

Explanation of Changes – Based on Speech Contest Rules book for Toastmaster Year -2024-25 Rev 09/24

Rule No.	Speech contest Rules book 2023 -2024	Speech contest Rules book 2024 -2025
1-A	Toastmasters International recognizes and supports the following official speech contests: International, Evaluation, Humorous, Table Topics, Tall Tales, and Video (only for members of undistricted clubs, including Provisional Districts). No other contest types, showcases, etc., can be conducted by Districts (including Areas and Divisions) and Provisional Districts (including Areas and Divisions).	Toastmasters International recognizes and supports the following official speech contests: International Speech Contest, Evaluation Contest, Humorous Speech Contest, Table Topics Contest, Tall Tales Contest, Online Speech Contest, and Video Speech Contest (only for members of undistricted clubs, including Provisional Districts). No other contest types, showcases, etc., can be conducted by Districts (including Areas and Divisions) and Provisional Districts (including Areas and Divisions). (Refer Page No. 5)
1-2	Districts (including Areas and Divisions) and Provisional Districts (including Areas and Divisions) may conduct up to three (3) additional English speech contests each year.	Districts (including Areas and Divisions) and Provisional Districts (including Areas and Divisions) may conduct up to three (3) additional English speech contests each year. The District Director recommends which contests are to be conducted. The recommendations are subject to the approval of the District Executive Committee at its first meeting of the program year. (Refer Page No. 5)
1-3	Districts (including Areas and Divisions) including Provisional Districts (including Areas and Divisions) may also conduct up to four (4) non-English speech contests each year.	Districts (including Areas and Divisions) including Provisional Districts (including Areas and Divisions) may also conduct up to four (4) non-English speech contests each year. The District Director recommends which contests are to be conducted. The recommendations are subject to the approval of the District Executive Committee at its first meeting of the program year. (Refer Page No. 5)
1-3-B	Non-English contests are optional and may be conducted using the rules of the corresponding English speech contest.	Non-English contests are optional and must be conducted using the rules of the corresponding English speech contest. If a non-English contest is conducted using the rules of the International Speech Contest, it must follow all rules, including eligibility requirements. (Refer Page No. 5)
1-3-E	Did not exist	Districts (including Areas and Divisions) are not permitted to conduct multilingual speech contests. (Refer Page No. 5)

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2-C-7-a	Voting judge, tiebreaking judge or chief judge at the same contest type in which they would be competing beyond the club level, in any District.	Voting judge, tiebreaking judge, or chief judge at any level, in any District , at the same contest type in which they would be competing.
4 -F-2	A lectern/podium will be available. However, use of the lectern/podium is optional.	A lectern/podium will be available. However, use of the lectern/podium is optional. (Exception: for the Online Speech Contest, any speaking participants are responsible for the equipment they will use.) (Refer Page No. 10)
4 – F-3	If amplification is necessary, a lectern/podium fixed-mounted microphone and a portable microphone must be made available.	If amplification is necessary, a lectern/podium fixed-mounted microphone and a portable microphone must be made available. (Exception: for the Online Speech Contest, any speaking participants are responsible for the equipment they will use.) (Refer Page No. 10)
4 – F-4	All equipment must be available for contestants to practice with prior to the contest. Contestants are responsible for arranging their preferred setup of the lectern/podium microphone and other equipment in a quiet manner before being introduced.	All equipment must be available for contestants to practice with prior to the contest. Contestants are responsible for arranging their preferred setup of the lectern/podium microphone and other equipment in a quiet manner before being introduced. (Exception: for the Online Speech Contest, any speaking participants are responsible for the equipment they will use.) (Refer Page No. 10)
5- D - f	Not Available	Online Speech Contest voting judges receive the Online Speech Contest Judge’s Guide and Ballot (Item 1189A). (Refer Page No. 12)
5 - E - f	Not available	Online Speech Contest voting judges receive the Online Speech Contest Tiebreaking Judge’s Guide and Ballot (Item 1189B). (Refer Page No. 12)
7 - A	Protests are limited to eligibility, originality, and reference to another contestant’s speech and must only be lodged by voting judges and/or contestants. Any protest must be lodged with the chief judge and/or contest chair prior to the contest being adjourned.	Protests are limited to eligibility, originality, and reference to another contestant or another contestant’s speech and must only be lodged by voting judges and/or contestants. Any protest must be lodged with the chief judge and/or contest chair prior to the contest being adjourned. (Refer Page No. 17)

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ISC – Para 1 Introduction	Not Available	The International Speech Contest enables members to practice public speaking and content development in a competitive setting. Every speech should fit within the overall purpose of the contest: To clearly develop and present ideas in a substantially original. speech. (Refer Page No. 18)
Online Contest rules	Not available	New section on Online speech contests is added in the rules book. (Refer Page No. 21-23)
Contest Chair’s Checklist	Introduction in a paragraph format	Starting with the line “As contest Chair, you must” . (Comment for review: This makes it mandatory for contest chairs to follow all the points mentioned after this line. (Refer Page No. 26)
Contest Chair’s Checklist	Although you may have a committee to help you with these tasks, it is still your responsibility to make sure they are done.	Although you may have a committee to help you with these tasks, it is still your responsibility to make sure they are done. (Refer Page No. 26) (moved to the end. Just the placement change).
Contest Chair’s Checklist – Contestant’ s Briefing - 2	Not Available	If conducting an Online Speech Contest, include the Online Speech Contest Statement in the contest introduction if it is not posted in writing. (Refer Page No. 28)
Contest Chair’s Checklist – Contestant’ s Briefing - 2	Introduce each contest speaker. Do not make preliminary remarks about any speaker or the subject of their speech or mention the name or location of the speaker’s club or place of residence. Introduce each contestant slowly and clearly.	Introduce each contest speaker. Do not make preliminary remarks about any speaker or the subject of their speech or mention the name or location of the speaker’s club or place of residence. Introduce each contestant slowly and clearly. Provide confirmation that audiovisual equipment is functional as described in the rules. (Refer Page No. 28)