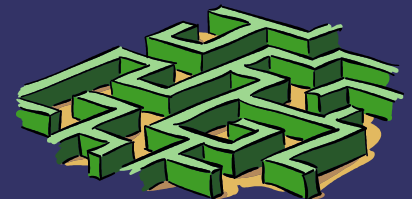


# *Speech Contest Rulebook 2014*

## Challenges for 2014

Note: **International Speech Contest Finals**  
now **World Championship of Public Speaking**



# *Guiding Principles*

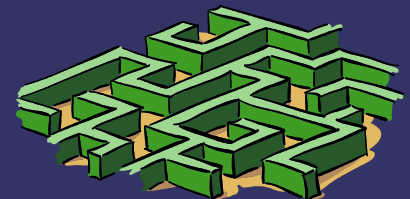
**Objective, Fair, Confidential**, Knowledgeable

Ignore the past – **Current performance only**

**Support Contest Rules** and Judging Standards

**Protests** – Limited to Judges and Contestants

Grounds for DQ: **Ineligibility, Originality, Timing**

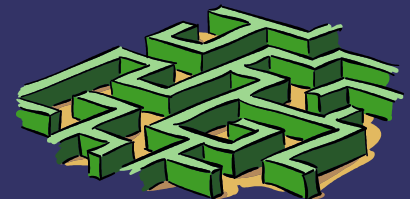


## 2. Eligibility A

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

a) A member serving as a **chief judge, voting judge or tiebreaking judge beyond the club level** for a contest in which the member is still competing or intends to compete

g) **District officers or announced candidates for elected positions** for the term beginning the upcoming July 1

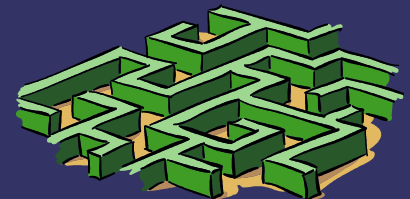


## 2. Eligibility A

5. **Contest chairs, chief judge, voting judges, timers, counters, sergeants at arms and test speakers may not compete in the contest at which they are serving.**

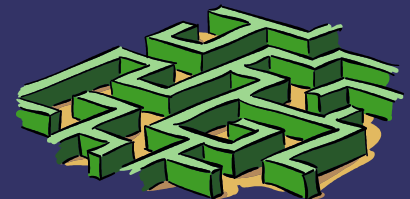
## 2. Eligibility B

4. **Voting judges** at all levels shall remain anonymous when practical.



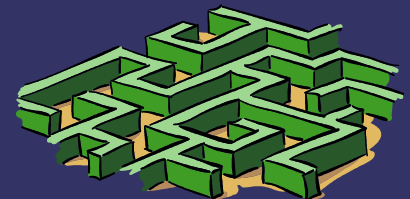
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2. At area contests, there shall be an equal number of voting judges from each club in the area, or a minimum of five voting judges. In addition to these voting judges, a contest chair, chief judge, tiebreaking judge, three counters, and two timers shall be appointed.



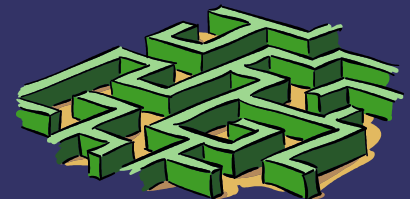
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3. At division contests, there shall be an equal number of voting judges from each area in the division, or a minimum of seven voting judges. In addition to these voting judges, a contest chair, chief judge, tiebreaking judge, three counters and two timers shall be appointed. No chief judge, voting judge or tiebreaking judge shall be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member.



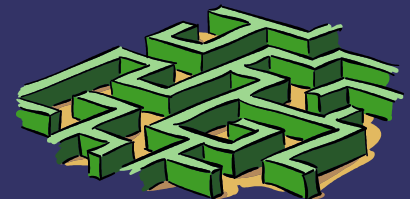
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4. At district contests, there shall be an equal number of voting judges from each division in the district, or a minimum of seven voting judges. In addition to these voting judges, a contest chair, chief judge, tiebreaking judge, three counters and two timers shall be Appointed. No chief judge, voting judge or tiebreaking judge shall be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member.



