

International Speech Contest

Contest Chair Script

Welcome to the International Speech Contest!

The purpose of the International Speech contest :

1. To provide an opportunity for speakers to improve their speaking abilities and to recognize the best as encouragement to all.
2. To provide an opportunity to learn by observing the more proficient speakers who have benefited from their toastmasters training

All International Contest Speeches will be recorded, and the winning speech will be submitted to World Headquarters for judging at the region quarterfinal level.

Housekeeping rules

a. To minimize distractions to our contestants while competing, we ask you to consider the following:

- Turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices.
- Avoid flash photography of the contestants during the contest. There will be photo opportunities later.

b. Once the contest has begun, the Sergeant at Arms will secure the doors. Members of the audience are asked to refrain from leaving or entering the room during the contest while the contestants are speaking. If you must leave the room, please do so during the minutes of silence allocated for the judges' scoring of each contestant.

Contestant Introduction

I will introduce each contestant by announcing their name, speech title, speech title, and name. No other information or comments will be made about the contestants.

The order of the contestants was randomly selected and is as follows:

<u>Order</u>	<u>Contestant Name</u>
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____

Timers, are you ready? Chief Judge, are the judges ready? Then we are ready to proceed with the International Speech Contest.

–After all contestants have spoken–

We will have 2 minutes of silence for the Judges to finalize their score and rank the winner.

Reminder: Judges, please remember to finalize your scores and rank the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place contestants on the bottom portion of your ballot. When you are done, please tear off the bottom portion of your completed ballots, sign them and print your name in the appropriate locations, and hold them up for the counters.

The Chief Judge and Ballot Counters have left the room to tally the ballots, now it is time to get to know the contestants better. Let’s give a warm welcome to our Contest

Interviewer_____. Also, I ask the contestants to return to the stage for the interview.

(Contestant Interview)

Announcement of results

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When the Chief Judge returns with the contest results, announce if there have been any disqualifications for time. Announce the 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place winners. (depending on the number of contestants)

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Chief Judge's Script

Eligibility

It has been confirmed that all contestants are eligible. To be eligible a contestant must:

- a. Be a Toastmaster in good standing of a club in good standing,
- b. Have earned a DTM in the Legacy system or completed Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways education system.
- c. Not presently be an International, District or Area officer, nor have declared the intent to run for such offices.

Originality

- All speeches must be substantially original, and quoted material so identified. No more than 25% of the speech may be devoted to quoting, paraphrasing, or referencing another person's content. Any non-original content must be identified during the speech presentation. Speakers may not reference another contestant's speech.

- Speakers may stay in the room. Should they choose to leave the room during the contest, the Sergeant at Arms will escort contestants back into the room once their time to speak has arrived.

Timing

- The time of the International Speech Contest will be 5-7minutes

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- Any speaker speaking less than 4 minutes and 30 seconds, or more than 7 minutes and 30 minutes will be disqualified.
- The timing lights/cards will be activated as follows (ask the timekeepers to activate the lights/cardboards as you indicate timelines):
- Green Light/Card will be displayed at 5:00 minutes
- Yellow Light/Card will be displayed at 6:00 minutes
- Red Light/Card will be displayed at 7:00 minutes and stay up until the speaker has finished speaking. No notice shall be given should a speaker go over time. Timing starts with the contestant's first definite verbal or non-verbal communication with the audience. Contestants are urged to make a definite ending to their speech so that the Timers know when to stop timing.

Judging

All judges have been briefed and are qualified to judge this contest.

There will be one minute of silence between speakers so the judges may complete their forms.

Protests

Protests are limited to eligibility and originality, and reference to another contestant's speech. Protests may be lodged only by the contestants or judges of this contest, to either the Chief Judge and/or Contest Chair, prior to the announcement of the contest results. Once the results have been announced, all decisions are final.

Are there any questions? Mr./Madame Contest Chair, we are ready to begin.