Speech Contest ScriptsDistrict 69

Toastmasters & Guests, welcome to the  
Humorous Speech Contest / International Speech Contest / Table Topics Contest / Evaluation Contest

Speech contests are an important part of the Toastmasters Educational Program.

They provide an opportunity for Toastmasters to gain speaking experience, as well as an opportunity for others to learn by observing proficient speakers.

Contests follow all rules in the Speech Contest Rulebook of Toastmasters International.

Contestants and Judges have been briefed about all relevant procedures for the contest and are eligible to compete in or judge this contest.

The Assistant Chief Judge has briefed the contest officials about the relevant timings for each contest.

Contestants have also been made aware of the relevant timings.

Members of the audience, I request you to please ensure your mobile devices have been turned off, or on silent with the vibration mode disabled.

I also ask that you do not interrupt any contestant by moving around the room during their presentation.

We will observe one minute of silence between contestants in order for the judges to mark their ballots.

Timers, please indicate to me when one minute has elapsed.

If you choose to leave the room during this time and do not return before the next contestant is announced, you will not be allowed back into the room until that contestant has completed their presentation.

Please remember, you are not permitted to take photographs during the contest, but there will be photo opportunities afterwards.

The speaking order, as drawn by the contestants, is as follows:

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| Contestant **#1**: |  | Contestant **#5**: |  |
| Contestant **#2**: |  | Contestant **#6**: |  |
| Contestant **#3**: |  | Contestant **#7**: |  |
| Contestant **#4**: |  | Contestant **#8**: |  |

Humorous Speech Contest / International Speech Contest / Tall Tales Contest

Contestants may stay in the room during the duration of the contest.

All Contestants have chosen their own speech topic, which may be personal in nature and contain language, ideas, or beliefs that some audiences may consider sensitive.

Contestants will be introduced by the Contestant Name, after which you will applaud.

I will repeat their speech title twice before announcing their name.

No further applause after this point.

Chief Judge, are we ready to proceed?

*(Wait for confirmation from Chief Judge)*

Evaluation Contest

The Evaluation Contest begins with the presentation of a five-to-seven-minute test speech.

At the conclusion of the test speech, our Contest Sergeant at Arms will escort the Contestants from the room.

They then have five minutes to prepare their evaluation using the Evaluation Contestant Notes sheets.

After five minutes has elapsed, no further preparation shall be allowed, and all Contestants shall hand the copy of their notes to the Contest Sergeant at Arms.

Each Contestant will have their own notes handed back to them as they are introduced to present their evaluation.

Contestants will be introduced by the Contestant Name, after which you will applaud.

I will repeat their name. No further applause after this point.

Chief Judge, are we ready to proceed?

*(Wait for confirmation from Chief Judge)*

Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome our Test Speaker:

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(lead applause)*

*Title:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(repeat title, then name)*

*(After the Test Speech is concluded)*

Timers, may we have the time of the Test Speech?

*(Timer announces time. Repeat it to ensure all contestants can hear.)*

The time for the Test Speech was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Sergeant at Arms, please escort the Contestants from the room, accompanied by one Timer to time their preparation. Thank You.

*(Wait until Contestants have left the room)*

I now invite our Test Speaker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back up to the stage *(lead applause)*.

*Present the Test Speaker with their certificate and/or gift.*

*Ask a few questions to fill in the 5 minutes.*

*At 5 minutes, ensure questions are finished and Test Speaker has returned to seat.*

*Sergeant at Arms will bring first contestant to the door.*

Table Topics Contest

The process starts with the Contest Sergeant at Arms escorting all contestants except the first from the room.

All Contestants will come in one at a time and shall receive the same Table Topic.

Contestants will be introduced by the Contestant Name, after which you will applaud.

I will repeat their speech topic twice before announcing their name.

No further applause after this point.

Chief Judge, are we ready to proceed?

*(Wait for confirmation from Chief Judge)*

Sergeant at Arms, please escort all of the Contestants from the room with the exception of the first. Thank You.

