

# JUDGE'S CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND CODE OF ETHICS



All judges must complete this form before the contest and submit it to the chief judge at each level of competition.

**Name of Contest:**  Evaluation  Humorous  International  Table Topics  Tall Tales  
(check one)

**Contest Level:**  Club  Area  Division  District  Semifinal  World Championship

Date of Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility

To be a chief judge, voting judge or tiebreaking judge at a Toastmasters speech contest, you must meet all eligibility requirements identified below.

1. At a club contest, be a paid member.
2. At an area, division, or district contest:
  - a. Be a paid member for a minimum of six months.
  - b. Have completed a minimum of six speech projects in Competent Communication.
3. At the International Speech Contest Semifinals and the World Championship of Public Speaking:
  - a. Be a paid member for a minimum of six months.
  - b. Be at least an Advanced Toastmaster Bronze or Advanced Communicator Bronze.
  - c. Have previously judged a Toastmasters speech contest at the area, division, district, or semifinal level.
4. Judges for contests beyond the club level are not eligible to compete in the same contest type during the same contest cycle.

## Judge's Code of Ethics

1. I will demonstrate the utmost objectivity. I will consciously avoid bias of any kind in selecting first, second and third place contestants. I will not consider any contestant's club, area, division or district affiliation. Nor will I consider any contestant's age, sex, race, creed, national origin, disability, profession or political beliefs.
2. I will not time the speeches and will not consider the possibility of under-time or overtime when judging a contestant's speech.
3. I will support by word and deed the contest rules and judging standards, refrain from public criticism of the contest and only reveal my participation as a judge, scores and ranking in accordance with speech contest rules.
4. I am not a member of the same club as any contestant when judging at the division, district, semifinals and international levels.
5. I have no conflict of interest with any of the contestants that would cause me to be biased.

I certify that I am eligible to serve as a judge, under the current speech contest rules, and will uphold the Judge's Code of Ethics.

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Signature

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Printed Name