



“Chief Judges Workshop”

District 116, Qatar

November 19th 2020

Chief Judges Workshop



Meeting Etiquettes and Invite District Director

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District IT Manager

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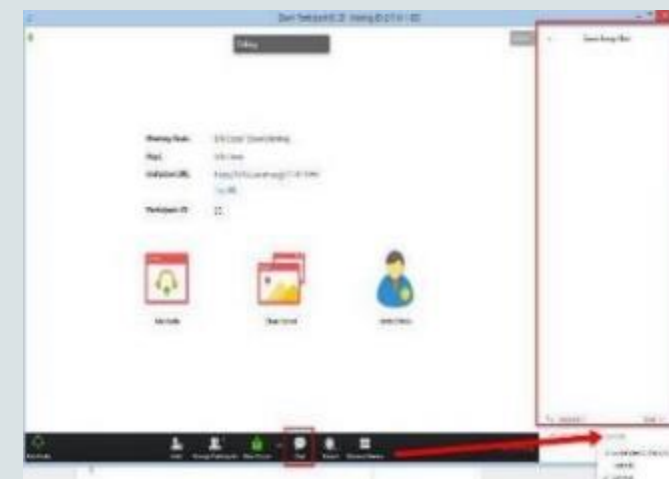
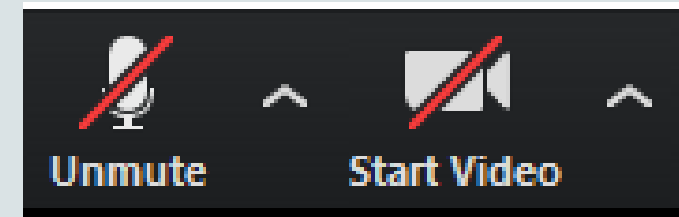


District Mission

**We build new clubs and support
all clubs in achieving excellence**

Chief Judges Workshop

1. Except for the presenter, all other attendee's mic will be kept in muted condition, to avoid disturbances.
2. Please post your questions if any, in chat facility to Q&A Host.



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**Welcome Address
and
Open the session**

**Thayalan Kailayapillai, DTM
District Director**

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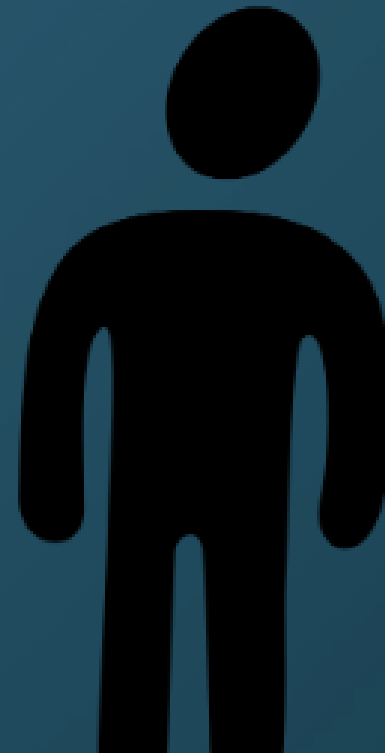
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Rajeswar Sundaresan, DTM
Past District Director

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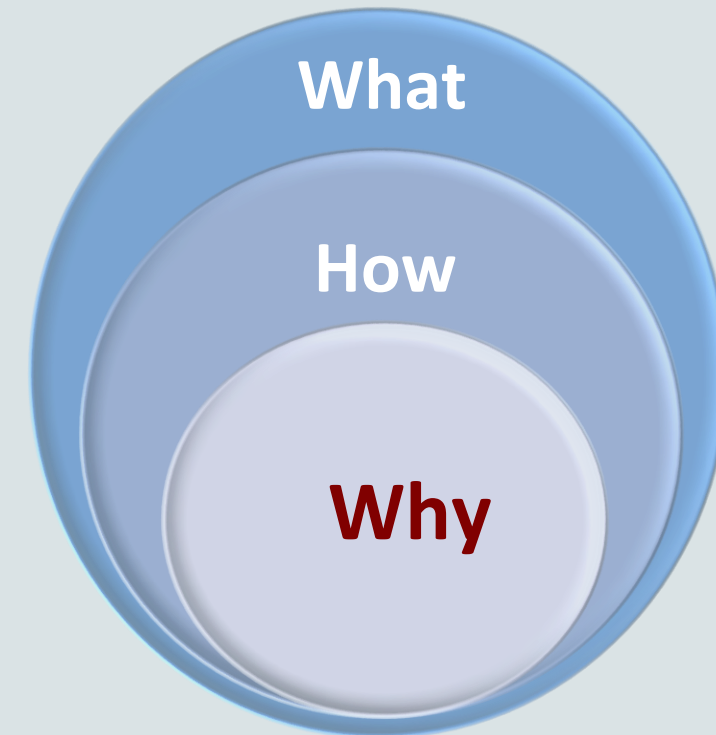
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Chief Judges Training



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District – 116 Qatar

Why learn to be a Chief Judge?



Find and Keep Your
"Why"

*"He who has a why can
endure any how" -
Nietzsche*

Why learn to be a Chief Judge?

An opportunity to practice & improve:

- ▶ *Organizational skills*
- ▶ *Motivational skills*
- ▶ *Ability to think on your feet*
- ▶ *Virtual event management*

- ❑ **Integrity-the sense of conscientious**
- ❑ **Respect- Meet and work with Toastmasters outside your club**
- ❑ **Service- Ensure that contests are fair**
- ❑ **Excellence- Learn to use theoretical knowledge in practice**

Please realize that you
can make a difference in
someone's life today.

