



2021 Rotary Four-Way Test Year 10 Speaking Contest

Information for Schools

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Many vocations require skills in good communication, the ability to research and deliver information and ideas confidently. Understanding the importance of values enables the presenter to provide a balanced view which has considered ethical standards and the potential impact on self and others. The Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest provides a platform to build those skills aligned with the moral compass of Rotary's Four-Way Test.

The program promotes public speaking in a competition for Year 10 students in District 9465 supported by sponsoring Rotary Clubs working in partnership with their local schools and Toastmasters International. Benefits to participating students include exposure to the ideals and ethical values of Rotary, proficiency in the art of public speaking and confidence and self-esteem gained from presenting to large audiences.

HANDOUT FOR PRINCIPAL OR YOUTH LEADER

The Four-Way Test Speech contest is a public speaking competition for students in Year 10.

The subject may include any topic which the contestant feels is current, interesting and important.

The speech MUST be based on an application of the Rotary 4-Way Test, with the principles of the 4-Way Test running clearly through the entire speech and adjudicators shall take this into account at all levels.

The Four Way Test:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICAL** to all concerned?

The speech shall be no less than five minutes and no longer than six minutes in length. A warning bell will sound at the end of five minutes, two bells ring at the six minutes. Time is kept by one timekeeper and ideally there should be three adjudicators. If possible, for consistency in adjudication, members of Rostrum or Toastmasters can be asked to adjudicate.

The four rounds of the competition are:



ADJUDICATION

Each speech is judged on the following points:

Content	35 pts	Speech development, effectiveness correctness
Presentation	40 pts	Body language, voice delivery, impact on emotions, manner
Four Way Test	25 pts	Four-Way Test integrated, significance of Four-Way Test considered

Certificates of appreciation are awarded to each participant and a club may wish to allocate money in its budget for prizes.

DUTIES OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Ensure that students are enrolled in Year 10 at the start of the contest. Include participation in the contest in your school ethos.

Tasks undertaken by teacher supporting the students

- Add contact details to poster then display it and brochures in Year 10 area
- Pass information between the Rotary Club and the students (generally via email)
- Record names of students entering contest and send to Rotary
- Listen to their speeches then offer suggestions for improved performance (twice usually does it). You will be invited to Rotary to hear the contest – it is your choice if you attend
- Be amazed at what your students will achieve.



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INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

1. AIMS

The aims of the contest are to:

- I. Promote the values of Rotary that emphasize ethics and values in life.
- II. Develop the confidence and self-esteem in Year 10 students.
- III. Develop relationships between Rotary and secondary schools.
- IV. Provide an opportunity for students to test their skills before an audience.
- V. Encourage and foster excellence in the art of public speaking.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Students who are in Year 10 in 2021 at any secondary school are eligible to enter. A Rotary club must sponsor the school. Each school is linked with a Rotary club.

3. CONTEST SCHEDULE.

It is recommended that Rotary club heats be conducted during the week commencing June 2021. Semi-finals will take place in the week July 2021.

4. TOPIC

Each participant may choose their own topic, but the four values of the Rotary Four-Way Test must be addressed and woven into the speech:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

5. SPEECH LENGTH

The duration of the speech should be **six (6)** minutes.

A warning bell will sound at **five (5)** minutes with a final bell at **six (6)** minutes.

Penalties may apply if time varies by more than 20 seconds either side of 6 minutes.

A Timekeeper will complete a timesheet. This will be given to the Adjudicators to assist in their final assessment.

6. ADJUDICATION

School level: At the discretion of the school.

Club heats: One Adjudicator accredited with Rostrum or Toast Masters and at least one Rotarian who is familiar with the Rotary judging process.

Semi-finals/Final: All Adjudicators will be accredited with Rostrum or Toastmasters with a clear understanding of, and experience in, Rotary-style adjudication.

7. ASSESSMENT

Assessment is made on the following basis:

- Inclusion and expansion of the four values of the Rotary Four-Way Test woven into the speech.
- It is important to demonstrate how Rotary values affect and influence us, and the speaker in everyday life.
- Students offer a considered and balanced review of their topic.
- Points presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.
- A range of arguments, factors and hypothesis provided.
- Appeal to the audience.
- An adjudication sheet is included in this information package.

