




DISTRICT 52

OVERVIEW

D52 Virtual Speech Contest

Chief Judge for District 52: Christy Kadharmestan, DTM

15 MIN
BEFORE
CONTEST STARTS:


- Technical check for Contestants Video and audio.
- Contestants will receive instruction to “pin” the “Card Timer” of the contest to their screen. This is so the contestant will see this in their primary view.
- Contestants that are not speaking and all participants will be muted. 

ON THE HOUR:

1. The **Chief Judge** will communicate to the Zoom call that all the contestants and the functionaries are ready.



The **Contest Master** will place all the contestant names in a hat and pull the names out one by one; announcing the speakers in order. *The first name will go first, the last name will go last.*

3. **Contest Master** repeats the speaking order for all the participants. Judges will write them down on the ballot. 

4. The **Contest Master** will gavel in the Contest, saying

“The _____ contest will now begin”.

(Any contestant not in the zoom call at the time the contest is announced is not eligible to compete. According to the Exception Rules from Toastmasters International, contestants are responsible for their own Audio and Video equipment.)



SPEECHES

5. The **Contest Master** will announce the first speaker in the same format as before:

“Name, Speech Title, Speech Title, Name.”

6. The **Speaker** will then begin their speech.

When the speaker is finished, there will be one minute of silence to give voting judges time to mark their ballots.

BALLOTS

7. After the last speaker, there will be unlimited silence for the **judges** to finish their ballots and transmit them to the **Chief Judge**.

**Judges will transmit their ballots by taking a picture of the bottom and sending it to the Chief Judge via text. Timers will transmit the Timing sheet to the Chief Judge to determine eligibility.*

8. The **Chief Judge** will tell the **Contest Master** all the ballots have been received.

9. The **Ballot Counters** and the **Chief Judge** will meet in a private Zoom Room (Virtually) to count the ballots and tally the winning points.



10. The **Ballot Counters** and the **Chief Judge** will return to the Zoom Room and the **Chief Judge** will tell the **Contest Master** the winner has been chosen.



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ROLES & RULES D52 Virtual Speech Contest

- Technical Chair: _____
- Contest Master: _____
- Chief Judges: _____
- Judges (5): _____
- Tie Breaking Judge: _____
- Ballot Counters (2): _____
- Card Timer: *Shows Timing Colors:* _____
- Recording Timer: *Records the time:* _____

Functionaries act in the same manner as always with the additional information:

Judges will transmit their ballots by taking a picture of the bottom and sending it to the Chief Judge via text.

Ballot Counters and Chief Judge will meet in a separate room to count the ballots together.

Timers will transmit the Timing sheet to the Chief Judge to determine eligibility.

Areas and Divisions will not chose their own Chief Judge.

This role will remain the same throughout the contests for streamlining the training process. If possible ballot counters will also continue over multiple contests

(Depending on availability)

New Contestant Rules for Video Speech Competition

Exceptions to the Rulebook for Speech Contests can be read @ Toastmasters International. Please read these new exceptions for virtual contests

Even though we are using audio and video for the contestants, it is clear that the contest must via a live performance.

Also, no speaker may use any form of notes during the speech. If the judges notice or suspect a speaker is reading notes, they will be marked down on the delivery of the speech. Do nothing different than you would during an in-person contest.

Contestants will have a slight disadvantage in that they cannot see their audience. It has been suggested that we allow microphones to be turned on during the contest to allow the reaction form the audience to be heard. It will be up to each contest master to decide this option.