

REQUIRED CONTEST OFFICIALS AND THEIR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Toastmasters International Sources:

Speech Contest Rulebook 2010; Speech Contest Manual 2010; Speech Contest Judges Training Program

CONTEST OFFICIALS <i>All Contest Officials Must Be Members-in-Good-Standing</i>	CLUB * & AREA	DIVISION & DISTRICT	INTERNATIONAL (WORLD)
Contest Chairman	1	1	1
Chief Judge ^{1,2,}	1	1	1
Judges (at least) ^{1,2}	5	7	9
Tiebreaking Judge ^{1,2,3}	1	1	1
Ballot Counters	3	3	3
Timers	2	2	2

* As far as practical.

1	<p>A. Area-Level and Above: A judge shall have been a Toastmaster in Good Standing since July 1 of the previous year and have completed at least six (6) Competent Communication manual projects, insofar as practical.</p> <p>B. Area and Division: There should be at least five (5) Judges or equal representation from the clubs composing the Area or Areas composing the Division. A Judge should be selected from a Club (for Area contests) or an Area (for Division contests) which is not represented by a Contestant.</p> <p>C. District: There should be at least seven (7) Judges or equal representation from the Divisions composing the District. No Judge shall be a member of the club represented by any Contestant.</p>
2	<p>International (World) Semi-Finals and Finals:</p> <p>A. There shall be at least nine (9) Judges or equal representation from the Districts.</p> <p>B. Judges shall be at least an Advanced Toastmaster Bronze or Advanced Communicator Bronze and have previously judged a Toastmasters speech contest at area, division, district or semi-final level, insofar as practical.</p> <p>C. No Judge shall be a member of the club represented by any Contestant.</p>
3	<p>The identity of the Tiebreaking Judge shall be known only by the Chief Judge (and, of course, the Tiebreaker).</p>

CONTEST SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS

Although not addressed in Toastmasters International speech contest publications, it is best practice to have a **sufficient number of Sergeants-at-Arms** to properly execute the following duties:

All Contests: Attend each door to the Contest Room so that no one enters or exits during Contestant presentations.

Table Topics Contests: Additional Sergeants-at-Arms to

- Escort Table Topics contestants to and from the Contestant Sequester Room
- Monitor Table Topics contestants while they are sequestered.

Evaluation Contests: Additional Sergeants-at-Arms to

- Escort Evaluation contestants to and from the Contestant Sequester Room/Area.
- Monitor Evaluation contestants in the Contestant Sequester Room during their 5-minute preparation time
- Collect and return Evaluation Contestant notes at the appropriate time.