

Humorous Contest Script

The following is intended as a guideline to host the Humorous Speech Contests.

Sergeant at Arms will call the contest to order and **Introduce the Contest Toastmaster**.

State: (The information below is not necessary to repeat if you previously stated for another contest)

1. Welcome...
2. Speech contests are a Toastmasters tradition. Each year, more than 30 thousand Toastmasters compete in the Humorous, Evaluation, Tall Tales, Table Topics®, and International speech contests. Competition begins with club contests, and winners continue competing through the Area, Division, and District levels.
3. Winners of the District level International Speech Contest only, proceed to the [region quarterfinal](#) level. Following region quarterfinals, winners advance to the semifinals for a chance to take part in the [World Championship of Public Speaking®](#).
4. Identify speaking area as agreed upon by the contestants.
5. No recording of speeches or picture taking during the contest unless previously agreed upon by all contestants and the contest chair.
6. **If this is for Area Contest - Area 1 contest will be first followed by Area 2 and then Area 3.**
7. Instruct audience to turn off their cell phones. (If Sgt. @ Arms didn't)

ASK:

Contest Chair: Have all the contestants been briefed?

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Chief Judge: Have all the judges, timers and counters been briefed?

Speaking Order: Tell audience Speaking Order is determined by lottery.

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| 1. Name _____ | 2. Name _____ |
| 3. Name _____ | 4. Name _____ |
| 5. Name _____ | 6. Name _____ |

Begin:

Humorous Speech Contest

Contestant 1 Name: _____

Speech Title x2: _____

Name: _____

Please allow one minute of silence for the judges.

Contestant 2 Name: _____

Speech Title x2: _____

Name: _____

Please allow one minute of silence for the judges.

Contestant 3 Name: _____

Speech Title x2: _____

Name: _____

Please allow one minute of silence for the judges.

Contestant 4 Name: _____

Speech Title x2: _____

Name: _____

Please allow one minute of silence for the judges.

Contestant 5 Name: _____

Speech Title x2: _____

Name: _____

Please allow one minute of silence for the judges.

Contestant 6 Name: _____

Speech Title x2: _____

Name: _____

Ask audience to please be silent until all ballots have been collected.

1. Remind Judges to raise their ballots when ready.
2. Ask the Chief Judge if all ballots have been collected.
3. After all ballots have been collected and Chief Judge/Counters have left, **interview ALL contestants from their Profile Information sheet.**

After Interviews, announce 10 - minute break. (You need time to get awards prepared)

Announce Contest Winners

3rd Place - 2nd Place - 1st Place (as applicable)

Announcements

1. Special thanks to all the Judges, Contest assistants, and supporters.
2. Ask contestants to come to the front for pictures after adjournment.
3. First place winners advance to the District Conference on: _____

Contest Adjourned