



The District Executive Committee decided on September 23rd 2022 at the 3rd ExCom meeting that all contests' types at the Area, Division and District level to be held using the online platform.

All points and clauses listed in the 2022-2023 Speech Contest Rulebook are guidelines and protocols and must be adhered to as stated.

As listed in the Contest Rulebook and to ensure the Eligibility of Contestants the following must be followed:

- 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.
- 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.
- Candidates for elected District leader positions for the term beginning the subsequent July 1 are ineligible to serve as a contest official or as a test speaker at the Area, Division, or District level, i.e., candidates who are running for District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Division Director and Area Director are not allowed to serve as a Chief Judge, Contest Chair, Timer, Ballot Counter, test speaker, or even a Judge/ Tie Breaking Judge from Area level and above.

The rules regarding Selection Sequence are as follows:

1. 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.
2. Should additional clubs charter prior to the Area contest, two (2) contestants from each club are permitted to compete.
3. In those Divisions with four (4) assigned Areas or fewer, Districts have the option to allow the two (2) highest-placed available contestants from each Area to compete.
4. In Areas with 5 clubs or more, only 1 contestant shall compete from each club in the Area Contest.
5. In Divisions with 5 Areas or more, only 1 contestant shall compete from each area in the Division Contest.
6. Contests must originate at the club level and proceed through the Area, Division, and District levels, respectively; only contests following this progression are permitted at the Area, Division, and District levels.
7. All clubs are eligible to advance contestants to the Area level in all contests, regardless of the contest language or the primary language of the club.
8. Districts (including Areas and Divisions) may also conduct up to four (4) non-English Speech contests each year. For District 105 the official 4 non-English Speech Contests are the Arabic Speech Contest, the Arabic Humorous Speech Contest, the Arabic Evaluation Contest and the Arabic Table Topics Contest.
9. For all non-English Speech Contests, the rules of corresponding English Contests must be applied which includes the eligibility requirements for the equivalent contest to the International Speech Contest. To clarify more, for the Arabic Speech Contest the member should have completed Level 1 or Level 2 of any Path or has earned the Distinguished Toastmaster award.
10. Rules apply to all clubs regardless of the language, so even if an Area has 5 clubs (4 English clubs and one Non-English club), only 1 winner proceeds to the next level and not 2.
11. Additionally, if an Area or Division has only one Arabic club, the sequence of the contests needs to take place as stated in the Rulebook, so contests must start at the club level and proceed through the Area, Division and District levels respectively. Only contests following this progression are allowed at the Area, Division and District levels, regardless of the contest language or the primary language of the club.
12. This means the contestant(s) from that sole Arabic club in that Area need to compete again at the Area and then Division level before proceeding to the District level. They cannot compete at the



club level and go straight ahead to the Division level (if that Area has only one club), or straight ahead to the District level (if the Division has no other Arabic clubs competing). The sequence of the contests needs to be adhered to as stated in the Rulebook.

13. 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 the **2022-2023 Speech Contest Rulebook**, and the contest results are final. **The Area speech contest winner then proceeds to the Division contest. The Division winner then proceeds to the District contest.**
14. Non-English contests must not continue beyond the District level.