



# Judge's Certification of Eligibility and Code of Ethics

All judges must complete this form before the contest and submit it to the chief judge at each level of competition.

**Name of Contest:**  Evaluation  Humorous  International  Table Topics®  
(check one)  Tall Tales  Video Speech Contest

**Contest Level:**  Club  Area  Division  District  Region Quarterfinal  
 Semifinal  World Championship

Date of Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility

To be a chief judge, voting judge or tiebreaking judge at a Toastmasters speech contest, you must meet all eligibility requirements identified below.

1. At a club contest, be a paid member.
2. At an Area, Division, or District contest:
  - a. Be a paid member for a minimum of six months.
  - b. Have completed a minimum of six speech projects in the Competent Communication manual or earned certificates of completion in Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience.
3. At the International Speech Contest Region Quarterfinals, Semifinals and the World Championship of Public Speaking:
  - a. Be at least an Advanced Toastmaster Bronze, Advanced Communicator Bronze, or have completed at least one path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience.
  - b. Have previously judged a Toastmasters speech contest at the Area, Division, District, or semifinal level.
4. Judges for contests beyond the club level are not eligible to compete in the same contest type during the same contest cycle.

## Judge's Code of Ethics

1. I will uphold the Toastmasters core values of integrity, service, respect, and excellence.
2. I will demonstrate the utmost objectivity by consciously avoiding bias of any kind in selecting first, second, and third place contestants.
3. I will not consider any contestant's club, Area, Division, District, or region affiliation.
4. I will not consider any contestant's age, race, color, creed, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability.
5. I will not time the speeches and will not consider the possibility of undertime or overtime when judging a contestant's speech.

- 6. I will support by word and deed the contest rules and judging standards, refrain from public criticism of the contest, and only reveal my participation as a judge, my selected scores, and the ranking I assigned in accordance with speech contest rules.
- 7. I am not a member of the same club as any contestant when judging at the Division, District, region quarterfinal, semifinal and final levels.
- 8. I have no conflict of interest with any of the contestants that would cause me to be biased.

I certify that I am eligible to serve as a judge, under the current speech contest rules, and will uphold the Judge's Code of Ethics.

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Full Name

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Member Number District

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Signature Date (MM/DD/YYYY)