*(Wait until Contestants have left the room)*

All Contests

**Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome Contestant Number 1:**

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| *Name:* |  | |
| *Title/Topic:* |  | *(repeat Title/Topic then Name)* |

One minute of silence, please, while judges mark their ballot.

**Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome Contestant Number 2:**

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| *Name:* |  | |
| *Title/Topic:* |  | *(repeat Title/Topic then Name)* |

One minute of silence, please, while judges mark their ballot.

**Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome Contestant Number 3:**

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| *Name:* |  | |
| *Title/Topic:* |  | *(repeat Title/Topic then Name)* |

One minute of silence, please, while judges mark their ballot.

**Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome Contestant Number 4:**

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| *Name:* |  | |
| *Title/Topic:* |  | *(repeat Title/Topic then Name)* |

One minute of silence, please, while judges mark their ballot.

**Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome Contestant Number 5:**

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| *Name:* |  | |
| *Title/Topic:* |  | *(repeat Title/Topic then Name)* |

One minute of silence, please, while judges mark their ballot.

**Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome Contestant Number 6:**

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| *Name:* |  | |
| *Title/Topic:* |  | *(repeat Title/Topic then Name)* |

One minute of silence, please, while judges mark their ballot.

**Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome Contestant Number 7:**

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| *Name:* |  | |
| *Title/Topic:* |  | *(repeat Title/Topic then Name)* |

One minute of silence, please, while judges mark their ballot.

**Toastmasters & Guests, please welcome Contestant Number 8:**

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| *Name:* |  | |
| *Title/Topic:* |  | *(repeat Title/Topic then Name)* |

One minute of silence, please, while judges mark their ballot.

Ballot Counting

*(After the last Contestant has concluded and one minute has passed)*

Judges, please ensure that your ballot is valid by printing and signing your name and listing the first three placegetters.

Place your ballot into the envelope provided and then hold it up for the Ballot Counters to collect.

Ballot Counters, please collect the Judges’ envelopes and leave the room in due course with the Chief Judge to tally the ballots.

Contestant Interviews

*(After the Chief Judge has left the room)*

I now ask that all Contestants return to the speaking area in speaking order so I can present them with their Certificate of Participation.

Please give them another round of applause.

*Questions:*

*Above club level, please ask each contestant as appropriate:*

* *(Area level) Which Club they are representing*
* *(Division level) Which Club and Area they are representing*
* *(District level) Which Club, Area, and Division they are representing*

Photo Opportunity 1

*Once completed, ask if anyone wants to take photos, then ask both Contestants & the audience to return to their seats.*

*At this point in time depending on what is happening for your contest you either ask the audience to talk amongst themselves while waiting for the Chief Judge to come back with the results, or you take a break and confirm with audience when results will be announced.*

Contest Results

*(From Chief Judge, obtain 3 placegetters; certificates; and number of time disqualifications if any)*

*(Invite the Area/Division/District Director to assist with presentation of certificates and trophies)*

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have received the results from the Chief Judge and:

* I am pleased to announce that there were no time disqualifications  
  *or*
* Unfortunately, there was/were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time disqualification(s)

It now gives me great pleasure to announce the following:

In **third** place, please congratulate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In **second** place, please congratulate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**And,** *(include one of the following as appropriate to level of contest)*

* ***If Club Contest:***To represent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Toastmasters Club at the Area \_\_\_\_ Conference,  
  to be held in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *(where & when)*
* ***If Area Contest:***To represent Area \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Division Conference,  
  to be held in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *(where & when)*
* ***If Division Contest:***To represent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Division at the District 69 Conference,  
  to be held in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *(where & when)*
* ***If District Contest:***Our District 69 \_\_\_\_\_\_ *(year)* champion,

***…*please congratulate**: *(first place getter)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Photo Opportunity 2

*Invite the audience to take photos, ensuring the correct positions for the place getters, with the winner in the middle of the 2nd & 3rd place-getters.*

Handover

*Thank everyone involved in the contest and hand control back to the Master of Ceremonies.*