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2019 Contest Dates

- ▶ March 15 – Club Contests Complete
- ▶ April 5 – Area Contests Complete
- ▶ April 19 – Division Contests Complete
- ▶ May 3 – District Table Topics Contest
- ▶ May 4 – District International Speech Contest
- ▶ August – World Championship (International)

How many Toastmasters does it take to create a speech contest?

CONTEST ROLE	HOW MANY?
Contest Chair	1
Contest Master	1
Chief Judge	1
Timer	2
Ballot Counter	3
Sergeant at Arms	It depends
Judges	It depends
Contestants	It depends

Judge Eligibility

- ▶ Club Contest
 - Any paid member
- ▶ Area and above
 - Any paid member who has:
 - Been a member for a minimum of six months
 - Completed 6 speeches (CC) or Level 2 in Pathways
 - Attended Judges Training at TLI (recommended)

Reference: Speech Contest Rulebook, Section 2-B

Can a Judge be a member of the same club as a contestant?

YES!

(Club/Area Contest)

NO!

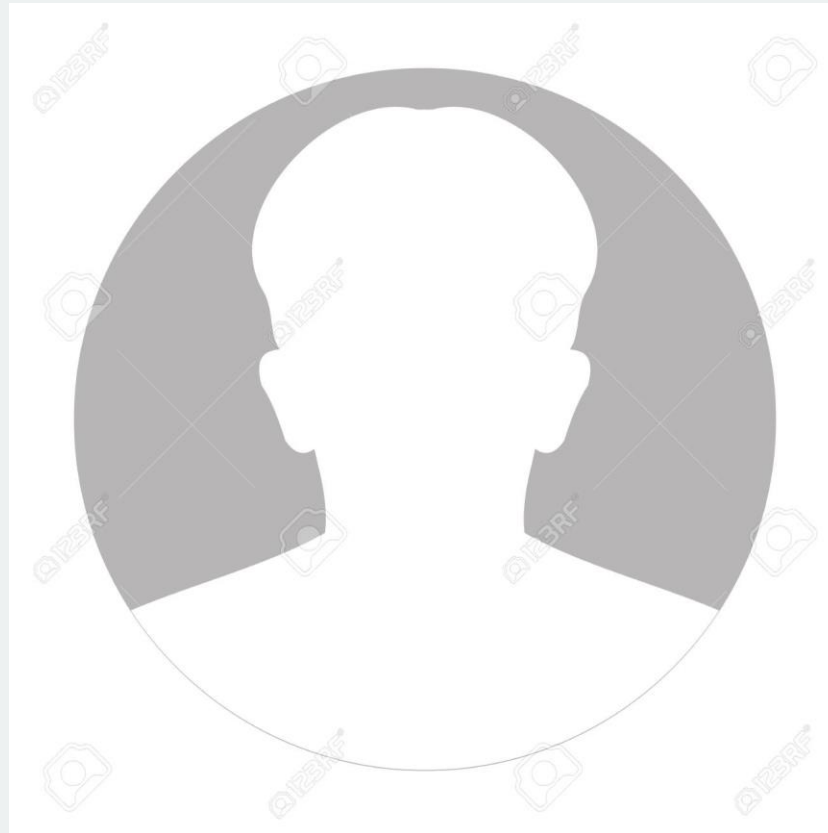
(Division Contest or higher)

How many judges?

	HOW MANY?	OR
CLUB	At least 5, plus a Tiebreaker	As many as practical
AREA	At least 5, plus a Tiebreaker	Equal number from each club in the area
DIVISION	At least 7, plus a Tiebreaker	Equal number from each area in the division

Reference: Speech Contest Rulebook, Section 5-A

Judges are Anonymous



Contestant Eligibility

- ▶ Table Topics/Humorous Speech/Evaluation
 - Any paid member can participate
- ▶ International Speech
 - Any paid member who has:
 - Completed 6 speeches (CC) or Level 2 in Pathways
 - For charter members of new clubs, this rule is waived

Reference: Speech Contest Rulebook, Section 2-A

How many contestants? – AREA

	4 clubs or less	5 clubs or more
	2 per club	1 per club

Reference: Speech Contest Rulebook, Section 3-B

How many contestants? – DIVISION

	4 areas or less	5 areas or more
	2 per area	1 per area

Reference: Speech Contest Rulebook, Section 3-B



**SPEECH CONTEST
RULEBOOK**

JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019



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ARE MADE



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Speech Contests

Each year, Toastmasters throughout District 37 participate in speech contests. Competition begins at the club level and goes all the way to international level.



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