



Speech Contest Rulebook

Explanation of Changes

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<p>Global change throughout the Speech Contest Rulebook for consistency and use of inclusive language in accordance with Toastmasters International Style Guide.</p>	<p>All instances of the words she/hers or he/his were changed to <i>they/their</i>.</p>	<p>The Toastmasters Style Guide approved the use of “they” or “their” in place of “he or she” and “his or her.” This inclusive language has been applied to the Speech Contest Rulebook.</p>
<p>1. Speech Contest Policy</p> <p>A. Toastmasters International recognizes and supports the following official speech contests: International, Evaluation, Humorous, Table Topics, Tall Tales, and Video (only for members of undistricted clubs, including Territorial Councils and Provisional Districts). No other contest types, showcases, etc., can be conducted by Districts (including Areas and Divisions).</p> <p>3. Districts (including Areas and Divisions) may also conduct up to four (4) non English speech contests each year.</p> <p>a) Each of these contests is conducted in a language selected by the District Director and approved by the District executive committee.</p> <p>b) A non English contest may be conducted using the rules of the International Speech Contest. Such a contest must be titled using the name of the language. For example: Chinese Speech Contest.</p> <p>c) Non English contests must not continue beyond the District level.</p>	<p>1. Speech Contest Policy</p> <p>A. Toastmasters International recognizes and supports the following official speech contests: International, Evaluation, Humorous, Table Topics, Tall Tales, and Video (only for members of undistricted clubs, including Territorial Councils and Provisional Districts). No other contest types, showcases, etc., can be conducted by Districts (including Areas and Divisions).</p> <p>3. Districts (including Areas and Divisions) may also conduct up to four (4) non English speech contests each year.</p> <p>a) Each of these contests is conducted in a language selected by the District Director and approved by the District executive committee.</p> <p>b) A Non English contests are optional and may be conducted as Evaluation, Humorous, Table Topics, or Tall Tales contests, or using the rules of the International Speech Contest. Such a A non English contest using the rules of the International Speech Contest must be titled using the name of the language. For example: Chinese Speech Contest.</p> <p>c) Non English contests must not continue beyond the District level.</p>	<p>1. Speech Contest Policy</p> <p>Wording was added to directly state that all non English contests are optional and that, in addition to following the rules of the International Speech Contest, non English contests may also be conducted as other types of official Toastmasters contests.</p>

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<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>A. To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a paid member of a club in the Area, Division, and District in which he or she is competing. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The club must also be in good standing. b) A new, dual, or reinstated member must have dues and membership application current with World Headquarters. 2. In addition, to be eligible to compete in the International Speech Contest, a member must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have completed six (6) speech projects in the Competent Communication manual or earned certificates of completion in Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. However, a charter member of a club chartered less than one (1) year before the club contest is permitted to compete without having completed this requirement. The club must have officially chartered before the Area contest.” 2. Only members who joined Toastmasters prior to the rollout of Pathways in their region can apply speeches from the Competent Communication manual to speech contest eligibility. 3. Maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If at any level it is determined that a contestant was ineligible to compete at any previous level, the contestant must be disqualified. This disqualification must occur even if the ineligibility is discovered at a later level and has been corrected. 	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>A. To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a paid member of a club in the Area, Division, and District in which he or she is they are competing. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The club must also be in good standing. b) A new, dual, or reinstated member must have dues and membership application current with World Headquarters. 2. Maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If at any level it is determined that a contestant was ineligible to compete at any previous level, the contestant must be disqualified. This disqualification must occur even if the ineligibility is discovered at a later level and has been corrected. <p>B. 2:In addition, to be eligible to compete in the International Speech Contest, a member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a) Have completed six (6) speech projects in the Competent Communication manual or earned certificates of completion in Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1: However, a charter member of a club chartered less than one (1) year before the club contest is permitted to compete without having completed this requirement. The club must have officially chartered before the Area contest. b) 2: Only members who joined Toastmasters prior to the rollout of Pathways in their region can apply speeches from the Competent Communication manual to speech contest eligibility. 3. Maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If at any level it is determined that a contestant was ineligible to compete at any previous level, the contestant must be disqualified. This disqualification must occur even if the ineligibility is discovered at a later level and has been corrected. 	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>The existing rule in 2. Eligibility, A.3 was reordered to a new 2. Eligibility, A.2 to more clearly indicate that maintaining eligibility at all levels of the contest applies to all speech contests and not just the International Speech Contest.</p> <p>Section 2. Eligibility, B.3 was moved and re-numbered but no wording was changed.</p> <p>Additionally, a new section was created, 2. Eligibility, B to include all existing rules related to eligibility specifically for the International Speech Contest. This creates a stronger distinction between the eligibility rules for all speech contests and those that apply only to the International Speech Contest.</p> <p>The remaining rules in this section were re-numbered to align with these changes.</p>

