

How Speech Contests Help Improve Club Quality

Many features of speech contests help clubs meet their mission to provide a safe environment for people to improve their communication and leadership skills.

1. Working together to put on a speech contest helps build cooperation among club members.
2. Members who compete in contests grow both in speaking skills and in learning about themselves.
3. Members who take contest roles such as Timer or Ballot Counter, learn to take responsibility for doing the job properly.
4. Members who serve as judges sharpen their abilities to assess speeches on their merits and this leads to better speech evaluations in club meetings.
5. Everyone benefits from watching skilled speakers doing their best.
6. Contests are fun, and they give club members opportunities to celebrate each other's growth and contribution to the club.
7. Participating in speech contests, whether as a contestant or as a functionary gives members confidence that can lead them to being willing to take on bigger tasks in and outside of the club, and take on greater leadership responsibilities