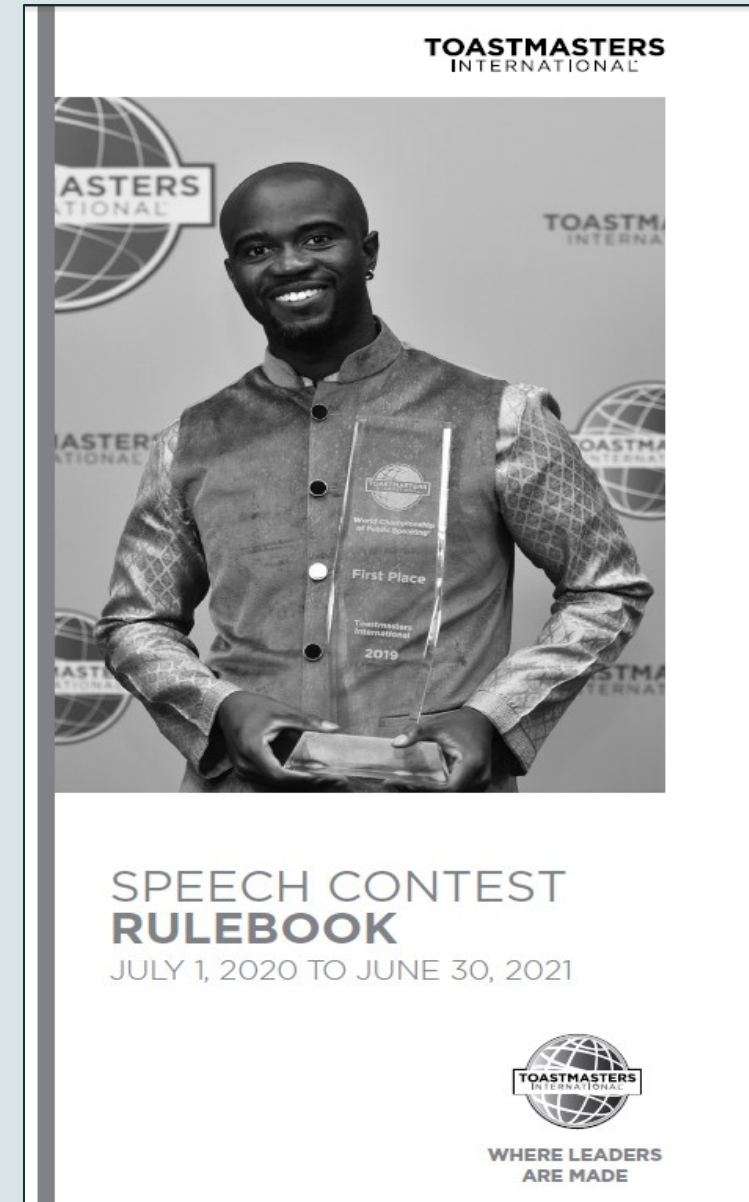
And it will make a
difference in your own,
as you do.



PREAMBLE: Speech Contest Rulebook

The Speech Contest Rulebook is a protocol and applies to all official Toastmasters Speech contests. Modifications to rules may only be made through the administrative protocol review process.

Exceptions are not permitted.



PREAMBLE: Online Speech Contests

For 2020-2021, all Districts **must conduct online Area/Div./Dist.-level contests**, with each contestant participating from **physically-distant locations, using equipment he obtains.**

All contestants and contest officials must be present in real time and must use a webcam and microphone to ensure they are visible and audible.



❑ **Speaking is an art**, cannot be measured with scientific objectivity, hence largely **subjective**.

❑ **Contest speech has set of criteria with weightage**. The scoring is an objective process, based on a **subjective experience**.

Judging is both subjective & objective.

❑ Judging can be quite a challenge, assessing the difference between a series of speakers in quick succession.

**Is Judging
process a
challenge?**



ATTRIBUTES OF A CHIEF JUDGE

AFFILIATIVE:

(TEAM- TRUST- TRIUMPH)

ACCOUNTABLE:

*(KNOWLEDGE- KNOW HOW-
KINDNESS)*

ALERT:

*(PUNCTUAL-
PREDICATE)*

PROCESS-



Who appoints the Chief Judge?

- ▶ At a club contest, VP-Education (if not a contestant) or Contest Chair
- ▶ At Area/Division/District: Contest Manager

Who appoints Judges?

- ▶ Chief Judge
- ▶ Contest Manager may mobilize the judges for Chief Judge
- ▶ Chief Judge must verify that the judges are eligible and qualified for that level, as per rules
- ▶ Chief Judge appoints tie breaking Judge



Who appoints the Timers and Ballot Counters?

- ▶ Chief Judge
- ▶ Contest Manager may mobilize the role players on behalf of the Chief Judge
- ▶ Chief Judge must verify and ensure that role players are eligible and qualified, as per rules



Judges & Chief Judges Qualification



- ▶ Club Level:
 - Be a Paid Member
- ▶ Area, Division, District:
 - Be a Paid **Member for a minimum of 6 Months**
 - 6 Project's from CC Manual (Only members who joined prior to the roll out of Pathways in the Region Mar. 18 can apply for CC) **Or Completion in Level 1 and 2 of any path in the Pathways**
- ▶ Regional QF & WCPS SF & Finals:
 - Be a **Paid Member for a minimum of 6 Months**
 - Advanced Communicator Bronze **Or have completed at least One Path** in the Pathways
 - Have previously judged Speech contest at Area/ Division/ District or semi final Level
- ▶ Member still competing or intends to compete beyond the club level **(anywhere)** for the same category not eligible.

Judges and Role players



At each level of a Toastmasters speech contest, a specified number of voting judges and officials are required.

LEVEL	VOTING JUDGES	TIMER	BALLOT COUNTERS
CLUB	MINIMUM 5	2	2
AREA	MINIMUM 5 An equal number of judges from each club in the AREA	2	2
DIVISION	MINIMUM 7 An equal number of judges from each AREA in the Division. The chief judge, voting judges, and the tiebreaking judge must not be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member.	2	2
DISTRICT	MINIMUM 7 An equal number of judges from each DIVISION in the District. The chief judge, voting judges, and the tiebreaking judge must not be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member.	2	3

CHIEF JUDGE -DUTIES

-
1. PICK THE (A) WINNER (1.2.3)
 2. ENSURE CONTEST IS CONDUCTED FAIR
(Contestants/ Other Toastmasters/ Public)
 3. RESOLVE PROTESTS & DISQUALIFICATIONS
 4. BEWARE & OVERSEE ALL THAT HAPPENS
DURING THE CONTEST



PEOPLE HAVE FUN

CHIEF JUDGE RESPONSIBILITIES

-
1. Appoint and counsel voting judges, counters, timers, and a secret tiebreaking judge.
 2. Act as chief counter. Appoint counters and provide with the Counter's Tally Sheet
 3. Encourage contest officials to view the online Contest training www.toastmasters.org/tlc
 4. Conduct Judges' briefing for voting judges, counters, and timers



General Rules...

- ▶ Rulebook applies to all Contests at all levels
 - Slight category-specific differences.
- ▶ Contest to happen, even if only one contestant!
- ▶ Role-Players not to compete in the event at which they serve.
- ▶ Chief Judge's role: Does not participate in Judging.
- ▶ Protests: "Eligibility" or "Originality" or Reference another contestant, or a speech presented by another contestant from the platform at the same contest they are competing
- ▶ Disqualifications of Contestants:
 - Absence at beginning of Contest (not allowed to contest)
 - Time Limits (not eligible to win and/or progress to next level)

❑ One Member, One Area Contest of a Given Type!

