

# DISTRICT 30 HUMOROUS SPEECH & SPEECH EVALUATION CONTEST SCRIPT

Area Director / Division Director/ Contest Chair calls meeting to order.  
Area Director / Division Director/ Contest Chair introduces Toastmaster

## **CONTEST TOASTMASTER**

Opening remarks:

- Brief introduction (1 minute or less)
- asks audience to turn off any device that makes noise.
- Recognizes dignitaries in the room using dignitary sign-in sheet
  - District/ Division/ Area Officers / Past District Governors/ Directors
  - INCLUDE position titles (e.g. Division Director) AND designation (e.g. ACS, ALB or DTM)

(Announce)

“We will have two contests: the Humorous Speech Contest and the Speech Evaluation Contest. The first contest will be the Speech Evaluation Contest. When that contest has concluded, we will have a 10 minute break. After the break, we will conduct the Humorous Speech Contest.”

“Contestants, timers, ballot counters, and sergeant at arms have all been briefed prior to the beginning of this contest. Everyone is aware of the Toastmaster International rules that govern this contest. No one should enter or leave the room during the contestants’ presentations. You may do so if time permits during the minute of silence between presentations. Thank you and with that said – LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!!!

I will now give the speaking order for the Speech Evaluation Contest

### **Speaking Order: (Assuming there are 6 contestants)**

**Contestant No.1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.3** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.5** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.6** \_\_\_\_\_

In order for our Speech Evaluation contestants to compete, we need someone to speak for them. Please help me welcome to the lectern:

(Target Speaker's name :) \_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title - Repeat Twice) \_\_\_\_\_

(Target Speaker's Name :) \_\_\_\_\_”

*Shake hands with test speaker, be seated and listen to test speaker's 5 - 7 minute speech. Lead applause and shake their hand when speech is over. The test speaker returns to their seat.*

(Announce:)

“We will now give our Speech Evaluation Contestants five (5) minutes to complete their evaluations. Sergeant at Arms, please escort the contestants out of the room and time them five minutes once they are seated in room. When that five minutes is over, escort our first contestant back to this room.

We will also ask our timers in this room to begin timing once the contestants have left . Timers, please signal me when those 5 minutes are complete”

*Allow the Sergeant at Arms enough time to escort Speech Evaluation contestants from room. After they have left the room, begin the following announcement.*

“While the Speech Evaluation contestants complete their evaluations, we will get to know our Target Speaker; please help me welcome \_\_\_\_\_ (Target Speaker's name) back to the lectern.”

*Lead applause. Ask the Target Speaker a few questions by using the information provided on the biographical profile form. When the timer has indicated 5 minutes are up, begin wrapping up the interview of the Target Speaker, present the Certificate of Appreciation and shake their hand. Lead applause. Target speaker will be seated.*

“We are ready to hear from our Speech Evaluation contestants. There will be one (1) minute of silence between each contestant. Time Keepers, when I advise you to do so, please signal me with the green light when one (1) minute is up. After all the contestants have spoken, the judges will be given as much time as they need to complete their ballots.”

“We will now begin the Speech Evaluation Contest.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Evaluation Contestant #1. Speech Evaluation Contestant #1,**

(name) \_\_\_\_\_”

*First Contestant delivers his/her evaluation*

“May we have one minute of silence (signal timer) while the judges mark their ballots.”

*Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.*

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Evaluation Contestant #2, Speech Evaluation Contestant #2,**

**(name) \_\_\_\_\_”**

*Second Contestant delivers his/her evaluation*

“May we have one minute of silence (signal timer) while the judges mark their ballots.”

*Repeat this procedure for all remaining Contestants. After the LAST contestant in this contest, announce the following (no announcement to timers)*

“Everyone please remain silent while the judges complete their ballots and have them collected by the Ballot Counters.”

