

NOTES ON JUDGES RULES

EVALUATION CONTEST

1. Contestants will have 5 minutes to prepare *either in the room where the test speech was presented or in a separate suitably prepared room, under the supervision of the contest Sergeant at Arms*. A separate room is preferable as it allows the club meeting to continue. At the conclusion of the 5 minutes, contestants are to leave their notes with the Sergeant at Arms until called to speak. No further preparation is allowed after that 5 minute period.
2. Contestants are to remain out of hearing of all other contestants until called upon to speak but after presenting their evaluation may remain to hear later contestants.
3. Evaluation contestants will speak for two to three minutes. A green light will be shown at 2 minutes, an amber at 2 minutes 30 seconds and a red light at 3 minutes (remaining on until the **last word spoken** by the contestant).
4. Contestants speaking for less than 1 minute 30 seconds or more than 3 minutes 30 seconds will be disqualified.
5. There will be one minute silence between contestants during which the Judges will mark their ballots.
6. Judging will take place by ballot without discussion by Judges.
7. At the conclusion of the final speaker, Judges will have two minutes to complete their ballot paper.
8. At the end of two minutes the tally sheets will be collected by the tally counters.
9. The timekeepers' report must not be considered by the Judges before completing their ballots.
10. Any disqualification as to timing or originality will be effected by the Chief Judge after completion of the tally counters task.
11. Judges will confer in order to enable the Chief Judge to present an evaluation of the contest, for the benefit of the contestants and audience.
12. Each contestant will receive a certificate of participation. These will be presented by Chief Judge in alphabetical order
13. A third place winner (if more than five contestants) then second place winner and first place winner will be announced and certificates presented by Chief Judge.
14. All decisions of the Judges are final.

JUDGES CODE OF ETHICS

Judges will consciously avoid bias of any kind in selecting first, second and third place contestants. They will not consider any contestant's club, area, division or district affiliation. Nor will they consider any contestant's age, sex, race, creed, national origin, profession or political beliefs. They will demonstrate the utmost objectivity.

Judges will not time the speeches and will not consider the possibility of under time or over time when judging a contestant's speech.

Judges will support by word and deed the contest rules and Judging **standards**, refraining from public criticism of the contest and revealing scores and ranking only in accordance with official policy.