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<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>A. To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must:</p> <p>4. The following are ineligible to compete in any Toastmasters speech contest:</p> <p>a) A member serving as a voting judge or tiebreaking judge beyond the club level for a contest type in which the member is still competing or intends to compete</p> <p>b) Incumbent International Officers and Directors</p> <p>c) Region Advisors or Region Advisor applicants</p> <p>d) District Officers whose terms expire June 30:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District Director 2. Program Quality Director 3. Club Growth Director 4. Administration Manager 5. Finance Manager 6. Public Relations Manager 7. Division Director 8. Area Director <p>e) International Officer and Director candidates</p> <p>f) Immediate Past District Directors</p> <p>g) District Officers or candidates campaigning for elected positions for the term beginning the upcoming July 1</p> <p>h) Presenters of education sessions, contest chairs, contest Toastmasters, chief judges, and event committee chairs for the event at which the contest will be held, including Area, Division, and District events, as well as the International Convention</p>	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>C. 4. The following are ineligible to compete in any Toastmasters speech contest:</p> <p>a) A member serving as a voting judge or tiebreaking judge beyond the club level for a contest type in which the member is still competing or intends to compete</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. b) Incumbent International Officers and Directors 2. c) Region Advisors or Region Advisor applicants 3. d) District officers whose terms expire June 30: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) + District Director b) 2. Program Quality Director c) 3. Club Growth Director d) 4. Administration Manager e) 5. Finance Manager f) 6. Public Relations Manager g) 7. Division Director h) 8. Area Director 4. e) International Officer and Director candidates 5. f) Immediate Past District Directors 6. g) District officers or candidates campaigning for elected positions for the term beginning the upcoming July 1. <p>h) Presenters of education sessions, contest chairs, contest Toastmasters, chief judges, and event committee chairs for the event at which the contest will be held, including Area, Division, and District events, as well as the International Convention.</p> 	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>Items in this section were re-numbered to align with changes introduced in previous sections.</p> <p>The word “campaigning” was removed from the rule regarding District leaders’ and candidates’ ineligibility to compete in speech contests.</p> <p>The intention of this rule was always that anyone who will be seeking an elected position is not eligible to compete. However, the word “campaigning” caused some confusion, with candidates often asking if they were able to compete as long as their campaigning had not begun.</p> <p>The removal of the word “campaigning” provides a necessary clarification, specifying that those who are or will be seeking an elected position are ineligible to compete at any level, as this could give them extra prominence and recognition.</p>

