



D114 Speech Contest Training

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Session 1



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SPEECH CONTEST OVERVIEW

- 4 Types and benefits of speech contests
- 4 Speech contest preparation
- 4 Speech contest rules
- 4 Virtual Contest Guidelines



TYPES OF SPEECH CONTESTS:

Speech contests are a Toastmasters tradition.

4 **Evaluation**

4 **Tall Tales**

4 **Table Topics**

4 **International Speech contest**

4 Humorous

4 Video Speech

*(Required contests: **International speech contest plus 3 others**)*



BENEFITS OF SPEECH CONTEST

4 Stretch beyond home club environment.

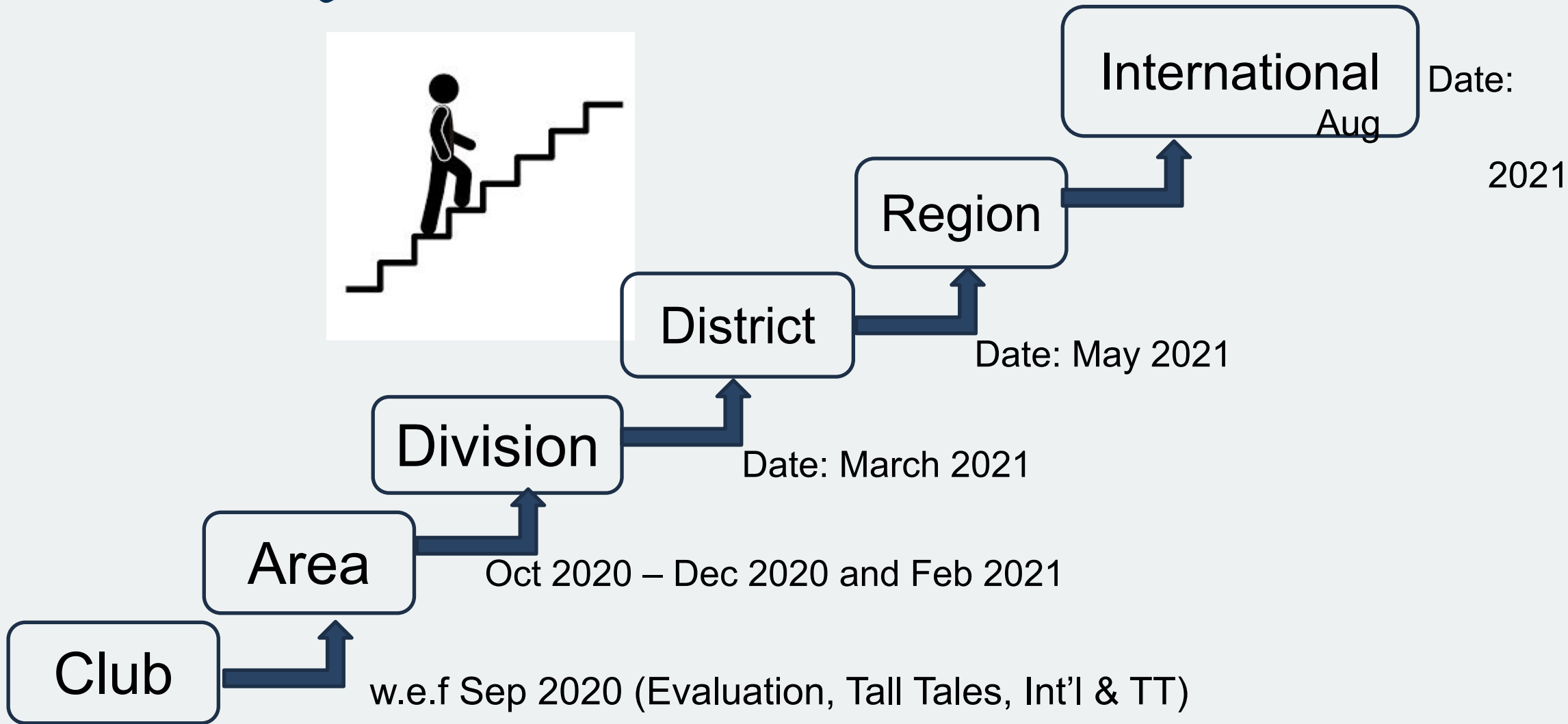
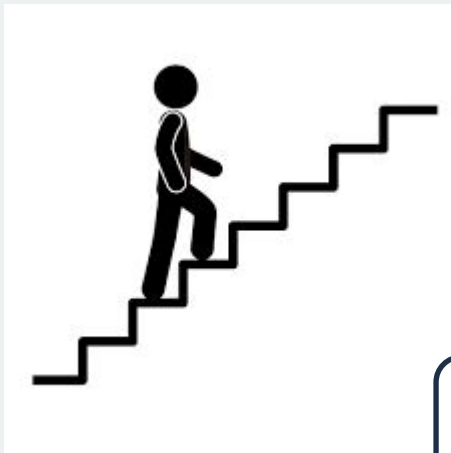
4 Showcase talent



4 Achieve higher level of confidence



CONTEST SELECTION SEQUENCE





CONTEST PROGRESSION

- 4 One winner from each contest level will progress through the contest levels.
- 4 NOTE: The 2nd place and 3rd place contest winners are back-up speakers.



