

## SA Heat Rules - Australian Poetry Slam 2018

All South Australian entrants to the Australian Poetry Slam 2018 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.
3. Contestants must reside in the state in which they are competing.
4. Random draw for performance order.
5. ONE POEM ONLY. 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. You may enter more than one heat in your state
16. Contestants must sign a copy of the rules prior to performing.
17. 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.

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