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2026 National Effective Speaking Memo

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Attention: Air Cadets, League Members and Supporters

The National Effective Speaking Committee is pleased to share the latest updates regarding the 2026 National Effective Speaking Competition. As we embark on another exciting season, we have several important announcements to highlight.

National Competition Announcement

We are excited to confirm that the **National Effective Speaking Competition will once again be held live in Ottawa on June 19, 2026.**

Flexible Competition Formats

To accommodate regional needs and ensure compliance with health and CAF regulations, provinces and territories may choose their preferred format for local competitions: **in-person, hybrid, or fully virtual**. This flexibility allows us to support cadets across Canada while adapting to logistical and safety considerations.

2026 Effective Speaking Topics

- What does leadership mean to you, and how have you demonstrated it?
- The official integration of girls into the Cadet Program over the past 50 years transformed opportunities for women—in leadership, careers, and society. What impact do you believe this has had on the Cadet Program and the broader world?
- What is your dream job and how is the Air Cadet program preparing you for this job?
- What does Canada mean to you?
- If you could give advice to your younger self on your first day as a cadet, what would you say?

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- How has Canada contributed to flight, aviation, and space exploration—past, present, and future?
- What personal growth may be expected for a youth who enters the cadet program?
- What does effective communication look like in today’s world, and why is it important for youth leaders?

Scoresheet Update

We are currently revising the competition scoresheet to place greater emphasis on **speaking and presentation skills**. The updated version will be shared shortly.

Closing Remarks

In closing, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, exceptional cadets, and valued stakeholders. Your unwavering support continues to champion the Air Cadet League Effective Speaking Program across the country.

Thank you for your enduring commitment to nurturing the talents of our youth. Together, we will continue to empower the next generation of eloquent speakers and visionary leaders.

Warm regards,

Vern Toews

Chair, National Effective Speaking Committee