



Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality

All contestants must complete this form before the contest and submit it to the chief judge at each level of competition.

Club No. _____

Member No. _____

District _____

Eligibility (to be completed for all contests)

I certify that I am eligible to compete, under the current speech contest rules. I am a paid member of a club in good standing and meet all other eligibility requirements.

To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must be a paid member of a club in the Area, Division, and District in which they are competing. The club must also be in good standing. In addition, to be eligible to compete in the International Speech Contest, a member must have completed at least six (6) speech projects in the *Competent Communication* manual or earned certificates of completion in Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience prior to the club contest. Only members who joined Toastmasters prior to the rollout of Pathways in their region can apply speeches from the *Competent Communication* manual to eligibility for competing. Contestants in speech contests other than the International contest do not need to meet this education requirement. A charter member of a club chartered less than one (1) year before the club contest is permitted to compete without having completed this education requirement. The club must have officially chartered before the Area contest.

The following are ineligible to compete in any Toastmasters speech contest:

1. A member serving as a voting judge or tiebreaking judge beyond the club level for a contest type in which the member is still competing or intends to compete
2. Incumbent International Officers and Directors
3. Region Advisors or Region Advisor applicants
4. District Officers whose terms expire June 30:
 - a) District Director
 - b) Program Quality Director
 - c) Club Growth Director
 - d) Administration Manager
 - e) Finance Manager
 - f) Public Relations Manager
 - g) Division Director
 - h) Area Director
5. International Officer and Director candidates
6. Immediate Past District Directors
7. District Officers or candidates for elected positions for the term beginning the upcoming July 1
8. Members who are serving in contest official or presenter roles that meet the following criteria:
 - 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.
 - b) Timer, counter, Sergeant at Arms, or other contest official role for the same contest in which they would be competing.
 - c) Presenter of an education session, a contest chair, a contest Toastmaster, or an event committee chair for the event at which the contest will be held, including Area, Division, and District events, as well as the International Convention.

Toastmasters who are members in more than one club and who meet all other eligibility requirements are permitted to compete in each club contest in which paid membership is held. No contestant can compete in more than one Area speech contest of a given type, even if the two (2) Areas are in different Divisions or Districts.

Contestants must maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest. If at any level it is determined that a contestant was ineligible to compete at any previous level, the contestant must be disqualified. This disqualification must occur even if the ineligibility is discovered at a later level and has been corrected.

Signature

Printed Name

Originality (to be completed for all contests)

Name of Contest (check one): Video Speech Contest* Humorous Tall Tales International Evaluation Table Topics®

Contest Level: Club Area Division District Semifinal World Championship

Date of Contest: _____

Speech Title: _____

In compliance with current speech contest rules, I certify that the content of my speech is or will be substantially original.

Signature

Printed Name

* Undistricted Clubs and Provisional Districts only.