CONTESTANTS SPEECH CHECK...

- 4 Does your speech meet the judging criteria for your contest type?
- 4 As the 1st place club contest winner, can your speech be improved before the Area contest?



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE AT AREA LEVEL?

- 4 Member in good standing
- 4 Club in good standing
- 4 TMI membership renewal is October and March. Are you paid up?



IMPORTANT NOTES - ELIGIBILITY

- 4 In addition, to be eligible to compete in the **International Speech Contest**, a member must:
 - 4 a) Have completed six (6) speech projects in the Competent Communication manual or **earned certificates of completion** in **Levels 1 and 2** of any path in Toastmasters Pathways. (Exception clubs <1 year old.)
 - 4 Contestants to **maintain eligibility at all contest levels.**



IMPORTANT NOTES - CONTESTANTS

- 4 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.
- 4 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.

{Speech Contest Rulebook Page 7 no. 8(a)}



IMPORTANT NOTES - ELIGIBILITY

- 4 At **Area contests**, there must be an equal number of voting judges from each club in the Area, or a minimum of five (5) voting judges. In addition to these voting judges, a contest chair, chief judge, tiebreaking judge, two (2) counters, and two (2) timers must be appointed

(for online meetings recommend having more than the minimum number of role takers due to connectivity challenges)



IMPORTANT NOTES - ELIGIBILITY

- 4 To be a chief judge, voting judge, or tiebreaking judge at a Toastmasters speech contest, you must meet all eligibility requirements identified below.
- 4 1. At a club contest, be a paid member.
- 4 2. **At an Area**, Division, or District contest:
 - 4 a) Be a paid member for a minimum of six (6) months.
 - 4 b) Have completed a minimum of six (6) speech projects in Competent Communication or earned certificates of completion in Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience.



TOASTMASTERS CONTESTS ROLE TAKERS LIST:

- 4 Speakers
- 4 Contest Chairs
- 4 Chief Judges
- 4 Judges
- 4 Timers and Ballot Counters
- 4 SAAs

Quality leaders who uphold TMI values - **RISE:**

- 4 High level of integrity
- 4 Trustworthy
- 4 Are fair and impartial
- 4 Know the contest rules



SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE CONTEST CHAIR:

- 4 Can a member who didn't complete 6 speeches in the legacy program present CC speeches at the club today to qualify for the International speech contest?
- 4 For club contests held in September 2020, can a club contest winner who hasn't renewed their membership compete at the Area Contest?
- 4 Can a dual member participate in the same contest type held in different areas at Area level?

Answer to all is NO!



QUALITY CONTEST RECIPE

- 4 TMI contest rulebook 2020-2021 and contest forms
- 4 Preparation – before, during & after
- 4 Mentorship



IMPORTANT NOTES - CONTESTANTS

- 4 Contestants **must** create their own speeches, and each must be substantially original.
 - 25% percent or less of the speech may be devoted to quoting, paraphrasing, or referencing another person's content.
 - Any quoted, paraphrased, or referenced content must be so identified during the speech presentation.

(Speech Contest Rulebook Page 8 D)



IMPORTANT NOTES - CONTESTANTS

- 4 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.

(Speech Contest Rulebook Page 9 E)



Speech Subject and Preparation – page 8

- 4 A. The subject of all International, Humorous, and Tall Tales contest speeches must be selected by the contestant.
- 4 B. The subject of Table Topics Contest speeches must be determined by the contest chair.
- 4 C. The subject of Evaluation Contest speeches must be limited to oral evaluations of the test speaker's speech.



Tall Tales Contest – Additional rules -page 19:

1. The subject for the Tall Tales speech must be of a **highly exaggerated**, improbable nature and have a **theme** or **plot**.
2. **Humor** and **props** may be used to support or illustrate the speech.
3. Tall Tales Contest speeches must be from **three (3) to five (5) minutes**.



VIRTUAL CONTEST GUIDE – refer to TMI Online Best Practices

- 4** At all contest levels hold a contest dry-run with ALL role takers plus the back-up team.

- 4** Connectivity challenges solution - Have more than the required minimum number of role takers.



— **VIRTUAL CONTEST GUIDE – refer to TMI Online Best Practices**

- 4 Rename appropriately for your role e.g.
TT 1_Contestant's name; Timer 1; Judge 5; etc.
- 4 Contestants 'pin' the timer and/ or maintain gallery view.
- 4 Contestants take your speaking position, mic test and say 'ready'.
- 4 Remove profile photos and images that compromise your anonymity or distract the contestants.



VIRTUAL CONTEST GUIDE - DESIGNATED SPEAKING AREA





**Area Directors and VPEs
play a crucial role in
ensuring we have quality
contests.**

**MAGIC begins at the
Club level!**



Q&A session



Session 2

Roles and Responsibilities of:

4Contest Chair

4Chief Judge



Session 3

Judges: Judging

Eligibility & No. at all levels

| Scoring | Breaking a Tie

| Signing ballot



Session 4

Supporting Roles

4 Timer

4 Ballot Counter

4 Sergeant at Arms



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