

**Generic Contest Chair Script**

**Humorous Speech Competition**

**Welcome**

Welcome all Toastmasters & guests to the  
.....Humorous Speech Competition.

The winner today will progress to represent.....in  
the.....final, which will be held  
at.....on.....

The purpose of today's contest is:

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

**Contestants**

Our Chief Judge today is..... [indicate where Chief Judge is sitting]

..... would you please stand?

The judges for tonight  
are..... Judges,  
would you please stand?

Please join me in thanking them. [Lead clapping]

We have ..... contestants competing tonight. The contestants have drawn the speaking order and for your records, that order is as follows;

[Say the name of each contestant in the order in which they will speak.]

[Allow the judges a moment to record each name]

**Eligibility**

To be eligible a contestant must;

1. Be a Toastmaster in good standing in a club in good standing.
2. Not be a current District or International Officer nor have declared the intent to run for District or International office.

I confirm that all contestants have indicated that they are eligible to participate.

## **Contest Briefing to Audience**

Contestants can select any topic which must be substantially original.

The speech timing is 5-7 minutes. Contestants will be disqualified if they speak less than 4 minutes 30 or more than 7 minutes 30 seconds.

Timing begins with the first definite verbal or non-verbal communication with the audience.

Green light at 5 minutes. Orange light at 6 minutes. Red light at 7 minutes and remains on until speech concluded. There will be no signal given for going overtime.

Judges are instructed not to consider time in their ranking of the speakers.

After the contestant has finished there will be a 1 minute silence between speakers for judges to complete their scores.

Protests may only be entered by the contestants or judges to either the Chief Judge, ..... or to myself, as Contest Chair. Once the result of the contest has been announced, all decisions are final.

## **Contestants**

Our first contestant is..... with his/her speech titled.....[speech title].....[name]

[After each speaker has finished] We will now have 1 minute silence.

[Repeat for each contestant.]

## **Contest Conclusion**

That concludes the .....Humorous Speech Contest. The Tally counters will now collect the judges scoring slips. Please hold them up for collection.

Will the Chief Judge now collect the timing report?

I would now ask the Chief Judge, judges & the Tally Counters to leave the room to confer on the decision.

## **Presentation of Participation Certificates**

I would now like to ask all of the contestants to join me at the front to receive their participation certificates.

Please hold your applause until all certificates have been presented. (Present certificates)

Ladies & Gentlemen, let's give our contestants a round of applause.

(Time permitting, ask contestants a question about the contest.)

(When judges return) Our Chief Judge will now provide some feedback from the contest.

Ladies & Gentlemen, please make welcome our Chief Judge .....  
(Lead clapping)

(After chief Judge provides feedback, Chief Judge hands results to Contest Chair)

To present the winners, please make welcome our President/Area Governor/  
Division Governor, .....

Contest Chair announces winners from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup>. President or Area/Division  
Governor presents certificates &/or trophies.