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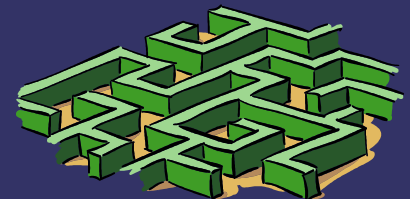
5. At the semifinals for the International Speech Contest, there shall be an equal number of voting judges from each district, or a minimum of nine voting judges. In addition to these voting judges, a contest chair, chief judge, a tiebreaking judge, three counters, and two timers are appointed. No chief judge, Voting judge or tiebreaking judge shall be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member.





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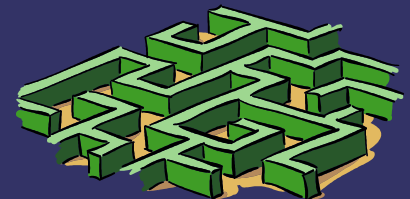
6. At the World Championship of Public Speaking, there shall be one voting judge representing each region. In addition to these judges, a contest chair, chief judge, five qualifying judges, tiebreaking judge, three counters, and two timers are appointed. ***No chief judge, voting judge, qualifying judge, or tiebreaking judge shall be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member.***



## 5. General Procedure K

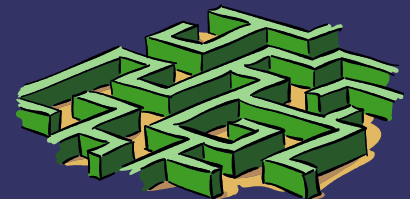
3. The chief judge personally collects the tiebreaking judge's ballot, which must contain all contestants ranked in order by the tiebreaking judge.

a) The top portion of the ballot is *not* provided to the chief judge and must be discreetly discarded by the tiebreaking judge after the contest.



## 7. Protests and Disqualifications

- A. **Protests are limited to eligibility and originality and shall only be lodged by voting judges and contestants**. Any protest shall be lodged with the chief judge and/or contest chair prior to the announcement of the winner and alternate(s).
- B. Before a contestant can be disqualified on the basis of originality, the contestant must be given an opportunity to respond to the voting judges. A majority of the voting judges must concur in the decision to disqualify.
- C. The **contest chair** can disqualify a contestant on the basis of eligibility.
- D. ***All decisions of voting judges and qualifying judges are final.***



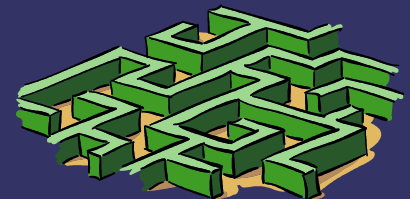
# Contest Chair's Checklist

## Preparation

1. Determine the budget for the contest, remembering that contest income and expenses should break even. Allow for such expenses as awards, contest material, deposits, meals, printing, postage, etc.

**Note: If there is an entry fee for the contest, that fee must be waived for contestants. Contestants cannot be charged a fee to compete.**

7. Select the chief judge. **See the Eligibility section in this rulebook for eligibility requirements for a chief judge.**



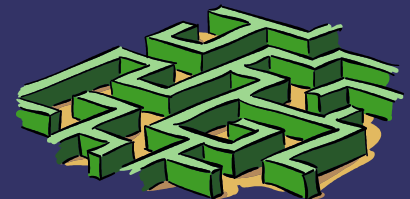
# Chief Judge's Checklist

## Checklist Judges' Briefing Checklist

1. Distribute the following to each voting judge:
  - > List of contestants in speaking order
  - > Judge's Guide and Ballot
  - > Speech Contest Rulebook (Item 1171)
  - > **Judge's Certification of Eligibility and Code of Ethics (Item 1170)**

## During the Contest

3. **Resolve any eligibility or originality protests that may arise.**



# Contestant's Checklist

## Before the Contest

1. For International, Humorous, and Tall Tales contests, select a topic and prepare your own substantially original speech.
2. Attend the Contestant's Briefing.
- 3. Inform contest chair of any props you plan to use.**
4. Review Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality (Item 1183). By signing this form, you certify that you have read and understand the rules regarding eligibility and originality.
5. Attend the Speaker's Rehearsal and take note of the speaking area

