

# 2020 California Grand Assembly Ritual & Speech Competition

## 2020 Individual Ritual Competition

One big change for our competition - **there will be no prompting at our 2020 GA competition.** Supreme competition doesn't prompt, nor do many of the other States at their competitions. If a girl does not know what her next words are and she is completely stuck, she will just say "end" and she will be done with her lecture.

### Individual Competition lectures:

Group 1 – Age 11-13: Religion and Service Initiation lectures

Group 2 – Age 14-15: Hope, Charity and WAA initiation lectures

Group 3 – Age 16-17: Super 7 (All seven bow station initiation lectures)

Group 4 – Age 18 to Active 20\*: Super 7 (All seven bow station initiation lectures)

\*if you are twenty, you must be an active member of your assembly. We will **NOT** be holding a separate Super 7 competition in 2020.

You must compete at your Area Competition in the age category you will be at Grand Assembly. Winners from each Area Ritual Competition will compete at Grand Assembly. If for some reason the First Place winner cannot compete, the alternate will take her place at Grand Assembly. (Area Grand Deputies will send the Director of Ritual Competition their first place **and** second place winners.)

Dress Code will be formal attire, according to the California Rainbow dress code. The Sweepstakes winner (the girl with the highest overall individual score) will give her winning lecture on Sunday at Grand Assembly. If the winner is in Group 1, she will recite Service initiation lecture. If she is in Group 2, she will recite WAA initiation lecture. If she is in Group 3 or 4, she will recite Religion initiation lecture.

The individual competition will be held at 8:00am on Saturday Morning, April 4, 2020. Due to Page, CO Helper and Choir practice, your time may be assigned to you in advance. This will help our Directors run smooth and uninterrupted practices.

**Individual Sweepstakes winner:** You are now able to win the Individual Ritual Sweepstakes award in each age category. For example, if you won the Ritual Sweepstakes award when you were age 14 and competed in Group 2 (age 14-15 category) you will be able to compete again in Group 3 (age 16-17) when you reach that age group and Group 4 (age 18 to active 20) when you reach that age group. You may only win the Individual Ritual Sweepstakes title once in each age category. You may continue to compete in each age category if you don't win the Sweepstakes award. The Ritual Sweepstakes award is given to the girl who has the overall highest score in the individual category.

**Individual Area Competition conflict:** If a girl has a genuine conflict with her Area Ritual Competition, she will get a chance to compete at Grand Assembly on Friday afternoon before sessions start on Saturday. This is for the Individual Ritual Competition only. The girl will need to inform her Area Grand Deputy that she is not able to attend the Area Competition. She will fill out a form that includes a summary as to why she is not able to attend and provide necessary documentation that could include copy of a plane ticket, Dr. Note, letter from Pastor/Coach, etc. Supporting documentation is required! The form will be signed by the Grand Deputy, the AGD and the information will be sent to the Director. **Upon approval**, the girl will be able to compete the Friday afternoon before Grand Assembly starts. A winner from each age group will get the ability to compete in the individual competition on Saturday morning. If the girl can't compete on Friday afternoon, she will have to wait until the next year to compete in individual competition. This exception process is designed for those girls who have a true conflict so let's use it for that purpose only.

## Bow Team Competition

Bow teams will be made up of 7 girls within an Area. They can all be from one Assembly, or Assemblies can join forces to make a team. Each team will be reviewed and approved by the Area Grand Deputy.

The competition will begin with Love's first line, through the end of the lecture. The Ritual helper will respond for the candidate. After, "...and lay it thereon." the next bow officer will stand and begin her lecture.

The winning team from each Area will compete at Grand Assembly on Friday night, April 3, 2019. The schedule will be finalized once the Director of Ritual has all of the information for the participating teams. Even if there is only 1 team participating for the Area, **the team must perform their lectures at the Area Competition**. Dress Code will be formal attire, according to the California Rainbow dress code.

If a girl on the winning team is not able to be at Grand Assembly, a substitute may be used from the Area. You are allowed up to **TWO** substitutes. If 3 or more girls from the team cannot participate at Grand Assembly, we would love the remaining members of the Area team to give their lectures, but they will not be eligible for award placement.

**The winning Bow Team will move on to compete at Supreme Assembly in Reno in July! We will take the 2nd place team to Supreme if the 1st place team is not able to attend.**

### **Speech Competition**

Due to time constraints, the Speech Competition will be moved to **Friday Night**. If a girl absolutely cannot compete on Friday night, I will do my best to work her in the schedule for competition on Saturday. Please make every effort to compete on Friday night.

1. The contestants will write up to a three hundred (300) word, typed, Aerial Font 10 point double spaced speech on **one** of the two following prompts:

1. Prompt #1 - **“What can one person do to boost membership in California Rainbow?”**

**OR**

2. Prompt #2 - **“What leadership qualities have you learned as a Rainbow Girl that you will use in your adult life?”**
2. Judging: you will be scored on your ability to convince the judges of your position, appropriate attire, and presentation skills. You will receive some points for memorization, however, the main idea is to practice and focus on your public speaking and presentation skills.
3. You will dress in Business casual attire according to the California Rainbow dress code.
4. You must be an active Rainbow girl with current dues paid.
5. Your speech must be submitted in advance to the Director of Ritual Competition by February 15, 2020. Email speech to [trishpsp@yahoo.com](mailto:trishpsp@yahoo.com)
6. Please put your name, Assembly name and the prompt you chose in the top right corner of your speech. Failure to do this will result in a 5 point deduction.
7. Once I receive your speech, I will send you a copy of the judging score sheet so you're aware of the criteria.
8. We will not use any props or PowerPoint presentations.
9. Non PWAs, PWAs and PGOs age 16 and over are eligible. Current Grand Officers are not eligible. Past Grand Officers are eligible for this competition, as long as you have not attained majority on the day of the competition at Grand Assembly, 2020.
10. There will not be an area competition – just the competition at Grand Assembly.
11. The Competition will take place at Grand Assembly on Friday night, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will be assigned a competition time in advance.
12. The First place winner will deliver her speech at Grand Assembly.

Please contact me with any questions. I'm looking forward to an amazing competition!

Sincerely,

*Trish Parker-Palmer*

Director of Ritual & Speech Competition