TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST AGENDA

[Club/Area/Division/District] International Speech Contest

Date: [Insert Date]

Time: [Insert Start Time] – [Insert End Time] **Location:** [Insert Venue or Online Platform]

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Time: [Insert Time] **Role:** Sergeant at Arms

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Toastmasters Mission Statement
- Introduction of Contest Chair

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Time: [Insert Time] **Role:** Contest Chair

- Welcome the audience and contestants.
- Share a brief story or remarks about public speaking.
- Announce contest purpose and rules.
- Remind the audience to silence phones, refrain from leaving or entering during speeches, and avoid flash photography.
- Introduce the Chief Judge.

3. Contest Begins

Time: [Insert Time] **Role:** Contest Master

Introduce contestants in speaking order:

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- Contestant #1: [Name, Speech Title]
- Contestant #2: [Name, Speech Title]
- Contestant #3: [Name, Speech Title]
- [Continue as necessary.]
- One minute of silence between each contestant for judges to mark ballots.

4. Ballot Collection and Tabulation

Time: [Insert Time] **Role:** Contest Master

- Direct judges to sign and submit ballots discreetly.
- Counters collect ballots.
- Chief Judge collects Time Record Sheet from Timer.
- Chief Judge and Counters adjourn to the tabulation room.

5. Contestant Interviews

Time: [Insert Time] **Role:** Contest Master

- Invite contestants to the stage in the order of appearance.
- Conduct brief interviews with each contestant, using light, engaging questions.

6. Announcements and Comments (Optional)

Time: [Insert Time] **Role:** Contest Master

- Invite District Officers to share updates or announcements.
- Invite the Presiding Officer to comment or address club business (if applicable).

7. Presentation of Awards

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Time: [Insert Time]

Role: Contest Master and Club Presiding Officer

• Announce winners:

Second Place Winner: [Name]

First Place Winner: [Name]

Present trophies and certificates.

8. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Time: [Insert Time] **Role:** Presiding Officer

- Present Certificates of Appreciation to functionaries:
 - Contest Master
 - Contest Chair and Planning Committee
- Thank guests and contestants.
- Share details of the next level of competition:
 - Area Contest: [Date, Time, Location]
 - Division Contest: [Date, Time, Location]
 - o District Contest: [Date, Time, Location]
- Adjourn the meeting.

Notes for Functionaries:

- Ensure smooth transitions between segments.
- Adhere to timing guidelines for each part of the agenda.
- Maintain a professional and encouraging tone throughout the event.

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