Please note:

- Palm cards are permitted but their use should not detract from the overall presentation.
- No other props are permitted.
- A stand-alone microphone will be provided for club heats, semi-finals and the final.

8. PRIZES

School heat - winner/s:

Proceed to the Rotary club heat plus any recognition considered appropriate by the school.

Club heat - winner:

A certificate and a gift voucher to the value of \$50 provided by the sponsoring Rotary Club.

District Semi Final - winner:

A certificate and a \$100 gift voucher.

The winner will progress to the District Final.

District Semi Final - runner up:

A certificate and a \$100 gift voucher

The runner up may progress to the District Final

District Final - winner:

A certificate, a \$200 gift voucher and the Fred Marsh Perpetual Trophy that is kept in the school for the following 12 months, and a place in RYPEN. The winner will progress to the State Final.

District Final - runner up:

A certificate, a \$100 gift voucher, and a place in RYPEN

The runner up will progress to the State Final.

State Final - winner:

A certificate and a \$400 gift voucher. The winner will also receive the Fred Marsh Perpetual Trophy that is to be kept at the school for 12 months.

State Final - runner up:

A certificate and a \$200 gift voucher.

9. COST TO SCHOOLS

There is no cost to participating schools.

Sponsoring Rotary clubs will meet the following costs:

- a. The nomination fee to participate in the contest - \$200?
- b. The prize for the winner of the club heat – to the value of \$50
- c. The meal and any other courtesy to the accredited Adjudicators at the Rotary club heat.
- d. The meals of the students and their teacher/s at the Rotary club heat.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Also included in this information pack are Promotional Brochure and Poster

ACTION LIST FOR SCHOOLS – 2021

	Action Item	By whom	By When	✓
1	Year 10 teacher or appropriate staff person may approach a Rotary club and/or receives an invitation plus information on the Rotary Four-Way Test speaking contest for 2021	Teacher		
2	Identify and approach students to participate in the program. Commence training students. Your sponsoring Rotary club is available at any time should your school need assistance or support.	Teacher	Term 2	
3	School registrations close	Teacher	Term 2, Week # Day, date, 2021	
4	Organise a date (and location) for the school final. Seek assistance from sponsoring Rotary Club if necessary. Invite Rotarians to school contest.	Teacher	Term 3	
5	Advise the sponsoring Rotary club of the winner/s of the school final. These students will progress to the Rotary club heat. Complete Student Registration Forms and forward to the sponsoring Rotary Club.		XX XXX 2021	
6	Rotary Club Heats	Rotary Club	In the week June 2021	

STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM – 2021

Student Name:

Student Age:

I would like to enter the 2021 **Rotary Four Way Test speaking contest**.

I confirm that I am currently a student in **Year 10**

My sponsoring Rotary club is

The **Rotary Club Heat** will take place during the week **June 2021**.

I understand I need to present a speech of **6 minutes** on a topic of my choice and the contents of my speech must include all four values of the **Rotary Four Way Test**.

The Rotary Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do

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- **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

My speaking TOPIC is

School:

School contact person:

Mobile:

School contact person email:

Teacher Signature:

Student signature:

Applications are to be forwarded to your sponsoring Rotary Club by **XX XXXX 2021**

ADJUDICATION SHEET – 2021 YEAR 10

Speaker name:			
School:			
Rotary club:			
Topic:			
Content: 30 points - Adjudicator 1		Total /30	Notes
Speech Development: <i>Intro</i> – opening captures the audience	5		
<i>Body</i> – expansion of topic, appropriate evidence to illustrate point	5		
<i>Conclusion</i> – effective, convincing	5		
Effectiveness Achievement of purpose	10		
Correctness Grammar, pronunciation, use of words	5		
Presentation: 40 points – Adjudicator 2		Total /40	
Body language Natural movement, eye contact	10		
Voice delivery Pitch variety, rate, volume, tone, pause	10		
Impact on the Emotions Effect on audience, appeal, mood	10		
Manner Assured, confident and appropriate	10		
Values – 30 points – Adjudicator 3		Total /30	
Two values of the <i>Rotary Four-Way Test</i> integrated successfully	10		
Significance of <i>Rotary Four-Way Test</i> in the speech	10		
Explanation of how Rotary values are important to the topic	10		