

# Bushey and South West Herts Youth Drama Festival

## Rules - Improvisation

- The subject of the improvisation will be presented to the performers 20 minutes before the performance
- Properties to fill a box of 3x2x2 feet may be brought by the group, though it is hoped most items would be improvised
- The title of the improvisation must be announced, after which the timing of the improvisation commences
- Directors are allowed to be with their group during preparation

### Age Groups

#### Senior Section

- Performers must be under the age of 25 on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the previous year
- Younger performers in this section will be eligible for Junior Section awards

#### Junior Section

- Performers must be year 9 or below on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the previous year
- Older performers are permitted, by prior arrangement, but are not eligible for awards

### Cast

- There must be 3 or more performers in any one improvisation
- A performer may be in more than one production

### Time Limits

The improvisation must be between 3 minutes and 10 minutes. These limits are reinforced by penalties as follows:

Less than 3 minutes	Disqualification!
Over 10 minutes by	
1 minute	1 point deducted
2 minutes	3 points deducted
3 minutes	6 points deducted
4 minutes	10 points deducted
5 minutes	15 points deducted
Over 5 minutes	Disqualification!

Disqualification does not affect any other entries made.

The timing of an improvisation will start as the curtains open or once the lights are up, whichever is relevant, and end when the curtains are closed or on blackout.