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<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>A. To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Contest chairs, chief judges, voting judges, tiebreaking judges, timers, counters, sergeants at arms, and test speakers may not compete in the contest at which they are serving in any of these roles. 6. The winner of the World Championship of Public Speaking® held in August during the International Convention is not eligible to compete in the International Speech Contest again at any level. 7. The winner of the Video Speech Contest announced at the International Convention is not eligible to compete in the Video Speech Contest again. Winners of the Video Speech Contest may compete in the International Speech Contest in subsequent years if all other eligibility requirements are met. 8. Toastmasters who are members in more than one (1) club and who meet all eligibility requirements are permitted to compete in the club contest(s) in each club in which they hold paid membership. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) No contestant can compete in more than one (1) Area speech contest of a given type, even if the two (2) Areas are in different Divisions or Districts. 9. Each contestant must be physically present to compete beyond the club level. Participation by audio, video, or other remote technology is not permitted beyond the club level. (Exceptions: participants in the International Speech Contest Region Quarterfinals and Video Speech Contest.) 	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>C. 4. The following are ineligible to compete in any Toastmasters speech contest:</p> <p>7. Members who are serving in contest official or presenter roles that meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Voting judge, tiebreaking judge or chief judge at the same contest type in which they would be competing beyond the club level, in any District. b) Timer, counter, sergeant at arms, or other contest official role for the same contest in which they would be competing. c) Presenter of an education session, a contest chair, a contest Toastmaster, or an event committee chair for the event at which the contest will be held, including Area, Division, and District events, as well as the International Convention. <p>5. Contest chairs, chief judges, voting judges, tiebreaking judges, timers, counters, sergeants at arms, and test speakers may not compete in the contest at which they are serving in any of these roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. 7. The winner of the World Championship of Public Speaking® held in August during the International Convention is not eligible to compete in the International Speech Contest again at any level. 9. 8. The winner of the Video Speech Contest announced at the International Convention is not eligible to compete in the Video Speech Contest again. Winners of the Video Speech Contest may compete in the International Speech Contest in subsequent years if all other eligibility requirements are met. 10. 9. Toastmasters who are members in more than one (1) club and who meet all eligibility requirements are permitted to compete in the club contest(s) in each club in which they hold paid membership. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) No contestant can compete in more than one (1) Area speech contest of a given type, even if the two (2) Areas are in different Divisions or Districts. 11. 10. Each contestant must be physically present to compete beyond the club level. Participation by audio, video, or other remote technology is not permitted beyond the club level. (Exceptions: participants in the International Speech Contest Region Quarterfinals and Video Speech Contest.) 	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>To clarify rules related to contest officials or presenters competing in speech contests, all rules pertaining to this topic were combined into one section 2. Eligibility, C.7 and wording was clarified.</p> <p>This new section outlines the specific roles that are ineligible to compete in Toastmasters speech contests and under which circumstances and at which levels of the contest these roles are ineligible.</p> <p>Numbering in this section was adjusted to align with the addition of a new number 7.</p>

