

District 25 Toastmasters

Judging Guidelines for Speech Contests 2009-2010

The District will maintain a list of eligible/qualified contest chief judges and contest judges. Both contest chief judges and contest judges must be trained every two years to maintain eligibility.

The master list of trained contest judges will be separated into lists of judges eligible for each division. If a judge is a member of a club that is within that division, the judge's name will be eliminated from the list for that division.

Those desiring to be trained as judges should be actively pursuing completion of their next education level.

Competing and Judging:

Any member competing and advancing to Area, Division or District level contests are ineligible to judge at any Area, Division or District contest.

Reasons judges should decline to judge even if other restrictions have not been met:

If a judge has a relationship (spouse, significant other, etc.) with contestant and the judge is aware that person is competing, he/she should decline the offer to judge in order to avoid any hint of bias.

Requirements for spring contest season:

Insofar as practical, all judges at area, division and district contests shall have been a toastmasters member in good standing since July 1 of the previous year and have completed at least six Competent Communication manual projects.

Area Contests:

- A judge cannot judge within his own club's area or division.
- A judge can judge up to 2 areas within same division and judge no more than 6 area contests in one contest season insofar as practical.

Division Contests:

- A judge cannot be a member of club within the division as prescribed above
- A judge cannot judge a division contest if he/she has already judged an area contest within the same division.
- A judge can judge a maximum of two division contests.
- A judge of a division contest cannot judge the district contest.

District Contests:

- A judge cannot judge if he/she is a member of the same club as any of the contestants.
- A judge cannot have judged any division contests.