



ROTARY DISTRICT 7360 4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST 2017-2018



Judge's Instructions

General

1. Judges and the timekeeper/teller will seat themselves apart from each other and not communicate about their evaluations of speakers until after the teller has tallied scores.
2. Each speaker will be awarded points in the three categories listed below. Record points immediately after each speech. (The contest Chair will make sure judges are ready before calling the next speaker.)
3. Columns should be added and rankings computed after all speeches have been given and the judges have left the room.

Judging Criteria

Judging will be based on a 100-point system, broken down into three categories as follows:

1. Content - 44 points
2. Organization - 24 points
3. Delivery - 32 points

NOTE: Judges may find it easier to differentiate between contestants by using partial points on the scoring sheet rather than whole numbers.

Judging Procedures

The winner of the contest will be decided by **cumulative rank order** (i.e. the sum of the ranks from all of the judges) NOT total points. Each contestant's rankings will be totaled and **the speaker with the lowest total ranking earned will be declared the winner.**

Judges will total points for each speaker on their individual scoring sheets, subtract penalty points (if any) and enter net points. Each judge then ranks the speakers 1 through "n", by the net points, with the highest score being ranked "1", the next highest, "2", and so on. If a tie exists on an individual judge's scoring sheet, the **first tiebreaker** is points scored in the "Content" category. If a tie still exists, the **second tiebreaker** is the "Delivery" category. The teller will tabulate the judges' scoring sheets.

If a tie still exists, the **first tiebreaker** is total net points. The contestant with the highest total of net points on the judge's scoring sheets will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the second and final tiebreaker will be **a vote of the judges**. The contestant receiving the majority vote of the (three) judges will be declared the winner and the judges' decision will be final.

There will be no ties in the final standings of the winner and the 1st runner-up. The final results are to be recorded and presented to the Master of Ceremonies by the teller upon their return from deliberations.