

## **Toastmasters Contest FAQs (2022 – 2023)**

### **Q-Who conducts the contestants' briefing?**

**A-Contest Chair**

See page 10 of the Current Contest Rulebook; 5A.9, 5B, 5F, 22-25.

See page 7 of the Current Contest Rulebook Changes

### **Q-Who announces time disqualifications and when?**

**A-The number of time disqualifications are announced by the contest chair prior to announcing the contest results.**

See page 16 of the Current Contest Rulebook – #6H

See page 24 of the Current Contest Rulebook – #7

See page 9 of the Current Contest Rulebook Changes

### **Q-Who verifies contestant eligibility?**

**A-Contest Chair**

See page 23 of the Current Contest Rulebook -#12

See page 13 of the Current Contest Rulebook Changes

### **Q-Can the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher at the District International Speech Contest advance to the next level?**

**A-Yes**

See page 8 of the Current Contest Rulebook - #3.4

See page 5 of the Current Contest Rulebook Changes

### **Q-How long is the silence after the last speech contestant?**

**A-Silence until the ballots are collected**

See page 12 of the Current Contest Rulebook - #5. K  
See page 7 of the Current Contest Rulebook Changes

**Q-Does the Contest Toastmaster perform the same duties as the Contest Chair?**

**A-**No, the Contest Toastmaster supports the Contest Chair  
See page 10 of the Current Contest Rulebook -#5.9  
See Page 7 of the Current Contest Rulebook Changes

**Q-Does the contestant need to provide a new form #1183? (Speakers Certification of Eligibility and Originality)**

**A-**Yes, see page 23 of the Current Contest Rulebook  
Contestants' briefing #3. The form is changed at each new contest.

**Q-If a contestant in the International Speech Contest has completed 6 or more speeches in the CC manual, are they eligible to compete?**

**A-**No, only eligible if they have completed 2 levels in the same path.  
See page 6 in the Current Contest Rulebook-#2. B. 1  
See page 3 in the Current Contest Rulebook Changes

**Q-How do I verify contestant education eligibility for the International Speech Contest?**

**A-**Request the level 2 certificate from the contestant. The certificate can be obtained from the Pathways Basecamp by the contestant for a basecamp manager at the contestant's club.

**Q-Why should I use a script?**

**A-**The scripts on the D-18 website have been vetted to include the rules stated in the latest contest rulebook and described in the Current Contest Rulebook Changes. They also help keep the contest from running too long.

**Q- How is the Contest Speaker introduced?**

**A-**The speaker introduction includes the name and speech title. No other information is given.  
See page 24 of the Current Contest Rulebook –#2

**Q-Have the Timing Rules changed?**

**A-Yes**  
See page 14 & 15 of the Current Contest Rulebook- #6C;  
6. E.1, 6.E.2, 6.E.3, 6.E.4  
See page 8 & 9 of the Current Contest Rulebook Changes

**Q-Do contest briefings (contestant/judges) have to be conducted as the same day as the contest?**

**A-**No, there is no provision either way to specify the timing of the briefing. The briefings in an Online/Hybrid contest are more easily accomplished at a time preceding the contest.

**Q-Who Introduces the Contestants?**

**A-**Contest Chair. In all contests, the Contest Chair introduces the contestants. See page 12 in the Current Contest Rulebook #5. F.

**Q-Can a contestant learn if they have been disqualified for time?**

**A-Yes,** the Chief Judge can privately discuss this with the disqualified contestant.

See page 24 in the Current Contest Rulebook- #7

**Q-Is there an eligibility requirement to be a Test Speaker?**

**A-Yes,** the speaker must be a paid member

See page 8 of the Current Contest Rulebook- #2. E.

**Q-Is the Test Speaker introduced in a specific manner?**

**A- Yes,**

See page 19 in the Current Contest Rulebook -#1. D & 1.E

**Q-What are the roles of the timers in a contest?**

**A-Official timer** with the stopwatch will complete the Time Record Sheet and return it to the Chief Judge.

See page 11 in the Current Contest Rulebook-#5. D. 2

See page 13 in the Current Contest Rulebook- #5. K. 4

See page 8 in the Current Contest Rulebook

Changes- # 5.4, 6.C

**Q-Who interviews the contestants?**

**A- Contest Chair.**

See page 24 of the Current Contest Rulebook #4

**Q-Who announces the contest winners at the contest?**

**A-The Contest Chair,** after receipt of the winner's list from the Chief Judge.

**Q-How are the contest winners announced?**

**A-**After the conclusion of the contestant interviews, the contest chair announces the winners of the contest. In contest with three (3) or more participants, a third place winner, a second place winner, and a first place winner will be announced. Winners will be announced in reverse order. In contest with fewer than (3) participants, a second place winner (if applicable) and a first place winner will be announced. Winners will be announced in reverse order. See page 13 of the current contest rulebook # 5. M. 1 & 2.

**Q-What type of award is given to the contestants?**

**A-**The first, second, and third-place winners should receive a certificate. All other contestants should receive a certificate of participation. These can be found in the contest kits.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/international-speech-contest-kit>

<https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/table-topics-speech-contest>

<https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/humorous-speech-contest>

**Q-What type of recognition should the contest helpers receive?**

**A-**The contest helpers can be given a certificate of participation found in the contest kits.