

# Table Topics Contest

## Time Record Sheet and Instructions for Timers

Contestant	Presentation Time	
	Minutes	Seconds

There shall be at least two timers, one of whom shall be provided with a stopwatch by the chief judge. They shall keep the official record of the time of each contestant's presentation.

The timers shall provide green, amber and red warning signals, which shall be clearly visible to the speakers, but not obvious to the audience. Any sightless contestant may request and must be granted a form of warning signal of his or her own choosing, which may be an audible device; the contestant must provide any special device required for such signal.

No signal shall be given to indicate that a presentation has gone into overtime. In the event of technical failure of the signals, a contestant is allowed 30 seconds extra overtime before being disqualified.

Timing will begin with the contestant's first definite verbal or non-verbal communication with the audience. This will usually be the first word uttered by the contestant, but would include any other communication such as sound effects, a staged act by another person, etc.

Record each contestant's presentation time on the form above. Circle any time which disqualifies the contestant. Submit the completed form to the Chief Judge immediately following the last presentation.

Following are the timing rules. No more than one signal color may be displayed at any time.

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- Speech length is two minutes; a contestant will be disqualified for speaking less than one minute or more than two minutes, 30 seconds.
- The **green** signal will be displayed at **one minute and remain displayed for 30 seconds**.
- The **amber** signal will be displayed at **one minute, 30 seconds and remain displayed for 30 seconds**
- The **red** signal will be displayed at **two minutes and remain displayed until the speech ends**.