



# Speech Contest Rulebook

## Explanation of Changes

JULY 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30, 2023	JULY 1, 2023, TO JUNE 30, 2024	EXPLANATION
<p><b>1. Eligibility</b></p> <p>A. To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a paid member of a club In the Area, Division, and District In which they are competing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The club must also be In good standing.</li> <li>b. A new, dual, or reinstated member must have dues and membership application current with World Headquarters</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If at any level It Is determined that a contestant was Ineligible to compete at any previous level the contestant must be disqualified. This disqualification must occur even If the Ineligibility is discovered at a later level and has been corrected.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>B. In addition, to be eligible to compete In the International Speech Contest, a member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have earned certificates of completion In Levels 1 and 2 of any path In the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience or earned a Distinguished Toastmaster award.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. However, a charter member of a club chartered less than one (1) year before the dub contest Is permitted to compete without having completed this requirement. The club must have officially chartered before the Area contest.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>C. The following are Ineligible to compete in any Toastmasters speech contest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incumbent international Officers and Directors</li> <li>2. Region Advisors or Region Advisor applicants</li> <li>3. District officers whose terms expire June 30:</li> </ol>	<p><b>1. Eligibility</b></p> <p>A. To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a paid member of a club in the Area, Division, and District in which they are competing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The club must also be in good standing.</li> <li>b. A new, dual, or reinstated member must have dues and membership application current with World Headquarters.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If at any level it is determined that a contestant was ineligible to compete at any previous level, the contestant must be disqualified. This disqualification must occur even if the ineligibility is discovered at a later level and has been corrected.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>B. In addition, to be eligible to compete in the International Speech Contest, a member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have earned certificates of completion in Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience or earned a Distinguished Toastmaster award.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. However, a charter member of a club chartered less than one (1) year before the club contest is permitted to compete without having completed this requirement. The club must have officially chartered before the Area contest.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>C. The following are ineligible to compete in any Toastmasters speech contest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incumbent International Officers and Directors</li> <li>2. Region Advisors or Region Advisor applicants</li> <li>3. District officers whose terms expire June 30:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. District Director</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>1. Eligibility</b></p> <p>Currently, this rule states that the following are ineligible to compete in any speech contests: "District officers or candidates for elected District positions for the term beginning the upcoming July 1." Over the past few years, members have consistently raised questions about which District leader roles this rule applies to. To provide increased clarity, the wording for this rule is being updated to specify that "Candidates for District positions elected by the District Council for the term beginning the upcoming July 1" are ineligible to compete in any speech contest. This means that members cannot be a candidate for an elective officer position while actively competing in a current Toastmasters speech contest cycle. However, candidates for appointed positions are eligible to compete.</p>

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