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# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL®

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Dear Club Officers,

Toastmasters International is aware of the significant impact the 2019 Novel Coronavirus has had on individuals and communities in China. We extend our empathy and compassion to those who are and may be affected. Clubs in China, specifically in Districts 85, 88, 89, and 118, may not be able to be conducted in person due to safety concerns and government restrictions. Therefore, Toastmasters International encourages you to meet online if in-person meetings are not possible or preferable. These exceptions are effective immediately and until further notice.

When you meet online, we suggest to:

- Use your club's chat or email group to discuss how your club will successfully facilitate online meetings.
- Determine which online platform to use—Skype, GoToMeetings, and Zoom are used successfully by some clubs.
- Review the [Toastmasters Online Club webpage](#).

For the purpose of conducting club level business, members that attend club meetings online are considered to be present at the club meeting.

Without knowing how long the impact of the virus may last, the Board of Directors has made an exception to allow Speech Contests to be conducted online at the club, Area, Division, and District level. This exception is effective immediately and until further notice. Review this [speech contest document](#) for more information.

Once the crisis is over, all Toastmasters clubs that normally meet in person must resume meetings with a majority of members participating in person.

We hope this information helps your clubs during this challenging time. Please contact our Club and Member Support Team at World Headquarters with any questions at [clubquality@toastmasters.org](mailto:clubquality@toastmasters.org).

Sincerely,



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