

SCRIPT FOR INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST CHAIR

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the _____ Toastmasters Club International Speech Contest. I'm _____, the Contest Chairperson.

1. This contest serves the following purposes:

- 1.1 To provide an opportunity for speakers to improve their speaking abilities and to recognize the best as encouragement to all.
- 1.2 To provide an opportunity to learn by observing the more proficient speakers who have benefited from their Toastmasters training.

2. I shall now read out the International Speech Contest rules in brief:

- 2.1 A contestant must be a member in good standing of the club in which he or she is competing. The club must also be in good standing.
- 2.2 A contestant must have completed at least six manual speeches in the *Competent Communication* manual prior to the club contest. However, a charter member of a club chartered since the previous July 1 is permitted to compete without having completed six manual speeches in the *Competent Communication* manual. The club must be officially chartered before the area contest.
- 2.3 Contestants must prepare their own five- to seven-minute speeches, which must be substantially original and certified as such in writing to the Chief Judge by the contestants prior to the presentation of the speeches. Any quoted material must be so identified during the speech presentation.
- 2.4 All contestants shall speak from the area designated by the Contest Chair.
- 2.5 A contestant will be disqualified from the contest if the speech is less than 4 minutes 30 seconds, or more than 7 minutes 30 seconds.
- 2.6 Timing will begin with the contestant's first definite verbal or non-verbal communication with the audience, such as sound effects, a stage act by another person, and so on.
- 2.7 The green light will be displayed at 5 minutes and remain displayed for one minute.
- 2.8 The amber light will be displayed at 6 minutes and remain displayed for one minute.
- 2.9 The red light will be displayed at 7 minutes and remain displayed until the speech is concluded.
- 2.10 No audible devices such as a bell or buzzer will be used unless the contestant is visually handicapped.

- 2.11 In the event of technical failure of the timing device, the speaker is allowed 30 seconds extra before being disqualified.
- 2.12 There will be a one minute of silence between the contestants, during which the judges will mark their ballots.
- 2.13 Announcement of contest winners is final unless the list of winners is announced incorrectly, in which case the chief judge, ballot counters, or timers, may immediately interrupt to correct the error.
- 2.14 Protests will be limited to judges and contestants only, and must be lodged with the chief judge prior to the announcements of the winners.
- 2.15 Each contestant shall be introduced by announcing the contestant's name, speech title, speech title, and the contestant's name. No Toastmasters titles such as CC, CL, AC or DTM will be used. No club or place of origin of the contestants will be announced.

3. Here are some reminders:

- 3.1 No one will be allowed in or out of the room when a contestant is speaking.
- 3.2 If you have to enter or leave the room, please do so during the one minute intervals, or after the contest.
- 3.3 There will be no photo or video shooting during the contest to avoid any distraction to the contestants and audience, except for the official videographer.
- 3.4 Kindly ensure all electronic noise-producing devices such as cell phones and pages, are switched off or turned to silent mode.

Contestants, are you ready?

Timers, are you ready?

Chief Judge, are your judges ready?

Audience, are you ready?

<p>Our first contestant is: <read out the contestant's name> <read out the speech title></p>	<p><i>Example:</i> <i>Phua Chu Kang</i> <i>"My Yellow Boots"</i></p>
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<read out the speech title>	<i>“My Yellow Boots”</i>
<read out the contestant’s name>	<i>Phua Chu Kang</i>

If there are more contestants:

We shall now observe one minute of silence for the judges to mark their ballots.

Our next contestant is:	<i>Example:</i>
<read out the contestant’s name>	<i>Phua Chu Kang</i>
<read out the speech title>	<i>“My Yellow Boots”</i>
<read out the speech title>	<i>“My Yellow Boots”</i>
<read out the contestant’s name>	<i>Phua Chu Kang</i>

If there are no more contestants:

We shall now observe one minute of silence for the judges to mark their ballots.

With this, I am pleased to announce that the International Speech contest has come to an end.

Counters, please collect the ballots from the judges and hand them over to the Chief Judge.

Thank you. I shall now hand the floor back to Toastmaster of the Day,

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