### 4. 2025 YPWLC FINAL

The 2025 YPWLC final will be held on Thursday 27 November at 12:00 GMT.

In all cases the competitors will present the same topic across all stages of the competition.

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