

***District 18 Proposed Addendum to the
Toastmasters International Contest Rulebook***

Situation: Contest judging has been wildly erratic at all levels within Toast Masters District 18 due, in large part, to a lack of training and understanding of the purpose and role of the Contest Judge, Speaking Contest Rules, judging criteria, and lack of exposure to a variety of opportunities to practice and hone the skills necessary to become an effective judge. Without the incentive of the recognition of a separate development track, it is problematic whether a sufficient quantity of qualified judges will put forth the continued effort and dedication necessary to learn and maintain mastery required for judging at all levels.

Proposed Solution: In order to adequately address the obstacles itemized above, District 18 will institute a development track to continuously train and recognize those who desire to improve their judging, leadership skills and the quality of the judging within District-18.

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District 18 Judges Track Proposed Outline

I Competent Judge (CJ) Certificate criteria

- A Earned a CC, CL, or Pathways Level 1 Award.**
- B Successfully completed the on-line “Speech Contest Tutorials” within 12 months of submitting the CJ Certificate Application to the District 18 Chief Judge.**
- C Completed a “Judges Workshop” within 12 months of submitting the CJ Certificate Application to the District 18 Chief Judge.**
- D Served as a judge or tie-breaker judge for 3 club speech contests.**

II Advanced Judge Bronze (AJB) Certificate criteria

- A Earned an AC, AL, or Pathways Level 2 designation**
- B Earned the CJ Certificate.**
- C Successfully completed the on-line “Speech Contest Tutorials” within 12 months of submitting the AJB Award Certificate Application to the District 18 Chief Judge.**
- D Completed a “Judges Workshop” within 12 months of submitting the AJB Certificate Application to the District 18 Chief Judge.**
- E Competed in at least 2 speaking contests at the club or area levels.**
- F Served as a judge or tie-breaker judge for 3 area level speech contests.**

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District 18 Judges Track Proposed Outline (cont.)

III Advanced Judge Silver (**AJS**) Certificate criteria

- A Competed in 2 club or area speech contests.
- B Earned the **AJB** Certificate.
- C Successfully completed the on-line “*Speech Contest Tutorials*” within 12 months of submitting the **AJS** Certificate Application to the District 18 Chief Judge.
- D Facilitated a “*Judges Workshop*” within 12 months of submitting the **AJS** Certificate Application to the District 18 Chief Judge.
- E Served as a judge or tie-breaker judge for 3 division level speech contests.

IV Advanced Judge Gold (**AJG**) Certification criteria

- A Earned the **AJS** Certificate.
- B Successfully completed the on-line “*Speech Contest Tutorials*” within 12 months of submitting the **AJB** Certification Application to the District 18 Chief Judge.
- C Facilitated two “*Judges Workshops*” within 12 months of submitting the **AJG** Certificate Application to the District 18 Chief Judge.
- D Served as a chief judge, judge or tie-breaker judge for 3 district level speech contests.

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District 18 Contest Judging Requirements Proposed Implementation

1. Judges for Division and District speech contests must have earned the CJ designation as well as successfully completed the on-line TI "Speech Contest Tutorials" within 12 months of the contest(s) being judged (NOTE - This will only be effective for the 2018-19 TM year).
2. The District 18 Chief Judge will develop and maintain a training program that will be used by all trainers. This program will contain non-copyrighted videos (International Speech Contest videos ARE copyrighted).
3. The District-18 Chief Judge will maintain and share a list of all current certified judges within the District.
4. The cadre who are chosen to implement the Judging Track for District-18 in the 1st year of its adoption will receive the AJG certification at the end of that year.
5. Judges and tie-breaker judges for area and higher contests must have earned the **CJ** designation as well as successfully completed the on-line TI "Speech Contest Tutorials" within 12 months of the date of the contest(s) being judged.
6. Judges and tie-breaker judges for division contests must have earned the **AJB** designation and successfully completed the on-line TI "Speech Contest Tutorials" within 12 months of the date of the contest(s) being judged.
7. Judges and tie-breaker judges for district contests must have earned the **AJS** designation and successfully completed the on-line TI "Speech Contest Tutorials" and completed a "Judges Workshop" within 12 months of the date of the contest(s) being judged.
8. Judges and tie-breaker judges for international contests must have earned the **AJG** designation and successfully completed the on-line TI "Speech Contest Tutorials" and completed a "Judges Workshop" within 12 months of the date of the contest(s) being judged.
9. Chief judges for area or division level contests must have earned the **AJS** designation and successfully completed the on-line TI "Speech Contest Tutorials" and facilitated a "Judges Workshop" within 12 months of the date of the contest(s) being judged.
10. Chief judges at for district level contests must have earned the **AJG** designation and successfully completed the on-line TI "Speech Contest Tutorials" and facilitated a "Judge's Workshop" within 12 months of the date the contest(s) being judged.