



A Key to Successful Clubs, Area and Divisions

Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests—

Presented at District 46 DEC Meeting for Area and Division Directors

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Agenda - Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests

- ▶ 2017-2018 Rulebook Updates
- ▶ Updated Scripts/Materials (District 46 HPL Project)
- ▶ A Few Points for Clubs, Areas, Divisions
- ▶ *Provided later—Updates and Scripts – International and Evaluation Contests*



2017-2018 Speech Contest Rulebook Humorous & Table Topics Updates for District 46

- ▶ Rulebook, Contest Kits and New TI Tutorials on District 46 web page
- ▶ Updates in Rulebook noted ◆ But not all apply now to District 46.
- ▶ ***Not Applicable/Required***: Pathways & Eligibility Assistant online tool
- ▶ ***Required in red*** **Speech Subject & Preparation** (4D, page 8):
“Contestants must **create** their own speeches & each must be substantially original.” (note: the word changed from prepare to create)
 1. 25% or less of the speech may be devoted to quoting, paraphrasing, or referencing another person’s content. Any quoted, paraphrased, or referenced content must be so identified during the speech presentation.”*
 2. “Before **all contests**, every contestant must certify in writing to the chief judge that the content of their speech is or will be substantially original by using the Speaker’s Certification of Eligibility and Originality (Item 1183).”**
- ▶ **All contest officials** must be paid members, not just the chief judge, voting judge or tiebreaking judge (Eligibility C. page 7).



Updated Humorous and Table Topics Contest Scripts and Materials (HPL Project)

- ▶ Use is Best Practice for Contest Chair and Chief Judge
- ▶ Ensure more participation, fun and consistency
- ▶ Last year's scripts and materials were reviewed by 9 district reviewers including 8 district contest experts:
 - ▶ Reviews and edits made based on 2017-2018 Rulebook and Updates
- ▶ Sample Contest Agendas (club, area)
- ▶ First Timer Contestant Flier with Contest Guidelines
- ▶ *As of October 3*, All materials available on District 46 website



Speech Contest Roles

- ▶ Contestants
- ▶ Contest Chair
- ▶ Chief Judge
 - ▶ Voting Judges- # depends on contest level (club, area or division)
 - ▶ 1 Tiebreaking Judge
 - ▶ 2 Timers, 3 Ballot Counters, 2 SAAs
- ▶ Interviewer
- ▶ Audience



Judges Depend on Contest Level (2017-2018 Contest Rulebook Page 9)

Role	Club	Area	Division
Voting Judges chosen by chief judge	at least 5, unless if impractical	an equal number of voting judges from each club in the area, or a minimum of 5 voting judges.	an equal number of voting judges from each area in the division, or a minimum of seven voting judges
Tiebreaking Judge chosen by chief judge	1	1	1



Some Important Points

- ▶ District Chief Judge can help with chief judges & contest issues
- ▶ **Plan: Sample email to clubs about contests**
- ▶ Your Calendar, Agenda, Contestants and Contest Officials
- ▶ Most clubs hold both contests at 1 meeting. Dual area contests are common.
- ▶ Agenda time - Briefings before contests start.
- ▶ Chief Judges need to find judges, other contest officials now. Use this DEC meeting.
- ▶ Contest Chair needs to start planning now.
- ▶ Recommend Area Directors are Contest Chairs for their Areas,
- ▶ Recommend Divisions Directors are Contest Chairs for their Divisions
- ▶ Study Toastmasters International Speech Contest 2017-2018 Rulebook.
- ▶ Plan Equipment
- ▶ Have new clubs observe/involved in contests at experienced clubs



Some Important Points

- ▶ **Promote:**
- ▶ Sign-up sheets for contestants and club contest officials(functionaries), who can obtain CL credit.
- ▶ Flier for First time contestants from the district 46 website.
- ▶ Inform your Area Director of your contest date(s). Invite special guests.
- ▶ Using facebook, twitter, meetup, newsletter, website, fliers.



Some Important Points

- ▶ **1 Contest Chair** (CC, can delegate opening to Toastmaster, Club President). Both download contest kits on D46 web.
- ▶ **2 Timers**: give timings only to Chief Judge (CJ).
- ▶ **Protests** are only on originality and eligibility (not timing) & lodge only to Chief Judge/Contest Chair before the winner announced during ballot counting time.
- ▶ No Chief Judge, Voting Judge, or Tiebreaking Judge shall be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member (This point ***applies only to Divisions and Above Levels***).



Questions?

**Take advantage of the contests
opportunities
Toastmasters provides.**



HPL Guidance & Action Committees

- ▶ **Guidance Committee**—Nancy Garlick, Raoul Yacinthe, Jennifer Chan, Lisa Qu, Andy Lewis, Bob Share, Marie Thompson, John McAloon, Kathy Blount, Gary Wapnitsky, Michael Friedlander, Jeffrey Duquesne
- ▶ **Action Committee**—Division A, clubs and areas