

SA Heat Rules - Australian Poetry Slam 2016

All South Australian entrants to the Australian Poetry Slam 2016 agree to abide by the following rules and regulations.

1. Maximum of 20 entrants per heat.
2. Enter at the venue on the night of the heat 30 minutes before the heat commences. Some states may have alternative sign-up processes please contact Spoken Word SA for more details.
3. Contestants must reside in the state in which they are competing. In some cases, if your nearest heat is interstate, an exception can be made. In such cases, if you compete interstate and are one of the two winners, you will progress to that state's final.
4. Random draw for performance order.
5. ABSOLUTE two minute limit. Time starts at your first word or when the timekeeper feels the performance has begun (no additional time allowed for introductions). Points will be deducted from the final score for exceeding the time limit — one point for every 30 seconds over time. For example: At 2:01 minutes you will lose a point. At 2:31 minutes you will lose another point...
6. Five judges chosen by the MC at random from the audience.
7. Judges hold up score cards using a 1 – 10 scale to one decimal point, with 10 being the highest possible score. Of the five scores for each poet, only the middle three scores are counted. The decision of the judges is final.
8. Poem must be the original work of the performer written within the last 12 months. **No plagiarism folks.** One or two recognisable pop culture references are okay.
9. Performers must be prepared to perform two different poems in the heat.
10. National Final will have two rounds. Contestants must come prepared with two different poems to participate in both rounds.
11. In the case of a tie the MC will conduct a “slam off” tie-breaker performance contestants must be prepared with a third poem to allow for this eventuality.
12. No musical accompaniment. No props. No costumes. (ie; clothing related to the poem).
13. Two performers with the highest scores in each State's Heats will proceed to the State Final.
14. SA Poetry Slam Organisers and feature performers may not compete.
15. Contestants must sign a copy of the rules prior to performing.
16. The judges' and Organiser's decisions regarding winners are final and cannot be contested. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into in this regard.

Please see full Terms and Conditions available at <http://australianpoetryslam.com> for more details.

Addendum to Heats Rules

All material must be original and any entrant deemed by the producer to have plagiarised material and concepts from any source will be immediately disqualified.

A panel from the audience on the night will judge the heats. In all instances the judges' decision is final.

I agree to be photographed and for the photos to be used for promotional purposes.

This document must be signed to be eligible to compete in the heats.

I..... (name, please print clearly)

..... (address)

..... (email address)

..... (mobile phone)

I have read the rules and the addendum to the rules for the heats of the *Australian Poetry Slam 2016* and agree to abide by them.

Signature:

Date: