

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES TO *SPEECH CONTEST RULEBOOK*

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<p>Taped Speech Contest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of undistricted clubs and provisional districts are invited to participate in the International Taped Speech Contest. Tapes must be in English. 2. The Toastmasters International Speech Contest Rules are to be followed as far as they are applicable. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. There is no area, division, district, or semifinal competition for the Taped Speech Contest, nor are there any travel allowances. B. To enter, clubs conduct a speech contest and submit an audio cassette or CD recording of the winning speech. 3. Only one taped speech per club may be submitted. The tape shall be made using the following procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. You may use whatever means you wish to record the contest before a live audience, but all entries must be submitted to World Headquarters on audio cassette or audio CD. Videotapes, data CDs, MP3s, and other media will not be accepted. Presentations that have been edited will not be accepted. B. Time the speech carefully to comply with the International speech contest rules. C. Clearly mark the audio tape and container with the participant's name and club number, and be sure to enclose a completed Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality (Item 1183). D. Tapes must be received at World Headquarters on or before 5 p.m. Pacific Time, March 31, to be eligible for competition. 	<p>Taped Video Speech Contest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of undistricted clubs and provisional districts are invited to participate in the International Taped Video Speech Contest. Tapes Videos must be in English. 2. The Toastmasters International Speech Contest Rules are to be followed as far as they are applicable. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. There is no area, division, district, or semifinal competition for the Taped Video Speech Contest, nor are there any travel allowances. B. To enter, clubs conduct a speech contest and submit an audio cassette or CD video recording of the winning speech. 3. Only one taped speech per club may be submitted. The tape video shall be made using the following procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Complete and submit a Video Speech Contest Entry Form that includes a live URL linking to the video submission. You may use whatever means you wish to record the contest before a live audience, but all entries must be submitted to World Headquarters on audio cassette or audio CD. Videotapes, data CDs, MP3s, and other media will not be accepted. Presentations that have been edited will not be accepted. B. Include the entire speech on the video, including the introduction. Speeches that have been edited will not be accepted. CB. Time the speech carefully to comply with the International speech contest rules. DC. Clearly mark the audio tape and container with the participant's name and club number, and be sure to enclose Submit a completed Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality (Item 1183) with the entry form. D. Tapes must be received at World 	<p>To match changes in technology and better capture the delivery of a speech, the Taped Speech Contest has been revised to the Video Speech Contest. The rules have been modified to conform to the new medium of the contest type.</p>

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	Evaluation Contestant Notes	A new form has been created for evaluation contestants to use during the five-minute preparation time. This form ensures consistency and fairness by standardizing the materials contestants can use to prepare.
	Results Form	A new form was created to make the order it clearer for contest chairs when announcing results.
	1. Speech Contest Policy E. Individual admission fees to a contest may be charged to audience attendees and contest officials; however, contestants may never be charged a fee to compete in a contest, and clubs may never be charged a fee to send a contestant to a contest.	It was reported that contestants and clubs were being charged fees to allow contestants to compete. To ensure that this practice is no longer conducted, this provision has been added to the rules.

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<p>2. Eligibility A 4</p> <p>g) District officers or announced candidates for elected positions for the term beginning the upcoming July 1</p>	<p>2. Eligibility A 4</p> <p>g) District officers or announced candidates campaigning for elected positions for the term beginning the upcoming July 1</p>	<p>Members reported confusion about what qualified as an announcement of candidacy. To resolve this, the provision has been rewritten. Candidates who are campaigning for elected positions are ineligible.</p>
<p>2. Eligibility A</p> <p>8. Each contestant must be present to compete. Participation by audio tape, video tape, teleconference, Web cam, streaming audio, or other remote technology is not permitted. (Exception: participants in the Taped Speech Contest are required to submit their entries as audio recordings, as outlined in the Taped Speech Contest section of this rulebook.)</p>	<p>2. Eligibility A</p> <p>8. Each contestant must be physically present to compete beyond the club level. Participation through the use of live, online audio and video-conferencing is permitted at club contests for clubs that allow online attendance at their meetings. Participation by audio tape, video tape, teleconference, Web cam, streaming audio, or other remote technology is not permitted. (Exception: participants in the Taped Video Speech Contest are required to submit their entries as audio video recordings, as outlined in the Taped Video Speech Contest section of this rulebook.)</p>	<p>This provision has been revised to account for online clubs and for the change from Taped to Video Speech Contest.</p>
<p>Contest Chair's Checklist</p> <p>The contest chair may appoint a contest Toastmaster to perform any of the chair's duties listed in the Contest Chair's Checklist. In such cases, the term "contest Toastmaster" should be considered synonymous with "contest chair." A contest Toastmaster and contest chair are both ineligible to compete in the contest in which they are serving.</p>	<p>5. General Procedure A</p> <p>8. The contest chair may appoint a contest Toastmaster to perform any of the chair's duties. In such cases, the term, "contest Toastmaster" should be considered synonymous with "contest chair." A contest Toastmasters is also ineligible to compete in the contest at which they are serving.</p>	<p>This verbiage was moved from the checklist section to the rules because it relates to eligibility and general contest procedure.</p>
	<p>8. Use of Props</p> <p>A. Contestants who plan to use props (including any sort of electronic device), must notify the contest chair prior to the contest.</p> <p>B. Contestants must abide by any venue restrictions on the use of props.</p> <p>C. All props must be set up during the minute of silence prior to the contestant's speech and</p>	<p>This section was added to the rules in response to member feedback regarding the use of props.</p>

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	<p>removed from the stage in the minute of silence following the speech.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contestants may enlist someone to help them with props, but it is not the responsibility of the contest chair or any other contest official to do so. 2. Contestants must demonstrate to the contest chair prior to the contest that the props can be set up and removed in the allotted times. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If a contestant is unable to demonstrate this, the props cannot be used during the contest. 	
<p>International Speech Contest Rules 1</p> <p>B. Every participant in the World Championship of Public Speaking must present an entirely new and different speech than given in any International Speech Contest since January 1 of that same year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up to and including the semifinal speech contest, International contestants are permitted to use the same speech, but are not required to do so. 	<p>International Speech Contest Rules 1</p> <p>B. Every participant in the World Championship of Public Speaking must present an entirely new and different speech than given in any International Speech Contest since January 1 of that same year the one presented during the participant's semifinal speech contest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up to and including the semifinal speech contest, International contestants are permitted to use the same speech, but are not required to do so. 	<p>This revision ensures that a World Champion gives at least two different contest-winning speeches. It also resolves confusion regarding whether finalists can present a district-winning speech at the World Championship of Public Speaking if they present a new speech during the semifinals.</p>
	<p>International Speech Contest Rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The semifinals and World Championship of Public Speaking will follow the version of the rulebook that was in effect when the contest cycle began on the previous July 1, approximately fourteen months before the World Championship of Public Speaking. 	<p>This revision was added to clarify what version of the rulebook applies to the semifinals and World Championship of Public Speaking.</p>

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<p>Contest Chair's Checklist Preparation</p> <p>11. Ensure that each contestant is eligible under the contest rules before the contest, and notify contestants of disqualification if necessary. To check contestants' eligibility, contact the Member Services team at World Headquarters by email at speechcontests@toastmasters.org.</p>	<p>Contest Chair's Checklist Preparation</p> <p>11. Ensure that each contestant is eligible under the contest rules before the contest, and notify contestants of disqualification if necessary. To check contestants' eligibility: contact the Member Services team at World Headquarters by email at speechcontests@toastmasters.org.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Check club rosters in the District Central section of www.toastmasters.org. District directors, program quality directors, club growth directors, division directors, and area directors have access to this resource. ➤ Contact the Speech Contests team at World Headquarters by email at speechcontests@toastmasters.org. 	<p>This revision details options available for checking speech contest eligibility.</p>