



Division and Area Director Training

SESSION 4

Conduct Quality Speech Contests

Instruction Slide Only

Please Note:

The following slides are designed to be used in brightly lit rooms.

Session Agenda

Types and benefits of speech contests

Speech contest preparation

Speech contest rules



Session Objectives

- State types of speech contests
- Explain benefits of speech contests
- Prepare a speech contest with leadership teams
- Solve speech contest challenges and answer questions using the Speech Contest Rulebook

Types of Speech Contests

- International
- Evaluation
- Humorous
- Table Topics™
- Tall Tales
- Taped (for members of Undistricted clubs and for Provisional Districts)

Speech Contests Resources for Clubs

- Division and Area Directors are resources for club officers' speech contest questions
- Division and Area Directors should have a thorough understanding of speech contests

District Requirements

- Districts must hold the International Speech Contest every year.
- Districts are allowed to hold up to three additional contests per year.

Checklist Game

- What should the contents chair order for all contest speakers?
- What should the contest chair order for contest winners?
- From where should the contest chair order these items?

Checklist Game

- May clubs, Areas, Divisions, or Districts produce award for contestants and winners?

Checklist Game

- When should the contest chair notify contestants of the time and place of the contest and pre-contest briefing?

Checklist Game

- Where should the chief judge tell the contest judges to sit?
- Why should the contest judges sit there?

Checklist Game

- What does the chief judge give to the contest chair during the contest?

Checklist Game

- What two events must a contestant attend before the contest?

Speech Contest Judges

- Chief judge
 - Selects fair and impartial judges
 - Trains contest officials
 - Prepares contest officials for the role
 - How to use Judge's Guide and Ballot
 - How to choose a winner without evaluating speakers

Speech Contest Rules

- Speech Contest Rulebook
 - The ultimate resource for contest issues.
- Questions can be directed to World Headquarters
 - Email speechcontests@toastmasters.org

Review

- State types of speech contests
- Explain benefits of speech contests
- Prepare a speech contest with leadership teams
- Solve speech contest challenges and answer questions using the Speech Contest Rulebook

Conclusion: Closing Remarks

- The benefits of speech contests extend to all involved.
- Division and Area Directors must have a thorough understanding of speech contests.
- The Speech Contest Rulebook is an important guide.
- It is important to choose fair and impartial judges and train contest officials.