CASE STUDIES

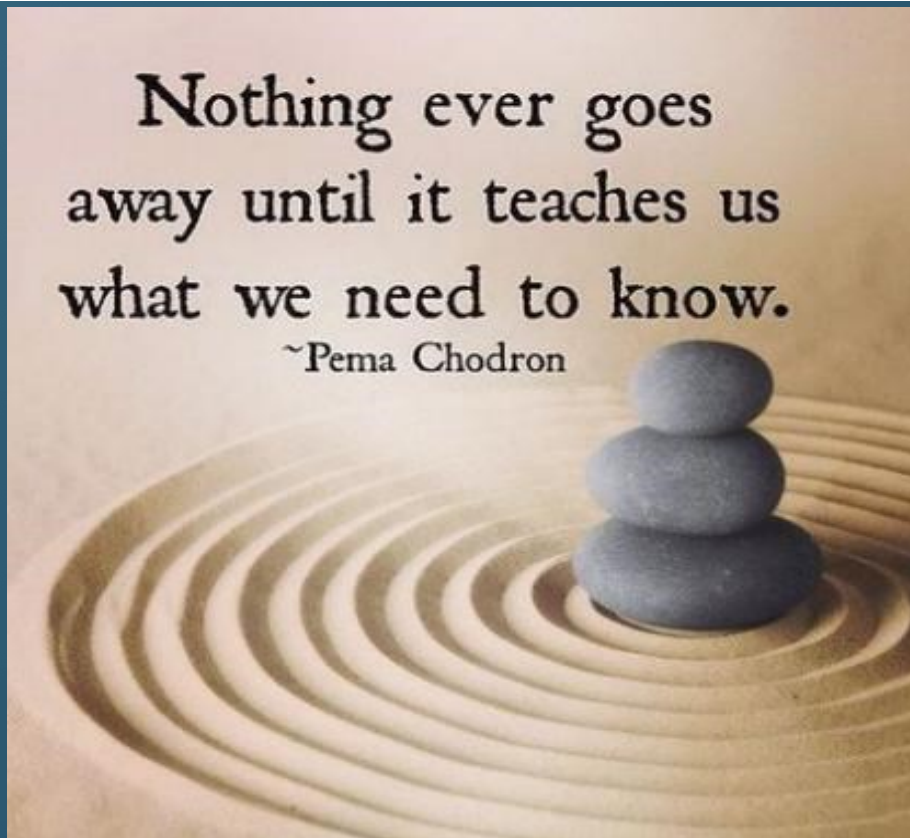
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- ▶ Evaluation contestants must not know the test speaker. A contestant met someone It turned out as test speaker.
 - ▶ An area Contest Manager had won her club's speech contest but was not allowed to compete in the area contest
 - ▶ One contestant appeared from two clubs belonging to two Areas and went to two Divisions



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Nothing ever goes
away until it teaches us
what we need to know.

~Pema Chodron



Every step we take on earth
brings us to a new world.

Federico Garcia Lorca



Chief Judges Workshop



Planning and Execution

Shyam Sundar



Chief Judges Training: Planning & Execution

Presenter: **Shyam Sundar**

District 116

19 November 2020

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- ❑ Handling – **Technical Glitches / Interruptions**



Preparation

☐ Checklist:

- ▶ Eligibility check. Finalized Judges & Role Players contact details
- ▶ Coordinate - date, time, Zoom ID of the contest
- ▶ Contest chair, Ballot counters, Timers, Zoom Host
- ▶ Distribute forms (*Printed sheets recommended*)
 - Judges Guide & Ballot
 - Judges Certification of Eligibility & code of Ethics (fillable)
 - Speech Contest Rule book
 - Best practices for online speech contests by TI
 - Online speech contest procedure and guideline by District 116
 - Speech contest time record sheet



Preparation

☐ Checklist:

- ▶ Have these ready with you
 - Counter's Tally Sheet
 - Notification of Contest Winners
 - Result Form
 - Signed Judges Certification of Eligibility & code of Ethics Judges
 - Role players list with contact details
- ▶ Plan orientation date and time prior to contest
- ▶ Contingency Plan – for all role players including chief judge
- ▶ Chief Judge, Judges, Timers will use Laptop/PC/Mac only. No Mobile, No Tablet/iPad



Before the Contest Day (2 days prior)

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

- ▶ Voting & Tie Breaking Judges
- ▶ Timers
- ▶ Ballot Counters
- ▶ Contest Chairs
- ▶ Contest Manager
- ▶ Zoom Host & Co-Hosts



Before the Contest Day

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

- ▶ Invite all judges, Timers, Ballot counter, Host, Co-Host, Contest Chair and Contest Manager
- ▶ Familiarize all with online contest procedures and etiquettes.
 - Zoom meeting room login & entry
 - Breakout room entry & exit,
 - Basis of online contest judging
 - Naming convention and Anonymity
 - Stay attentive, No break, No distraction.
 - Video off, audio muted, stable Internet connection (multiple devices)
 - Submission of ballot to chief judge & Communication



Before the Contest Day

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

- ▶ Discuss the judging procedures like
 - Read the Rule Book & Judging Criteria
 - Login with your zoom credentials earlier than briefing
 - Setting of speaking area, body language, gestures, eye contact
 - Ignore video and audio quality
 - Ignore audience response for Humorous speech contest
 - One method for one contest
 - Don't time, Don't evaluate, Don't get opinionated, Just pick the winners



Before the Contest Day

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

- ▶ Discuss the judging procedures like
 - Consider only “**Today’s**” Performance!
 - Rank **1st, 2nd and 3rd** Winners (**Except Tie-breaking Judge**)
 - Type/Write your name, sign and transmit to Chief Judge
 - Incase of **Technical Glitch**, responding / rebounding plan
 - Limitations on online contest format
 - Protest procedure

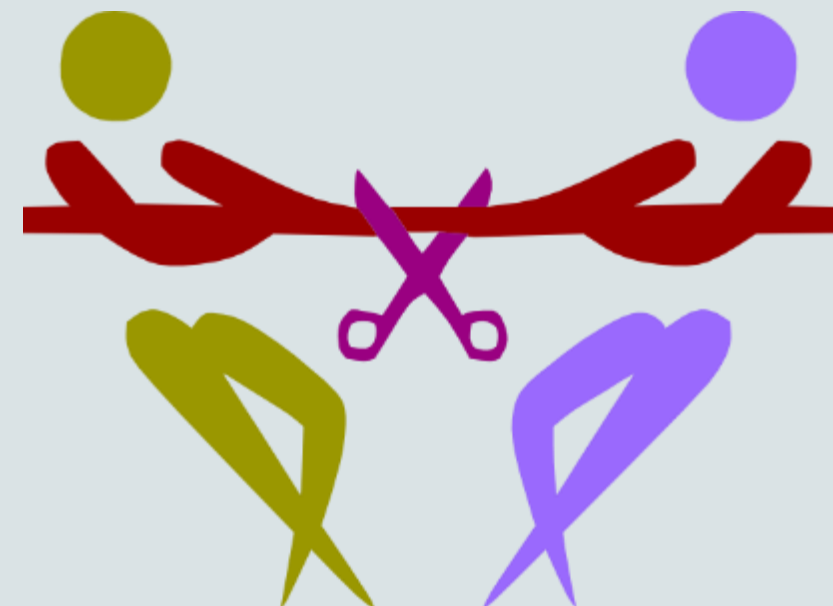


Before the Contest Day

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

❑ Tie-Breaking Judge:

- ▶ Maintain Confidentiality (should not attend judges briefing)
- ▶ If needed, CJ can brief the TBJ separately
- ▶ All aspects applicable to voting judges apply to TBJ as well
- ▶ **Rank ALL Speakers** (NOT just the first three)
- ▶ TB Ballot will be used only in case of a Tie!



