2024 Four-Way Speech Contest Procedure

1. Students in grades 9 through 12 in public, private or homeschool are eligible to enter the Four-Way Speech Contest.
2. The District Four-Way Speech Chair will decide on a theme and a date for the contest and send it to the District Governor for approval. When the theme, location and date for the District competition has been determined, the club presidents will be notified via email.
3. Students will use the Four-Way Test to answer the question in the form of a five-to-seven-minute speech.
4. The club shall adhere to the following rules for their local competition:
* The speech shall be five to seven minutes in length. Penalty: Five points will be deducted from the total score for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under five minutes or fraction thereof over seven minutes.
* Time will start when the speech begins. A timekeeper may signal the speaker at regular intervals throughout the presentation.
* Students may use note cards or a complete manuscript of their speech.
* Contestants will be evaluated according to the judges rating sheet (attached).
* Judges should not know the contestants’ names or affiliations prior to completion of the contest. We want to be fair to all concerned.
1. Each club will determine their own prizes.
2. Clubs will register their first and second place speakers for the District competition. A registration form will be sent to each club. There will be a fee of $50 per contestant to cover expenses incurred by the host club. There will be a deadline for the registration.
3. The same rules for the contest will be followed at the District level as was followed by the clubs.
4. First place will receive $1000, Second will receive $500, third place will receive $250 and fourth place will receive $100. The first place winner’s organization (FFA, speech class, 4-H, school, etc.) will also receive $250. Prize money awarded at the District level is provided by the District.
5. The District Champion shall speak at the noon luncheon Saturday of the District Conference. The Champion’s meal and meals for the parents accompanying the contestant will be provided by the District.

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