

ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST RULES

WHO - Contestant may be a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in a public, private, or home school and may have competed in previous District contests with the exception of the 1st place District winner who may not compete again.

LENGTH - 5 - 7 minutes

DELIVERY - Speech may be memorized or a few notes may be used, but reading is discouraged. A memorized speech at District is certainly more impressive.

TOPIC - Material must be original in content and be about applying the Rotary Four Way Test to an important issue in our everyday relationships with other people. The test asks the following four questions:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to **ALL** concerned?

Helpful info about the *Four Way Test* may be found by searching the web at www.thefourwaytest.com/history-of-the-four-way-test/

Contestants should write a speech with facts, statistics, stories, examples, & quotations. Add some humor and personal touches, but do not mention your name, school, or city! At District do not mention the name of your sponsoring Rotary Club.

The audience for the club level contest is usually 20 to 100+ adults at a Breakfast or Luncheon meeting. At District, the audience is a few parents, coaches, judges, & other contestants. The top winners are often asked to present their winning speeches at the Rotary District Convention and at some other Rotary Clubs.

At District the “Most Firsts” method will be used for tallying results with multiple judges. Two “firsts” and a “sixth” wins over three “seconds.” Each club may enter one contestant. Once a student wins “first” at the club level, he may not enter other club level contests that year. Students may enter no more than two club level contests for this Rotary year.