Before the Contest Day

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

❑ Timer:

- ▶ 2 Nos.
- ▶ Timer 1 : Official Timekeeper – Timer Sheet – Chief Judge
- ▶ Timer 2 : Display Timer – Virtual background – backup
- ▶ Technical glitch – responding plan
- ▶ Review of Virtual Background, Naming convention
- ▶ Start of timing – Discuss with contest manager
- ▶ Identify time disqualification
- ▶ Timer 1 – Transmit time recording sheet – chief judge



Before the Contest Day

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

❑ Ballot Counters

- ▶ 2 Nos / 3 for district.
- ▶ Discuss the mechanism of tallying – Online
- ▶ Breakout room before and after contest
- ▶ Attentive during the result announcement – Intervene if required
- ▶ Maintain confidentiality all times
- ▶ No record of tally sheet



Before the Contest Day

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

❑ Contest Chair

- ▶ Agree on the procedure of contest conduct.
- ▶ Agree on contestant introduction and winner announcement
- ▶ Discuss and familiarize with procedures during technical glitch
- ▶ How/Who Table Topics will be displayed (TT Contest)
- ▶ Conduct a dry run with Contestants – agree on speaking area, basic checks



Before the Contest Day

❑ Orientation / Dry Run – Online Contest Format

❑ Zoom Host / Co-Host

- ▶ Agree on the procedure of contest conduct.
- ▶ Discuss on the breakout room, allowing judges, contestant and role players –
Prior contest begins
- ▶ Discuss on the procedures – Technical Glitch
- ▶ Agree on communication
- ▶ Provide a list of judges and role players with naming convention
- ▶ Co-host assisting ballot counters
- ▶ Co-host assisting briefing/holding rooms



On the Contest Day

☐ Briefing

- ▶ Brief all judges, Role players – check naming etc
- ▶ Have a quick refresher
- ▶ Discuss any changes on that day
- ▶ Refresh on communication protocol
- ▶ Remain anonymous all times “even after contest”. Change name after the contest

On the Contest Day

❑ During the Contest

- ▶ Ensure fairness to all contestants
- ▶ Stay attentive, vigilant and monitor contest
- ▶ Keep an watch on judges, display timer, audience
- ▶ Intervene self if necessity arises.
- ▶ Have contact list handy and be in touch with role players privately.
- ▶ Clarity, be decisive, act timely

**If something is not right,
Halt the Contest, Fix it immediately!**



On the Contest Day

❑ During the Contest

❑ Monitor the zoom meeting room

- ▶ Entry & Exit of Guests
- ▶ Audio/Video distractions
- ▶ Recording of Proceedings
- ▶ Contest Chair:
 - ✓ Contestant Introductions
 - ✓ Announcement of Table Topics



Handling – Technical Glitches / Interruptions

❑ Contestants part

❑ Glitch before speaking

- ▶ 15 seconds to rebound
- ▶ Move to the last and advance others



❑ Glitch during the speech

- ▶ Pause the speech & timing.
- ▶ Note where paused and when
- ▶ 30 seconds to rebound + 30 seconds grace period
- ▶ If unable to rebound, judged as per the rule book and timing guidelines



Handling – Technical Glitches / Interruptions

❑ Contestants part

❑ Disqualification

- ▶ Contestant absent when contest chair is introduced
- ▶ Contestant fails to appear during the speaking turn
- ▶ Contestant unable to turn on the camera and unmute mic in breakout room (TT/Evl)
- ▶ Contestant isn't physically alone in the breakout room (TT/Evl)

Handling – Technical Glitches / Interruptions

❑ Contest Organizers Part

❑ Glitch before/during speaking

- ▶ If affects more than one contestants, CJ may reschedule or restart
- ▶ If affects any one of contestant in TT/Evaluation contest, CJ may restart the contest

❑ Glitch after the last speaker

- ▶ Judging, tallying proceeds as normal.
- ▶ Winner Announcement could be rescheduled



thank you!



