

## PCRA SPEED CONTEST RULES

Date and time: Friday, April 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.,

Location: The Doubletree by Hilton Resort Suites, Downtown  
Pittsburgh PA

1. Eligibility: Any writer of shorthand (pen, machine or voice).
2. Test: Five-minute tests will be dictated as follows:

Test	Speed	Transcription Time
Literary	220	75 minutes
Legal Opinion	230	75 minutes
Testimony	280	75 minutes

The testimony will be two-voice dictation, with Q's and A's neither counted nor read.

3. Number of transcriptions permitted: One of each take.
4. Professionalism barred: If requested, contestants must give to the committee satisfactory assurance that they have not received, directly or indirectly, any remuneration or promise of remuneration of whatever character for entering or winning any part of this contest.
5. The contestant who qualifies on the three above tests with the highest average for the three shall be declared champion and shall be awarded a championship trophy. In addition, suitable medals will be awarded to the writers who place first, second, and third on the individual speeds, and an appropriate certificate will be awarded to those who qualify on any of the three speeds.
6. Transcribing: Contestants are responsible for producing their own transcripts without assistance from another person. Those who type must type their own transcripts; those who use computer-aided transcription must use their own dictionaries and must perform their own translating, editing, and printing functions. In every sense, the contest transcripts must be the work product of the individual contestant. Any activities that call into question the integrity of a transcript may be reason for permanent disbarment from the speed contest. The only equipment provided for producing transcripts will be a printer and paper. Each contestant is responsible for all other equipment needed to produce their transcripts.

7. Transcripts will be marked for identification and correction in such manner that it will be impossible to know whose work is being examined until after the grading has been completed.

8. No transcript will be rated that has more than 5% of errors.

9. The committee will publish no names or information concerning any contestant or transcript except such as qualify under the rules. Transcripts will be available for review at the convention site following announcement of the results.

10. All successful transcripts (that is, all that qualify under the rules) and the shorthand notes of such transcripts are to become the property of PCRA.

11. All decisions of the committee made under these rules, or such supplementary rules as may be found necessary at the time of the contest, shall be final.

12. Continuing Education Credits: .25 PDCs are allowed by NCRA for each section of the speed contest in which the contestant qualifies. Credit for any speed contest leg will be awarded only once per three-year term. Qualification is based on transcription at 95% accuracy.

ENTRY FEE: \$95.00. Includes lunch.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Deadline to sign up for the speed contest is Tuesday, March 1, 2018.

If less than five contestants register, the contest will be canceled.

This is the link for "What is an Error."

<http://www.ncra.org/files/Certification/What%20is%20an%20Error-RPR-Feb%202013.pdf>. Transcripts will be graded accordingly.

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