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<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>B. To be a chief judge, voting judge, or tiebreaking judge at a Toastmasters speech contest, you must meet all eligibility requirements identified below.</p> <p>3. At the International Speech Contest Region Quarterfinals, Semifinals and the World Championship of Public Speaking:</p> <p>a) Be a paid member for a minimum of six (6) months.</p> <p>b) Be at least an Advanced Toastmaster Bronze or Advanced Communicator Bronze, or have completed at least one (1) path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience.</p> <p>c) Have previously judged a Toastmasters speech contest at the Area, Division, District, or semifinal level.</p>	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>D. B. To be a chief judge, voting judge, or tiebreaking judge at a Toastmasters speech contest, you must meet all eligibility requirements identified below.</p> <p>3. At the International Speech Contest Region Quarterfinals, Semifinals and the World Championship of Public Speaking:</p> <p>a) Be a paid member for a minimum of six (6) months.</p> <p>b) Be at least an Advanced Toastmaster Bronze or Advanced Communicator Bronze, or have completed at least one (1) path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience.</p> <p>1. Only members who joined Toastmasters prior to the rollout of Pathways in their region can apply speeches from the <i>Competent Communication</i> manual to eligibility for judging.</p> <p>c) Have previously judged a Toastmasters speech contest at the Area, Division, District, or semifinal level.</p>	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>Wording was added to specify that traditional program achievements can only be used toward eligibility requirements for judging by those who joined Toastmasters prior to the Pathways rollout.</p> <p>This aligns the educational requirements for judging specific levels of the International Speech Contest with those for competing in the International Speech Contest, as outlined in 2. Eligibility, B.1.b.</p>
<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>C. All other contest officials and the Evaluation Contest test speaker must be paid members.</p>	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>E. €. All other contest officials and the Evaluation Contest test speaker must be paid members.</p> <p>F. Candidates for elected District leader positions for the term beginning the subsequent July 1 are ineligible to serve as a test speaker at the Area, Division, or District level.</p>	<p>2. Eligibility</p> <p>Due to test speaker roles providing opportunities for prominence and recognition, this rule was added to specify that candidates for elected District leader positions are not eligible to serve as test speakers for the Evaluation Contest at the Area, Division, or District level.</p>
<p>3. Selection Sequence</p> <p>A. Club, Area, Division, District. Each club in good standing is permitted to choose its contestant for each Area speech contest by whatever means the club desires. If a contest is held, it must comply with the rules in this rulebook, and the contest result is final. The Area speech contest winner then proceeds to the Division contest. The Division winner then proceeds to the District contest.</p>	<p>3. Selection Sequence</p> <p>A. Club, Area, Division, District. Each club in good standing is permitted to choose its contestant for each Area speech contest by whatever means the club desires. If a club contest is held, it must comply with the rules in this rulebook, and the contest result is final. Contests must be held at the Area, Division, and District levels. The Area speech contest winner then proceeds to the Division contest. The Division winner then proceeds to the District contest.</p>	<p>3. Selection Sequence</p> <p>The club level is the only level at which a contestant can be selected without holding a contest. Wording was added here to clarify that this specification only applies to clubs, and that contests must be held at the Area level and above.</p>

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<p>3. Selection Sequence</p> <p>B. Eight (8) weeks prior to the Area contest, if an Area has four (4) assigned clubs or fewer in good standing, Districts have the option to allow two (2) contestants from each club to compete in the Area contest.</p>	<p>3. Selection Sequence</p> <p>B. Eight (8) weeks prior to the Area contest, if an Area has four (4) assigned clubs or fewer in good standing, Districts have the option to allow two (2) contestants from each club to compete in the Area contest.</p> <p>5. Occasionally, a contest will be held with only one (1) contestant. In such cases, a contest must still be held, and the contestant must be disqualified if they do not meet the timing, originality, and eligibility requirements.</p>	<p>3. Selection Sequence</p> <p>This existing rule, which specifies what approach must be taken if a contest is held with only one contestant, including holding a contest and potential disqualification of the contestant, was moved from 5. General Procedure, M.3 to 3. Selection Sequence, B.5. The item was moved and re-numbered but no wording changed.</p>
<p>5. General Procedure</p> <p>M. After the conclusion of the contestant interviews, the contest chair announces the winners of the contest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In contests with three (3) or more participants, a third-place winner, a second-place winner, and a first-place winner will be announced. Winners will be announced in reverse order. 2. In contests with fewer than three (3) participants, a second place winner (if applicable) and a first-place winner will be announced. Winners will be announced in reverse order. 3. Occasionally, a contest will be held with only one (1) contestant. In such cases, a contest must still be held, and the contestant must be disqualified if he or she does not meet the timing, originality, and eligibility requirements. 4. For the International Speech Contest Region Quarterfinals, contestants advancing to the semifinals will be announced in no particular order. Placement will not be announced. 5. For the International Speech Contest Semifinals, contestants advancing to the World Championship of Public Speaking will be announced in no particular order. Placement will not be announced. 6. Announcement of contest winners is final unless the list of winners is announced incorrectly, in which case the chief judge, ballot counters, or timers are permitted to immediately interrupt to correct the error. 	<p>5. General Procedure</p> <p>M. After the conclusion of the contestant interviews, the contest chair announces the winners of the contest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In contests with three (3) or more participants, a third-place winner, a second-place winner, and a first-place winner will be announced. Winners will be announced in reverse order. 2. In contests with fewer than three (3) participants, a second place winner (if applicable) and a first-place winner will be announced. Winners will be announced in reverse order. 3. Occasionally, a contest will be held with only one (1) contestant. In such cases, a contest must still be held, and the contestant must be disqualified if he or she does not meet the timing, originality, and eligibility requirements. 3. Winners must be announced prior to the end of the event. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If the contest is the only event taking place, winners must be announced before the contest adjourns. If multiple contests are taking place as part of a larger conference or event, winners from all contests must be announced before the end of the conference or event. 4. If there are multiple contests taking place at one event, each contest must be officially adjourned prior to the beginning of the next contest, even if winners have not yet been announced. 	<p>5. General Procedure</p> <p>Wording was added to clarify timing for announcement of results when conducting multiple contests.</p> <p>New wording allows the announcement of winners to be delayed, as long as the announcement is made prior to the end of the event at which the contest is held.</p> <p>Additionally, each contest must be officially adjourned before the next contest begins, even if the results have not been announced. Officially adjourning the contest will ensure the opportunity for protests is limited to a finite time frame.</p>