Shyam Sundar

Chief Judges Workshop



Finalizing and Announcing of Winners

Venketesan Kulandaivelu



Chief Judges Training: Finalizing & Announcing Winners

Presenter: Venkatesan K

District 116

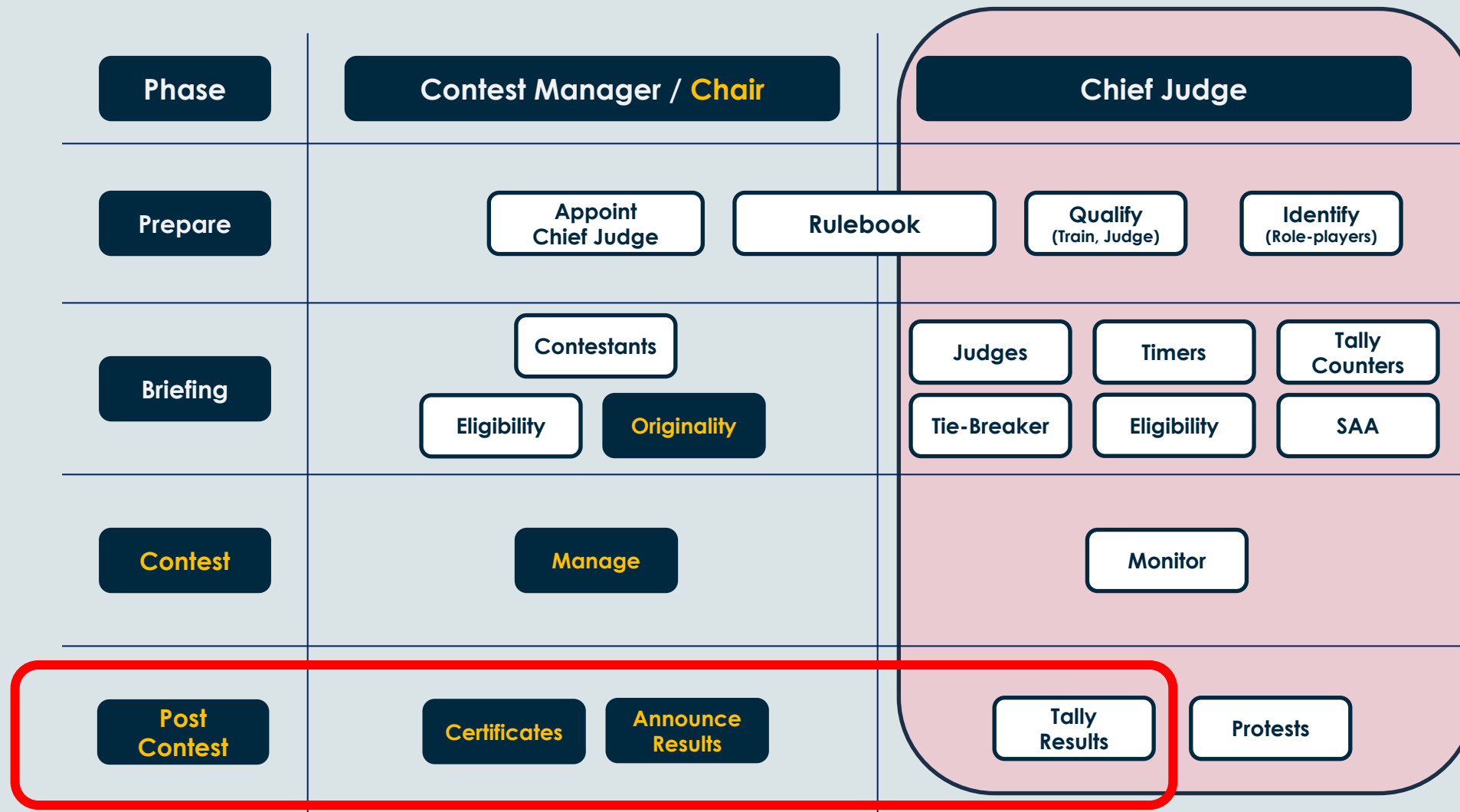
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Objective

To explain the process of tallying the ballots and announcing the contest winners {to the virtual context}.



Chief Judge's Role

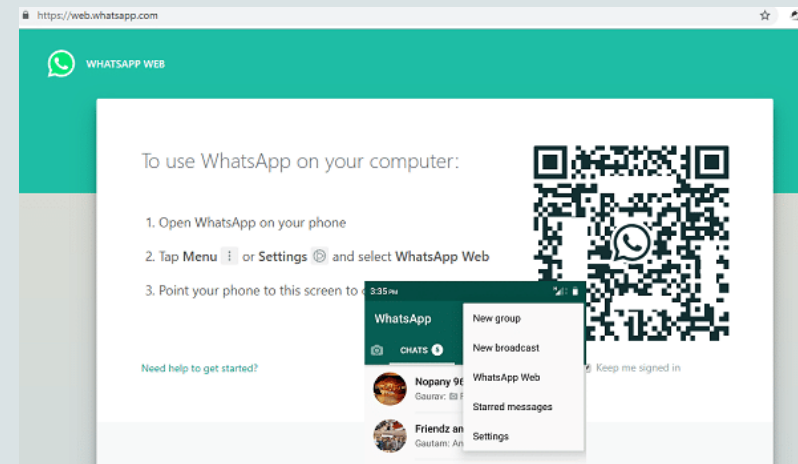


Chief Judge's Role after the contest

- ▶ **Collect the ballots from all the judges thru' ballot counters**
- ▶ **Collect the report from the TIMER**
- ▶ **Tally the ballots with the support of Ballot Counters**
- ▶ **Handle the Protest; if any**
- ▶ **Fill the result notification form and send it to the contest chair**
- ▶ **Fill the winner's notification form and send to the contest manager**
- ▶ **Ensure the winners are announced properly in order, as per the result**

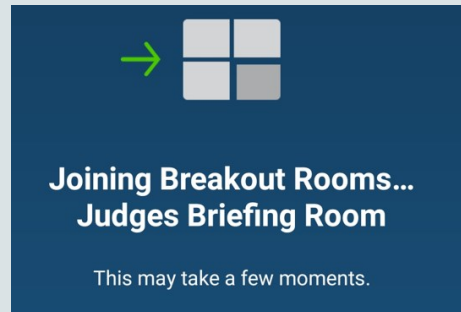
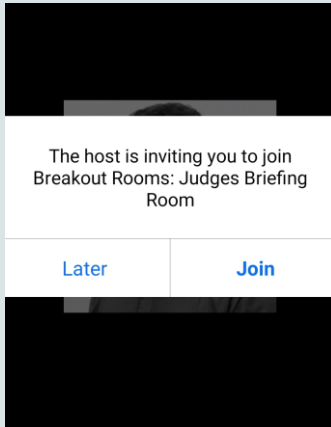
Things to Remember

- ▶ Attend the contest through a **Laptop or desktop**. Not through a mobile phone
- ▶ Ensure you have a decent **internet connection** and **AV is checked**
- ▶ Enable **Web-WhatsApp** in your system
- ▶ Keep all the **role-players contact details** {Judges, Timers, Ballot counters, Contest Chair}
- ▶ Keep the **Result form** and **Winners notification** forms ready with you.
- ▶ **Be familiar** with the Excel Sheet (Ballot Counting- Tally Sheet)
- ▶ **Double check** the result form with the Tally counters; prior to share with the Contest Chair
- ▶ **Be available** during the winner announcement

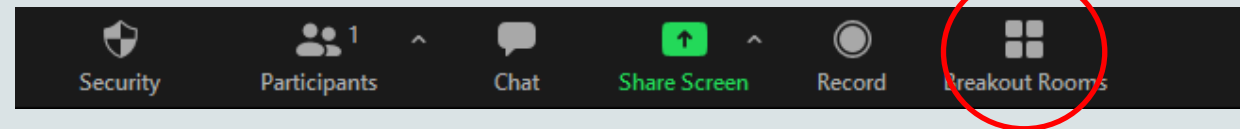


Tally Counting Process

- ▶ **Host to enable the Breakout room for Ballot Counting { Assign CJ, BC1 & BC2 }**
- ▶ **Join the Breakout room assigned for Ballot counting**



If you missed the notification, click here and join the breakout room



- ▶ **Collect the report from the TIMER through WhatsApp**
- ▶ **Collect the report from the JUDGES through WhatsApp**
- ▶ **CJ shall share the screen to display the Tally excel sheet & Web WhatsApp**

(Detach and submit to counters)

Judge's Official Ballot - Table Topics™ Contest

NOTE: Votes must be cast for first, second and third place or the ballot will be voided.

