

CONTEST MASTER CLOSING SCRIPT: CONCLUDING THE CONTEST

Contest Master:

"Thank you all for your patience and enthusiasm during today's contest. At this time, I would like to invite our contestants to join me on stage in the order of their appearance."

(As contestants approach the stage:)

"Let's give them a round of applause for their courage, dedication, and inspiring speeches!"

(Wait for all contestants to join the stage and acknowledge them with applause.)

(If the Chief Judge Has Not Returned with Results)

Contest Master

"While we wait for the Chief Judge and ballot counters to return with the contest results, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite any current District Officers to share comments or announcements. [Pause and invite District Officers forward.]

[After District Officers finish:]

I would also like to invite our Contest Chair, [Contest Chair's Name], to share any remarks or club announcements."

(Allow the Contest Chair to speak. Once the Chief Judge has returned, continue.)

(If Results Are Ready)

Contest Master:

"Thank you to everyone who shared announcements. The moment we've all been waiting for has arrived—the results are in!"

Contest Master:

"I'd like to remind everyone that the First Place winners of today's contest will represent our [Club/Area/Division] at the Area # ____ Contest, which will take place on [Insert Date] at [Insert Location and Time].

The winners of the Area Contest will advance to the Division __ Contest, to be held on [Insert Date] at [Insert Location and Time]. The Division Contest winners will then compete at the District 8 Contest, which will take place during the District Conference on [Insert Date] at [Insert Location and Time].

We will share more information about these contests later, and we encourage all club members to support our winners as they move forward!"

Presenting Awards

Contest Master:

"Now, I'd like to invite [Contest Chair's Name] and any District Officers present to present the trophies to our winners."

Contest Chair:

"Let's begin with our third-place winner. Please join me in congratulating:

[Third Place Winner's Name]!"

Please join me in congratulating our second-place winner:

[Second Place Winner's Name]!"

(Allow applause and trophy presentation.)

Contest Chair:

"And now, the moment we've all been waiting for—our first-place winner, who will represent us at the Area Contest. Please join me in congratulating:

[First Place Winner's Name]!"

(Allow applause and trophy presentation. Acknowledge all contestants one more time.)

Closing Remarks

Contest Master:

"Congratulations to all our contestants and winners! Each of you has demonstrated incredible courage and skill, and we are so proud of your achievements.

Thank you to everyone who made today's event possible—our judges, timers, counters, Sergeant at Arms, and our wonderful audience. Your support and enthusiasm made all the difference.

Let's continue to celebrate and support our contestants as they advance to the next level of competition. This concludes our International Speech Contest."

Contest Chair:

"I will return control to our Contest Chair [Contest Chair's Name]. Thank you!"

(Return control to the Contest Chair and exit the stage.)

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