2023 Four-Way Speech Contest Procedure

1. Students in grades 9 through 12 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.
* Note cards (but not a manuscript) will be permitted. Cards should be no larger than a 5”x 8” so as not to detract from the effectiveness of the speech.
* Contestants may not refer to their high school, home town, or sponsoring club by name. Including such reference will result in disqualification from the contest.
* Contestants will be evaluated according to the judges rating sheet (attached).
* Judges will 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-place speaker for the District competition. A registration form will be sent to each club. There will be a fee of $50 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.

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1. First place will receive $1000, Second will receive $500 and third place will receive $250. Prize money awarded at the District level is provided by the District.
2. 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.
3. Training will be provided at District Assembly for clubs interested in hosting the contest. An application will be provided for any club wanting to be considered as a host. A club will then be selected to host the contest the following year. The club will be responsible for finding a suitable location to hold the contest, setting up for the competition, and providing food and drink. There will be a $50 registration fee for each contestant to cover these expenses. It is expected this fee will be paid by the sponsoring club.