PLACE	RANKING POINTS (for counters' use only)
First Place	3 points
Second Place	2 points
Third Place	1 point

Name of Contestant _____

First Place: _____

Second Place: _____

Third Place: _____

(Signature of Judge)

(Judge's Name, Please Print)

COUNTER'S TALLY SHEET

Give this completed tally sheet to the chief judge. The chief judge provides the chair the names and places of all contestants. The balance of the information is confidential and not to be made available as general information.

Name of Contestant											
Name of Judge											
1.											
2.											
3.											
4.											
5.											
6.											
7.											
8.											
9.											
10.											
Totals											

- From each ballot collected, enter on this tally sheet:
 - 3 points for FIRST place
 - 2 points for SECOND place
 - 1 point for THIRD place
- After results from all ballots have been entered, compute totals.
- Check the Timer's Report. If any contestants were disqualified by the chief judge for speaking under-time or overtime, strike their names from the results.
- If a tie results, refer to the Tiebreaking Judge's Ballot.
- Enter winners as follows:

1st Place Winner _____
 2nd Place Winner _____
 3rd Place Winner _____
- On a separate sheet of paper, submit the names of the winners to the chair or the person who will announce the results. Clearly specify first, second and third (if appropriate) place next to the corresponding names.

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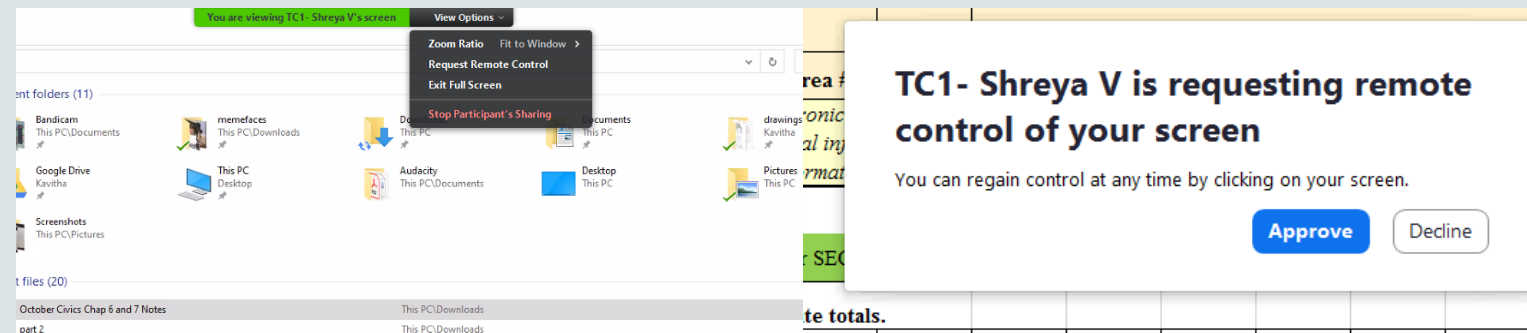
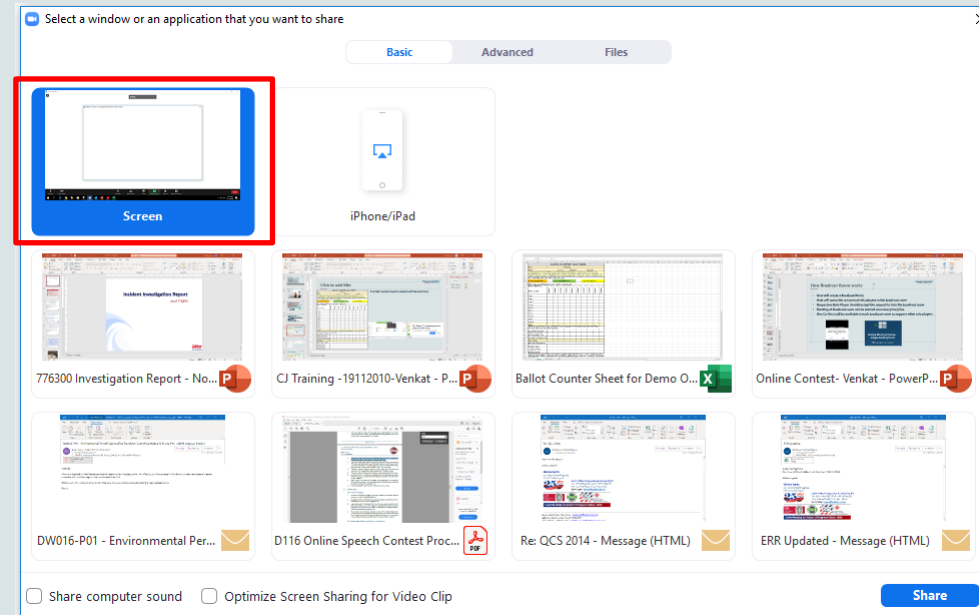
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Screen Sharing & Filling the Tally Sheet

CJ & Ballot Counters must be familiar with this excel sheet
Keep this excel sheet and Web WhatsApp open in your system

BALLOT COUNTERS' TALLY SHEET										
Date:					Contest:					
Club #	Area #		Division#		District#					
<i>Chief Judge will share this with the Ballot Counters electronically for entering the scores from the judges' ballots & to record disqualifications, if any. The chief judge shall use the final information from this sheet to identify up to three winners from among the eligible and qualified contestant. The balance of the information is confidential and not to be made available as general information.</i>										
From each ballot collected, enter on this tally sheet:										
a. 3 points for FIRST place		b. 2 points for SECOND place			c. 1 point for THIRD place					
After results from all ballots have been entered, compute totals.										
Name of Contestant	Contestant 1	Contestant 2	Contestant 3	Contestant 4	Contestant 5	Contestant 6	Contestant 7	Contestant 8	Contestant 9	Contestant 10
Name of Judge										
Judge 1										
Judge 2										
Judge 3										
Judge 4										
Judge 5										
Judge 6										
Judge 7										
Judge 8										
Judge 9										
Judge 10										
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Check the Timer's Report. If any contestants were disqualified by the chief judge for speaking under-time or overtime, strike their names from the results.										
Disqualified on Time (YES)										
If a tie results, refer to the Tiebreaking Judge's Ballot.										
Disqualified on Originality (YES)										
Rank Winners										
Enter winners as follows:										
1st Place Winner										
2nd Place Winner										
3rd Place Winner										



Breaking the Tie

- ▶ Refer Tie-Breaking judge's ballot
- ▶ Compare results of only "Tied" contestants.
- ▶ Higher placed contestant in Tie-Breaking judges ballot



**Don't use tiebreaker ballot
unless
there is a tie**

wins Scenario 1

➤ Tally Counters Ranking

1. Ahmed & Gil Tied
2. Susan
3. Yoosaf

➤ Final Result

1. Ahmed
2. Gil
3. Susan
4. Yoosaf (does not place)

Tie-Breaking Judge's Ranking

- 1: Susan
- 2: Philip
- 3: Ahmed
- 4: Yoosaf
- 5: Gil

Scenario 2

➤ Tally Counters Ranking


1. Philip
2. Susan & Yoosaf Tied
3. Gil

➤ Final Result

1. Philip
2. Susan
3. Yoosaf
4. Gil (does not place)

Both Yoosaf & Gil will retain the place in the Notification of Winners for next level.

