



Speech Contest Preparation

Agenda



- ▶ Purpose
- ▶ Important tasks
- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Enjoy

Speech Contests



Purpose of a Speech Contest



- ▶ Opportunity for contestants to improve their speaking abilities.
- ▶ Recognize individual Toastmasters
- ▶ Provide an opportunity for all Toastmasters and guests to learn by observing speakers who have benefitted from their Toastmasters training



▶ Venue

- Free or low cost
- Ask clubs if they can sponsor
- Community center or govt spaces
- Schools/colleges
- Libraries

▶ Dates

- Area – November for February
- Division – December for March

Important tasks – Filling the Roles



- ▶ Contest Chair - coordinator
- ▶ Contest Master - emcee
- ▶ Chief Judge
- ▶ Functionary Roles
- ▶ Contestants



▶ D8 Website – check it out

- Rule Book
- Toastmaster Contest Training Powerpoint – pdf
- Videos
- Scripts
- Judges Training session at the TLI
- Get a mentor to help you



- ▶ Send to PRM
- ▶ Share on personal social media pages
- ▶ Send a press release to the local newspaper
- ▶ Post flyers around town
- ▶ Personal invites to family, friends, past members and guests.

Conclusion:



- ▶ Start now
- ▶ Ask your team for venue ideas
- ▶ Support one another with functionary roles
- ▶ Make it an event