

JUDGES BRIEFING

1. The primary purpose of a judge is to pick a winner.
2. Judging is to be done according to the criteria on the form.
3. The following reminders will help ensure fairness.
 - Age, sex, race, creed, national origin or professional beliefs are not to be considered
 - How well a speaker has done or could do is not to be considered
 - The first or last speaker is not to be judged differently than those in the middle
 - Do not give a break to the “Underdog”, (i.e. new Toastmaster or handicapped Toastmaster)
 - Do not give extra Credit to a speaker because they have successfully competed in contests before
 - Do not judge contestants on your club norms, (i.e. Whether or not they use the lectern etc.)
 - Please leave your personal preferences, (i.e. when or whether they recognize the Toastmaster etc.) at home
 - Do not take time into consideration, it is not your purview
 - No ties, make a decision as to who is first, second, and third
4. Sign your ballots now. All unsigned ballots will be discarded
5. Protests:
 - Originality and eligibility only
Originality means that quoted material may be used but it must be identified and it must not comprise the major portion of the speech
 - Only contestants and judges may protest
 - Protests must be decided prior to the announcement of winners
 - A majority of judges must concur if the protest is on originality
6. Please familiarize yourselves with the judging ballots
7. You are not to reveal ranking or scores
8. Refrain from public criticism of the contest
9. Ballots are to be destroyed after the contest

Thanks for your help in making this contest a success.