

# International Contest Script

The following is intended as a guideline to host the International 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)

**Toastmaster:**

**International Contest**

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

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Name \_\_\_\_\_

**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 silence for the judges 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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 1<sup>st</sup> 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**