*Chief Judge picks up the timer’s report and the tie breaker ballot. Chief Judge announces that he/ she has all the ballots. Lead applause as the Chief Judge then leaves the room with the ballot counters to tabulate the results.*

(Announce)

“While we are waiting for the votes to be counted we will hear from \_\_\_\_\_ (name of District Leader/ Conf Chair) who will give us all the exciting details of the upcoming District 30 Fall Conference.”

*Lead applause. When presenter has finished, call for a 10-minute break and note the time. Tell them where the refreshments, water fountains, restrooms, etc. are located.*

## HUMOROUS SPEECH CONTEST

(Announce:)

“Please be seated for our next contest. We will now begin the Humorous Speech Contest.”

“As a reminder, if you used your cell phone during the break, please ensure that it is on silent, not vibrate. Better yet, please turn them off.

Once the contest has begun, the Sergeant at Arms will secure the doors. Members of the audience are asked to refrain from leaving or entering the room during the contest. After the contest, please do not leave the room until it is determined that all ballots have been collected.”

“Here is the speaking order for the Humorous Speech Contest:

**Contestant No.1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.3** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.5** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant No.6** \_\_\_\_\_

We will now proceed with the Humorous Speech Contest.

There will be one (1) minute of silence between each contestant. Time Keepers, WHEN I advise you to do so, please signal me with the green light when one (1) minute is up. After all the contestants have spoken, the judges will be given all the time they need to complete their ballots.

We will now begin the Humorous Speech Contest.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_”

**(Speech Title- Repeat Twice)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(name)** \_\_\_\_\_”

*First Contestant delivers his/ her speech*

“May we have one minute of silence (signal timer) while the judges mark their ballots.”

*Wait one minute for green signal from Timers. Then announce contestant #2 in the same format as listed for contestant #1*

*Repeat this procedure for all remaining Contestants. After the LAST contestant in this contest, announce the following (no announcement to timers)*

“Everyone please remain silent while the judges complete their ballots and have them collected by the Ballot Counters.”

*Chief Judge picks up the timer’s report and the tie breaker ballot. Chief Judge announces that he/ she has all the ballots. Lead applause as the Chief Judge then leaves the room with the ballot counters to tabulate the results.*

(Announce)

“Let’s get to know our contestants. First, we will interview our Speech Evaluation Contestants in the order they appeared. Please give them a round of applause as they join me on stage.”

*Lead applause. Ask the following questions of each contestant. Wait for a response before asking the next one:*

*Contestant’s name*

- *How long have you been in TM?*
- *What club are you representing?*
- *What is your Toastmasters education level?*
- *One Interview question, using biographical form for material – VERY BRIEF)*

*After every contestant’s final answer, thank them, present them with their Certificate of Participation and shake their hand or bow (depending on cultural specificity). Usher them to the end of the line but have them remain on stage. After the last contestant has been interviewed, lead one final applause for contestants and usher them back to their seats*

Now, we will interview our Humorous Speech Contestants in the order they appeared. Please give them a round of applause as they join me on stage.”

*Repeat the same process for Speech Evaluation Contestants as described above*

(Announce:)

“At this time I would like to call our (Area/ Division) Director to the lectern. Please help me welcome \_\_\_\_\_.

*Lead applause. Shake Hands with the Director and be seated.*

## **AREA / DIVISION DIRECTOR**

- Thank the Contest Toastmaster by name and lead applause
- Read the list of contest functionaries (EXCEPT JUDGES) and thank them all at once (CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE CONTEST NOT AT THE CONTEST).
- Invites any/all members of the District 30 TRIO (If present) to come to the stage and help present the Awards.

(Announce)

“And now the moment we have all been waiting for. The announcement of the winners.”

- Announce the order of winners for each contest separately and in reverse order (3<sup>rd</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 1<sup>st</sup> place)
- Use either the certificates provided or the completed notification of winner form and read exactly as written
- No more comments or announcement will be made following the announcement of winners. Adjourn the contest immediately

(Announce)

“This Contest Is Adjourned”