



12th Bulgarian Creative Writing Competition Official Protocol

1. The competition is open to students from in grades 6 - 12.
2. The competition is held at the registered schools under the supervision of the teacher-coordinator. He/she is responsible for communicating with BCWC organizers, dissemination of information, and for sending the entries to the organizers.
3. The competition writing session is 60 minutes.
4. Each participant chooses one of the three prompts offered by the organizers. Entries containing hate speech (i.e. speech that attacks a person or group on the basis of attributes such as gender, ethnic origin, religion, race, disability, or sexual orientation) will be disqualified.
5. For the writing session the participants enter Microsoft Teams or similar platform, used at the school.
6. The participants can use computers, laptops, tablets or phones.
7. The teacher-coordinator and the participants meet in Microsoft Teams (or the platform used at the school) 30 min before the writing session. The teacher reviews the official protocol, announces the prompts and gives instructions.
8. Each participant creates a document in Word and Save it as a file following the pattern class_town_school_name_last name (i.e. 8_Sofia_IvanVazovSecondaryschool_PetarIvanov)
9. Each participant writes down the chosen prompt as a title.
10. The participants are not allowed to use mobile phones for Internet search, dictionaries and other reference materials.
11. Once the time is up the participants save their files and send them to the e-mail given by the teacher-coordinator.
12. The organizers will check the file Properties of each submitted entry and will disqualify any that show different time of creation and closure than the announced time for writing.
13. The teacher-coordinator receives all the works from the participants and send them to the organizers in one e-mail together with a list of the participating students (names and class).
14. The organizers confirm with an e-mail that the works have been received.
15. The organizers check all the works for plagiarism. Entries that are not clearly the original work of the student author will be removed from the competition.

The judging is organized in two rounds in January.

More about the Judging criteria

<http://www.creativewriting-bg.com/assets/2021-BCWC-JUDGING-CRITERIA-OFFICIAL-1.pdf>

The best 16 works in each grade selected after the first round of judging advance to the national judging. The national winners (first, second and third place) in each grade will be announced on January 31, 2022. All participants will receive certificates for participation. The winners will receive additional certificates and prizes.

Important conditions:

1. The organizers have exclusive rights on the submitted works and could use them, as well as the name of each participant, their pictures and/or voice in publications and advertisements related to the competition without asking for a permission or paying compensation.
2. Individual results and reviews are not provided/sent to schools.
3. The authors are not permitted to publish their works in central or local publications (printed and on-line) before the publication of the official brochure with the awarded works on the web site of the competition.