Notification forms



Results Form

Instructions

Chief Judge

1. Review the Time Record Sheet.
2. Complete the Time Disqualifications section of this form.
 - ▶ Check "Yes" if there are time disqualifications.
 - ▶ Check "No" if there are no time disqualifications.
3. Verify the counters' results.
4. Write the name of the third place, second place, and first place winners next to the appropriate prompt in the Announcement section of the form.

Contest Chair

1. After reviewing the Time Disqualifications section of this form, announce whether or not there are time disqualifications.
2. Review the speech contest rules about announcing results.
 - ▶ In contests with three or more participants, a third-place winner, a second-place winner, and a first-place winner will be announced.
 - ▶ In contests with fewer than three participants, a second-place winner (if applicable) and a first-place winner will be announced.
3. In accordance with speech contest rules, announce the results listed in the Announcement section of the form.

Time Disqualifications

☐ YES ☐ NO

Announcement

THIRD place winner _____

SECOND place winner _____


FIRST place winner _____

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Share with the Contest Chair

NOTIFICATION OF CONTEST WINNER



Immediately following a speech contest, please complete this form and send it to the contest chair of the next level, if applicable.

Contest level: ☐ Club No. _____ ☐ Area _____ ☐ Division _____ ☐ District _____
(Check one box and identify the club, area, division or district on the line following that level)

Date of Contest: _____ Contest Type: ☐ International ☐ Table Topics* ☐ Humorous ☐ Tall Tales ☐ Evaluation

Place	Name	Club No.	Email Address	Telephone
1 st				
2 nd				
3 rd				
4 th				
5 th				
6 th				
7 th				
8 th				
9 th				
10 th				

Submission of this information is certification that the winner and alternate are qualified for participation in the next-level speech contest by meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in the Speech Contest Rules for this contest.

Submitted by: _____ Telephone (day): _____

Title: _____ Telephone (evening): _____

Mobile/Cell: _____ Email address: _____

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List "All" qualified contestants in the Winners Notification form
Share with the Contest Chair for the next level contest



Winners Announcement



If the announcement of the winners by the contest chair is incorrect or in the wrong order, only the **Chief Judge**, **ballot counter** or **timer** can bring the error to everyone's attention.



- Immediately **interrupt** the contest chair & **Hold** the announcement
- Privately tell the **contest chair** and the **Chief Judge** about the correction needed.
- **Correct the order** should be or why a contestant should not be identified as a winner.

Except the Result Form & Winner Notification form, delete all other documents from your WhatsApp and Laptop after the winner announcement.

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- ▶ **Know the Rules**
 - ▶ **Conduct a pre-event communication/meeting with all role layers**
 - ▶ **Agree upon the mode of collecting the reports**
 - ▶ **Familiarize with the tally sheet**
 - ▶ **Ensure the tally counting by repeated checks**
 - ▶ **Multitask – Strategically**
 - ▶ **Have a contingency plan**
 - ▶ **Take assistance from the host/Co-host for technical matters**





Thank You

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Protest Procedure and Situation-based Quiz

Surya Narayanan, DTM



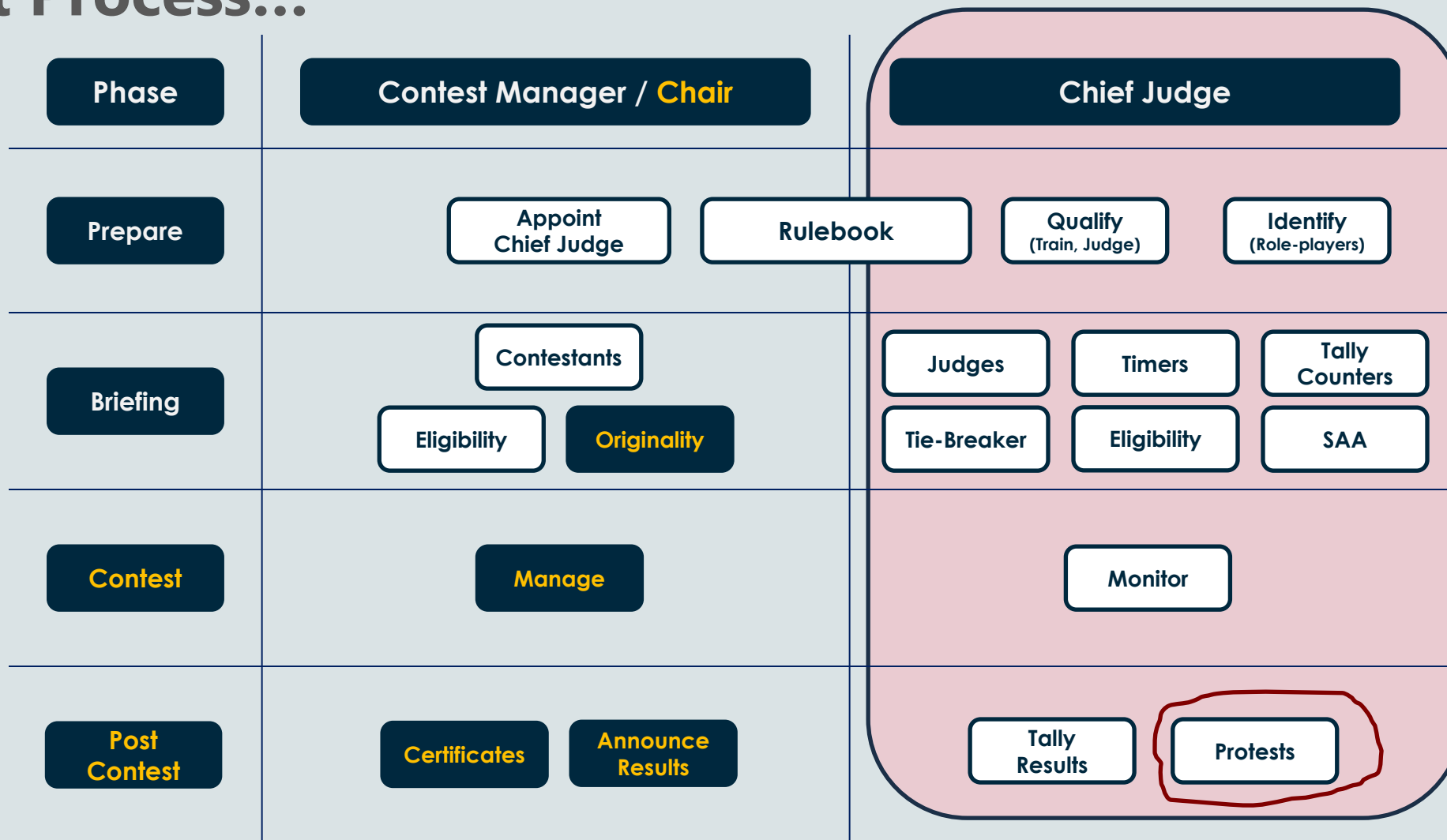
Division B, District 116 Chief Judges Training