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<p>5. General Procedure (See previous page.)</p>	<p>5. General Procedure (Continued)</p> <p>5 4: For the International Speech Contest Region Quarterfinals, contestants advancing to the semifinals will be announced in no particular order. Placement will not be announced.</p> <p>6 5: For the International Speech Contest Semifinals, contestants advancing to the World Championship of Public Speaking will be announced in no particular order. Placement will not be announced.</p> <p>7 6: Announcement of contest winners is final unless the list of winners is announced incorrectly, in which case the chief judge, ballot counters, or timers are permitted to immediately interrupt to correct the error.</p>	<p>5. General Procedure (See previous page.)</p>
<p>7. Protests and Disqualifications</p> <p>A. Protests are limited to eligibility, originality, and reference to another contestant’s speech and must only be lodged by voting judges and/or contestants. Any protest must be lodged with the chief judge and/or contest chair prior to the announcement of the winner(s) and alternate(s).</p>	<p>7. Protests and Disqualifications</p> <p>A. Protests are limited to eligibility, originality, and reference to another contestant’s speech and must only be lodged by voting judges and/or contestants. Any protest must be lodged with the chief judge and/or contest chair prior to the contest being adjourned. announcement of the winner(s) and alternate(s).</p>	<p>7. Protests and Disqualifications</p> <p>New wording requires that protests be lodged prior to the contest being adjourned. Combined with the new rule that allows the announcement of results to be delayed, this change ensures that there is still a finite timeframe in which protests can be lodged.</p> <p>This will ensure consistency across contests related to the amount of time that contestants and judges have to lodge protests.</p>
<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>1. Members of undistricted clubs (including Territorial Councils and Provisional Districts) are invited to participate in the Video Speech Contest. Videos must be in English.</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>1. Members of undistricted clubs (including Territorial Councils and Provisional Districts) are invited to participate in the Video Speech Contest. Videos must be in English.</p> <p>A. Members of undistricted clubs may not compete in the Video Speech Contest if they also belong to a club assigned to a District.</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>With more online clubs, it is increasingly possible that members will belong to both a Districted club and an undistricted club. Prior to this rule, it would have been possible for the same member to win both the Video Speech Contest and the International Speech Contest in the same year.</p> <p>The purpose of the Video Speech Contest is to provide members who cannot compete in the International Speech Contest with an opportunity to compete beyond the club level.</p> <p>To uphold the original intent of the Video Speech Contest, members who belong to a Districted club cannot participate in the Video Speech Contest, even if they also belong to an undistricted club.</p>

