

## Toastmasters International Speech Contest Rulebook 2012 Changes

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Club Presidents should have received the 2012 Speech Contest Rulebook at the end of 2011. The page numbers listed here are for that version of the Rulebook. A PDF file, also available for download from the WHQ website ([www.toastmasters.org/contests.aspx](http://www.toastmasters.org/contests.aspx)), has different pagination (*at least when I printed the PDF file the page numbers were different compared to the Rulebook sent to the Club President*). Use the section numbers (for example, 2.A.4.a) or the diamond symbol (◊, which indicates changes from the 2011 Speech Contest Rulebook) to identify the correct section in the downloaded PDF file.

p. 6 – 2.A.4.a) “[C]ontestants are ineligible if they] are serving as a judge at any level for a contest in which the member is still competing.” *This has existed before and was made more prominent by moving it to the top of the list of ineligible persons. This also indicates that a member who is in more than one club and competing for their second club cannot serve as a judge for the first club’s contest.*

p. 8 – 4.E.1. “...[C]ontestants may only speak from within the designated area.” *The 2011 Rulebook stated “The contestants are permitted to speak from any position within the designated area.”*

p. 8 – 5. General Procedure – three changes stating “no judge shall be a member of any club in which a contestant is a member”

- the three change indicators (black diamonds) are placed at A.2, A.3, and A.4 but these symbols should be at A.3, A.4, and A.5 to indicate that these changes are applicable at the division, district, semi-final and final levels
- *the 2011 Rulebook stated “no judge shall be a member of the club represented by a contestant”*

p. 9 – 5.D.2.c) [a contestant who is late] waives the opportunity of a briefing. *This was already in the 2011 Rulebook and was separated into a separate line in the outline.*

p. 10 – 5.L defining when a ballot is valid. *The text is not really different, the change is in the outline level for L.1., L.2., and L.3.*

p. 16 – Taped Speech Contest 3.A. *This is not pertinent to clubs which are organized into districts (as are D36 clubs)*

p. 17 – Speech Contest Checklist. The statement about speech contests being planned carefully and conducted professionally has been separated from the text specifically about the Contest Chair’s duties.

p. 18 – Preparation, item 11 provides the email address ([speechcontests@toastmasters.org](mailto:speechcontests@toastmasters.org)) to check contestants’ eligibility

p. 18 – Contestants’ Briefing, item 3 is new and regards the Speaker’s Certification of Eligibility and Originality

p. 21 – Contestant’s Checklist, item 3 had its content regarding the Speaker’s Certification of Eligibility and Originality changed; the new statement is “By signing this form, you certify that you have read and understand the rules regarding eligibility and originality.”