Protests & Scenarios-Based Quiz

Surya Narayanan K, DTM

19th Nov., 2020

Contest Process...



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Eligibility

Criteria:

- ✓ Paid Member in a good standing Club in the Area, Division, and District in which he or she is competing.
- ✓ 6 CC Projects or Pathways L1 & L2 for International Speech (exception Charter members)
- ✓ Maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest

Process:

- ✓ Judges or contestants can protest to CC/CJ
- ✓ Check online for Member / Club status
- ✓ Check progress through the contest cycle
- ✓ Contest Chair can take decision on Disqualification, in consultation with Chief Judge.

Originality

Criteria:

- ✓ Certified as “Substantially original” by member
- ✓ Twenty Five percent or less may be devoted to Quoting and/or Paraphrasing
- ✓ Any quoted material must be identified.

Process:

- ✓ Judges or contestants can protest to CC/CJ
- ✓ All Voting judges to be present to handle protests
- ✓ Discuss the matter with Judges, including proof
- ✓ Provide opportunity for Speaker to defend
- ✓ Judges Vote to decide on Disqualification
- ✓ Majority vote is required to disqualify!

Referencing Other Contestants

Criteria:

- ✓ Contestants must not reference another contestant, or a speech presented by another contestant, from the platform at the same contest in which they are competing.



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Process:

- ✓ Judges or contestants can protest
- ✓ All Voting judges to be present to handle protests
- ✓ Discuss the matter with Judges, including proof
- ✓ View the recording to confirm, if needed
- ✓ Provide opportunity for Speaker to defend
- ✓ Judges Vote to decide on Disqualification
- ✓ Majority vote is required to disqualify!



SCENARIO-BASED QUIZ

Membership Continuity

❑ X is a paid member of Club 222 & Club 333, both in Area 99. He wins a speech contest from Club A and goes on to win at Area 99. All this happens by March. However when Division Contest happens in April, Club A is not in good standing (less than eight paid members), though X has paid his dues for both Club A & Club B.

❑ Is X eligible to take part in the Division Contest?

❑ Would the eligibility change if Club B is not in the same Area/ Division?

2. Eligibility

A. To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must:

1. Be a paid member of a club in the Area, Division, and District in which he or she is competing.
 - a) The club must also be in good standing.
 - b) A new, dual, or reinstated member must have dues and membership application current with World Headquarters.

Eligibility in Area Contest

- ▶ Toastmaster X is member of club 666 & club 999 in two different Districts. Can he talk part in contests in both clubs?

8. Toastmasters who are members in more than one (1) club and who meet all eligibility requirements are permitted to compete in the club contest(s) in each club in which they hold paid membership.

- ▶ a) No contestant can compete in more than one (1) Area speech contest of a given type, even if the two (2) Areas are in different Divisions or Districts.

More than one role

- ▶ Who is a contest official? Can a member serve in more than one such role in the same contest?

The following are the contest officials: Contest Chair, Contest Toastmaster, Event Committee Chairs, Chief Judge, Voting Judges, Tiebreaking Judge, Timers, Sergeant at arms, and Counters. **In case of online contests, Host is also a contest official.**

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10. Contest officials must not serve in more than one (1) role for the same contest at the Area (when practical), Division, District, region quarterfinal, semifinal, and final levels.

Contestant as well as Role Player

- ▶ I'm Sunny is a contestant in the TT Contest in his club. Can he be the Contest Chair for International Speech Contest in the same club?

Yes, as long as the contest where the member is competing and the contest where the member is serving as a contest chair are not at the same event.

Example: Jane Doe is competing at District G's annual conference in the Tall Tales Contest. She cannot serve as a contest chair for any contests at District G's annual conference.

Jane is not competing in District F's annual conference. Jane Doe can serve as a contest chair for any contest at District F's annual conference.

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Same Club

- ▶ Can Chief, Voting and/or Tie-breaking judges be from the same club as a Contestant?
- ▶ It is okay at club level, but preferably avoided. Even in that case, conflict of interest must be avoided.

2. At area contests, there shall be an equal number of voting judges from each club in the area, or a minimum of five voting judges. In addition to these voting judges, a contest chair, chief judge, tiebreaking judge, three counters, and two timers shall be appointed.
3. At division contests, there shall be an equal number of voting judges from each area in the division, or a minimum of seven voting judges. In addition to these voting judges, a contest chair, chief judge, tiebreaking judge, three counters and two timers shall be appointed. No chief judge, voting judge, or tiebreaking judge shall be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member.

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Table Topics

- ▶ An Area Director attends the TT contest in one of the clubs in his area. He insists that he shall only provide the topic for the contest. Is he right?

Table Topics Contest Rules

The Table Topics Contest follows all rules outlined in the General Rules section of this rulebook. In addition, the following additions and exceptions apply.

1. All contestants must receive the same topic, which must be of a general nature.
 - A. The topic is selected by the contest chair.

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Table Topics

- ▶ In an official TT contest, the Contest Chair presents a picture without wordings and asks the contestants to speak about the same. Is that allowed?

Table Topics Contest Rules

The Table Topics Contest follows all rules outlined in the General Rules section of this rulebook. In addition, the following additions and exceptions apply.

1. All contestants must receive the same topic, which must be of a general nature.
 - ▶ A. The topic is selected by the contest chair.
2. The topic must be of reasonable length, must not require a detailed knowledge, and must lead to an opinion or conclusion.

Evaluation Contest

- ▶ TM X is a member of club 777 & Club 555. TM Y is a member of Club 555. Can Y be the Test Speaker in the Evaluation Contest of Club 777, where TM X is a contestant?

C. It is recommended that at all levels of the contest, the Toastmaster giving the test speech not be a member of the same club as any one of the contestants.

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Closing Remarks

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