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<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>3. Only one (1) speech per club may be submitted. The video must be made using the following procedures:</p> <p>A. Complete and submit a Video Speech Contest Entry Form (Item 1178) that includes a live URL linking to a video submission.</p> <p>B. Include the entire speech on the video, including the introduction. Speeches that have been edited will not be accepted.</p> <p>C. Time the speech carefully to comply with the International Speech Contest rules.</p> <p>D. Submit a completed Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality (Item 1183) with the entry form.</p> <p>E. Entry forms must be emailed to videospeechcontest@toastmasters.org and received at World Headquarters on or before 5 p.m. Mountain Time, March 31, to be eligible for competition.</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>3. Only one (1) speech per club may be submitted. The video must be made using the following procedures.</p> <p>A. Video Speech Contest entries must meet these requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The audio must be clear and without echo, static, or other excessive noise. ▶ Only single-camera setup is permitted; use of multiple camera angles is not allowed. ▶ The camera must have an unobstructed, in-focus view of the contestant. ▶ The camera must be mounted or secured to avoid unwanted movement. ▶ Zooming is not permitted. ▶ The speaking area must be fully lit. ▶ The speaker's facial expressions must be visible throughout the speech; the image should not be too bright or too dark; the speaker should remain in frame through the entire speech. ▶ No lighting, artificial or natural, should point directly at the camera. ▶ The recording must only contain the introduction of the winning contestant's speech by the contest chair and the entire winning speech. ▶ The recording may not be edited in any way, such as by adding text, graphics, images, or anything that does not meet the requirements above. <p>B. Complete and submit Video Speech Contest entries must be submitted using a Video Speech Contest Entry Form (Item 1178) that includes a live URL linking to a video submission.</p> <p>A. Include the entire speech on the video, including the introduction. Speeches that have been edited will not be accepted.</p> <p>B. Time the speech carefully to comply with the International Speech Contest rules.</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>Wording has been added to bring the Video Speech Contest video submission requirements into closer alignment with the requirements for region quarterfinal video submissions.</p>

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<p>Video Speech Contest (See previous page.)</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest (Continued)</p> <p>C. Submit Video Speech Contest entries must include a completed Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality (Item 1183) with the entry form.</p> <p>D. Entry forms must be emailed to videospeechcontest@toastmasters.org and received at World Headquarters on or before 5 p.m. Mountain Time, March 31, to be eligible for competition.</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest (See previous page.)</p>
<p>Video Speech Contest</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>4. Should more than 10 eligible video submissions be received in a given contest cycle, separate run-off competitions can be held.</p> <p>A. Each run-off competition will have no more than 10 contestants.</p> <p>B. Insofar as practical, the number of contestants competing in each run-off competition will be the same.</p> <p>C. The three (3) highest-placed contestants from each run-off competition will advance to the next level of the contest.</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>This rule adds structure for holding run-off competitions as part of the Video Speech Contest.</p> <p>As the number of Video Speech Contest entries increases, clarification was necessary to outline an official process for when the contest exceeds a reasonable number of entries for one round.</p>
<p>Video Speech Contest</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>5. For each run-off competition and the final level of the contest, a minimum of five (5) voting judges and one (1) tiebreaking judge will be appointed.</p> <p>A. Voting judges and tiebreaking judges must meet the eligibility requirements for judging the International Speech Contest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting judges and tiebreaking judges will not be physically present for the Video Speech Contest. 2. The Immediate Past International President twice removed will be the chief judge for all Video Speech Contest competitions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If the Immediate Past International President twice removed is unable to serve as chief judge, the First Vice President will appoint another Past International President. 	<p>Video Speech Contest</p> <p>Wording was added to outline the approach for appointing a Video Speech Contest chief judge. Wording was also added to outline requirements for appointing voting and tiebreaking judges and to clarify why timers are not appointed for the Video Speech Contest.</p>

