

Humorous Contest Script

Greetings fellow Toastmasters, most welcome guests and especially, our contestants!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the ***(place name of event here)*** Humorous Speech contest! This evening, we have the opportunity to see some of the District's most proficient speakers in action.

Why do we have humour contests? I see three reasons:

The first is to allow speakers to challenge themselves with one of the most difficult types of speeches by to deliver.

The second is to allow those not participating in the contest to learn from observing proficient speakers to improve their own techniques.

The third is to entertain.

The Chief Judge has already briefed the timers, ballot counters, and judges.

I have already briefed the contestants.

For those who haven't seen a speech contest before this is how we will proceed.

All contestants may remain in the room to enjoy the contest.

There will be a 1 minute break between speakers for the judges to mark their ballots. Timers will signal me with a red light when the 1 minute is over.

Once all the contestants have presented, there will be silence for however long it takes for the judges to complete their ballots and the Chief Judge and ballot counters to leave the room.

Speaking of silence, please ensure all noise-making devices such as phones, tablets, and watches are turned OFF - not just down or on vibrate, but OFF! (Demonstrate)

Humorous Speech contests are sanctioned by Toastmasters International and are governed according to current Toastmasters International Rules.

Today our Chief Judge is _____ and is familiar with the contest rules. The timers have been briefed that the signals are for the speakers only and the Chief Judge has ensured they are only visible for the speakers.

The Chief Judge is responsible for arranging seating to separate judges from contestants. _____, are you satisfied with the seating arrangements?

Speeches will be between 5 and 7 minutes. The speaker will receive a green signal at 5 minutes, a yellow at 6 minutes and a red at 7 minutes. The red signal is to remain visible until the speaker concludes.

Any speaker who speaks for less than 4 minutes 30 seconds or longer than 7 minutes 30 seconds will be disqualified. Timing begins with the first verbal or non-verbal communication with the audience, and ends after the last word is spoken.

No one may enter or leave the room during the speeches. You may leave during the 1 minute of silence between the speakers but as a courtesy to all, please do not return until after the contest is over.

Let's begin!

In fairness to all the contestants, I will be announcing the name of the contestant, the title of the speech, the title of the speech and the name of the contestant.

Contestant 1 _____

One minute of silence, please.

Contestant 2 _____

One minute of silence, please.

Contestant 3 _____

One minute of silence, please.

Contestant 4 _____

One minute of silence, please.

Contestant 5 _____

One minute of silence, please.

Contestant 6 _____

One minute of silence, please.

Please remain silent until the Chief Judge and counters have left the room.

(Contestant interviews, participation certificates.)

Welcome Chief Judge to present the results.

Thank all the contestants Judges, timers and ballot counters, and of course, the audience!