

What I love about SA poetry Competition rules

1. Organisers

The Heritage Day Poetry Competition 2022 is organised by the Democratic Alliance (“DA”), headquartered at 16 Mill St, Gardens, Cape Town, 8001.

2. Opening and closing time

The closing date of the Competition is on 11 September 2022.

3. Entries

The Competition will be categorized into one of two categories, namely a 6-13 years category & a 14-18 years category. The entrants age at the time of the competition is applicable when entering.

Entrants may enter a poem in one of the 11 official languages of South Africa, however, the same poem may not be translated and entered in more than one language category.

By entering the Competition, entrants (if the entrant is under 18 years of age, the entrant’s parent or legal guardian) acknowledge that he or she has read, understood and accepted these Competition Rules voluntarily and with full knowledge of any intended or unintended risks that he or she may be exposed to during his or her participation.

Each poem will be assessed as originally submitted only. No subsequent editorial amendment or resubmission is permitted. No correspondence or discussion regarding amendments will be entered into.

Current Democratic Alliance employees, their spouse/partner and/or family members are not eligible to enter, neither are any current or former Competition judges, their spouse/partner and/or their immediate family members, or any organisers or suppliers who are associated with this Competition.

The Democratic Alliance does not accept any responsibility for late, lost, incomplete, incorrectly submitted, delayed, illegible, corrupted or misdirected entries, claims or correspondence, whether due to error, omission, alteration, , theft, destruction, transmission interruption, communications failure or otherwise.

The Democratic Alliance reserves the right, at any time, in its sole discretion to cancel, vary, suspend or modify the Competition

Each entrant indemnifies, holds harmless and releases the Democratic Alliance and its employees from all such claims made or sustained as a result of entering this Competition, or for any loss suffered as a result of any breach of these terms and conditions by an entrant, including breach of any third-party intellectual property rights or any warranty or representation being false or incorrect.

4. Disqualification of entries

The panel judging of the Competition (the “judging panel”) reserves the right to refuse any entries at its sole discretion. The judging panel also reserves the right to disqualify any entrant or entry at its absolute discretion. For example, the judging panel may disqualify:

- Any surplus or additional entries.
- Incomplete, indecipherable or illegal entries, or entries containing incorrect contact details.
- Any entries that the Democratic Alliance considers to contain material that is objectionable, defamatory, profane or potentially insulting, inflammatory or defamatory, or contravenes an applicable law or infringes any third party's rights;
- Entrants who the Democratic Alliance considers have tampered with the entry process or engaged in unlawful or improper conduct that is designed to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the Competition, or is generally damaging to the goodwill or reputation of the Democratic Alliance; or
- Entries that the Democratic Alliance considers inappropriate for any reason.

The Democratic Alliance reserves the right, at any time, to verify the validity of entries and the mandatory details provided by entrants (including an entrant's identity, age and parental/legal guardian permission (where applicable), and to disqualify any entrant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these terms and conditions. The identification necessary for verification is at the sole discretion of the Democratic Alliance. Failure by the Democratic Alliance to enforce any of its rights at any stage does not constitute a waiver of these competition rules.

5. Copyright

The entrant must ensure that the poem entered:

- Is an original work of the entrant as defined in the South African Copyright Act 98 of 1978;
- Is not published, under offer to any publication, or offered for publication (unpublished) until the adjudication is finalised and the winners are notified and announced.
- By entering the Competition, the entrant warrants that he or she is the sole owner of the poem and the sole copyright owner of the content of the poem (material) and that he or she is compliant with and agrees to comply with these terms and conditions.

The entrant warrants that his or her submission is an original work and hereby indemnifies the Democratic Alliance against any claims, damages or legal action which may arise as a result of any submission violating the provisions of the South African Copyright Act or plagiarism of another artists work.

6. General

The Democratic Alliance cannot accept any responsibility for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment suffered by any entrant entering the Competition.

The Democratic Alliance reserves the right both to cancel the Competition and to amend these rules where it is deemed necessary or to account for circumstances beyond the Democratic Alliance’s control. Any notice of cancellation or changes to the rules will be posted on this website.

In the event of any dispute regarding these rules or any other matter relating to the Competition, the decision of the Democratic Alliance shall be final and no correspondence or discussion shall be entered into.

Entries not complying with the Competition rules will be disqualified, as will entrants in breach of the rules.

Entrants must not approach or attempt to influence any judge, member or public representative of the Democratic Alliance over Competition matters.

7. Prizes

| | Age 6-13 | Age 14-18 |
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| 1 st prize | R 2000 + Poems get published on DA website and social media pages | R 2000 + Poems get published on DA website and social media pages |
| 2 nd prize | R 1000 + Poems get published on DA website and social media pages | R 1000 + Poems get published on DA website and social media pages |
| 3 rd prize | R 500 + Poems get published on DA website and social media pages | R 500 + Poems get published on DA website and social media pages |

The Democratic Alliance reserves the right, in conjunction with the Competition panel of judges, to withhold the prizes, or to reduce or split the prize money if, in their opinion, such action is justified for any reason.

8. Publication

Winning poems will be published on the Democratic Alliance's website, and social media pages and may be used for marketing material.

By entering this competition you acknowledge that, the Democratic Alliance has the right to use poems on social media and website and that your poems may also be used for marketing material.

9. Notification of winners

Due to the sheer volume of entries, only successful entrants will be notified. Details of the winners will be announced by no later than Heritage Day on 24 September 2022.

10. Evaluation of poems

The decisions of the judging panel relating to this Competition are final and binding, and no subsequent correspondence will be entered into.

The judging panel is not obliged to provide feedback or critical comment on individual entries.

11. Use of personal information

This competition will adhere to the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act 4 of, 2013.