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<p>Video Speech Contest (See previous page.)</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest (Continued)</p> <p>B. Timers are not appointed for the Video Speech Contest.</p> <p>1. Speeches will be timed at the club level and verified when videos are reviewed for eligibility.</p> <p>a) Speeches that do not meet the timing requirements will be reviewed by the chief judge. If the chief judge determines the contestant went overtime or undertime, the video submission will not be accepted.</p>	<p>Video Speech Contest (See previous page.)</p>
<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Contest Chair’s Checklist Contestants’ Briefing</p> <p>1. Verify the presence of all contestants and pronunciation of their names. Note: You also will conduct a brief informal interview with each contestant at the conclusion of the contest.</p>	<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Contest Chair’s Checklist Contestants’ Briefing</p> <p>1. Verify the presence of all contestants and pronunciation of their names.</p> <p>Note: You also will conduct a brief informal interview with each contestant; after all ballots are collected, at the conclusion of the contest.</p>	<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Contest Chair’s Checklist Contestants’ Briefing</p> <p>Wording was changed to specify more clearly when contestant interviews should be conducted.</p>
<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Contest Chair’s Checklist During the Contest</p> <p>1. Open the contest with a brief introduction. Inform the audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The rules have been reviewed with the chief judge and contestants. ▶ The contestants have been informed of the location of the timing lights. ▶ The taking of photographs during the speeches is not permitted. 	<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Contest Chair’s Checklist During the Contest</p> <p>1. Open the contest with a brief introduction. Inform the audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The rules have been reviewed with the chief judge and contestants. ▶ The contestants have been informed of the location of the timing lights. ▶ The taking of photographs during the speeches is not permitted. ▶ Each contestant selects their own speech topics. Some of the content may be personal in nature and contain language, ideas, or beliefs that some audiences may consider sensitive. 	<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Contest Chair’s Checklist During the Contest</p> <p>New messaging was added for to the Contest Chair’s checklist that must be read at the start of all Toastmasters speech contests. This messaging will create consistency across contests, as well as demonstrate courtesy to attendees.</p>

JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021	JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022	EXPLANATION
<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Chief Judge’s Checklist Before the Contest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoints and counsels voting judges, counters, timers, and a secret tiebreaking judge. 2. Acting as chief counter, provides each counter with a copy of the Counter’s Tally Sheet (Item 1176). 3. Encourages all speech contest officials to view the online Speech Contest training at www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/speech-contests/speech-contest-tutorials. 4. Conducts the judges’ briefing for voting judges, counters, and timers.. 	<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Chief Judge’s Checklist Before the Contest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoints and counsels voting judges, counters, timers, and a secret tiebreaking judge. 2. Acting as chief counter, and provides each counter with a copy of the Counter’s Tally Sheet (Item 1176). 3. Encourages all speech contest officials to view the online Speech Contest training at www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/speech-contests/speech-contest-tutorials. 4. Conducts the judges’ briefing for voting judges, counters, and timers 	<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Chief Judge’s Checklist Before the Contest</p> <p>Grammatical edits were applied to align the tense used in the “Before the Contest” section of the Chief Judge’s Checklist with that used in the rest of the checklist.</p>
<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Chief Judge’s Checklist Judges’ Briefing Checklist</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Instruct voting judges to sit close to the contest Area in case of an outside disturbance or malfunctioning technical system. 	<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Chief Judge’s Checklist Judges’ Briefing Checklist</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Instruct all voting judges to sit close to the contest area in case of an outside disturbance or malfunctioning technical system. 	<p>Speech Contest Checklists</p> <p>Chief Judge’s Checklist Judges’ Briefing Checklist</p> <p>Wording was changed to clarify that all judges should sit close to the speaking area, including tiebreaking judges.</p>
<p>Speech Contest Materials</p> <p>Speech contest materials are available to order in hard copy or to download as free digital content at www.toastmasters.org/resources/resource-library?t=kit.</p>	<p>Speech Contest Materials</p> <p>Speech contest materials are available to order in hard copy or to download as free digital content at https://www.toastmasters.org/Speech-Contest-Kits.</p>	<p>Speech Contest Materials</p> <p>Physical speech contest materials are no longer available to order; text was edited for accuracy and the link to online materials was updated.</p>