



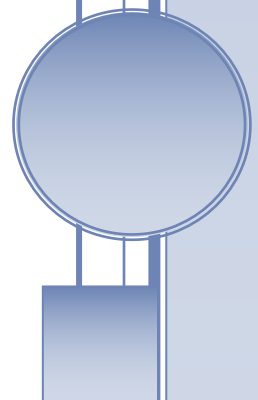
ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST 2022

GUIDE FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN
DISTRICT 9465

Any questions please

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Rotary has a demonstrated commitment to providing development opportunities for our emerging generation through its youth programs including Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE); Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) and Rotaract. One that is dear to my heart is the Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest because it focuses on building skills that can be utilised across all aspects of life. The ability to research and understand topics, write and communicate in a way that educates others and the skills to influence positive change are attributes that all student's future employers are looking for. Rotary has a track record of developing good community leaders and we want your school to be aware of the opportunities available. This Contest promotes public speaking in a competition for Year 10 students. Your local Rotary Club can assist in sponsoring your students — a full list of Rotary Clubs is available on www.rotary9465.org.au

This is a great opportunity for your Year 10 school students to develop critical thinking, ethical decision making and public speaking skills. Feedback about this program from teachers, students and parents has been consistently positive.

Students are challenged to identify a topic they feel passionate about and to adopt a point of view from which they will seek to persuade others. In doing so, they are required to evaluate their recommendation by answering the following questions:

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

The Four Way Speech Contest (public speaking) is run through a number of heats ending with a WA State final scheduled for September 2022.

Enclosed is the Competition Guide that explains the Rotary Four Way Test Speech contest in more detail.

District Governor 9465

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL LEADER(S)

The Rotary 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 Four-Way Test, with the principles of the Four-Way Test running clearly through the entire speech and adjudicators shall take this into account at all levels.

In all we say and 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?

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, and two bells at the end of six minutes. Time is kept by a time-keeper and there will be three adjudicators. For consistency in adjudication, adjudicators will be sourced with previous experience of this contest and/or from Toastmasters or Rostrum.

Approximate dates for the competition will commence with Rotary Club heats to be completed by the end of June 2022 with the Semi Finals expected to take place in July – the following schedule is a guide as exact dates to be confirmed.

The four rounds of the competition are:

CLUB → SEMI → DISTRICT → STATE

Calendar for 2022	
Feb to April	Clubs promote to schools and seek applications
May / June	Club Heats
July	Semi Finals
August	District Finals
September	State Finals

NOTE: final dates for District and State Finals for 2022 to be advised

ADJUDICATION

Each speech is judged on the following points:

Content	30 pts	Speech development, effective topic and correctness
Presentation	40 pts	Body Language, voice delivery, impact on emotions and manner
Four Way Test Values	30 pts	Four Way Test integrated, significance of Four Way Test Considered and explanation of how Rotary values are important to the topic

Certificates of appreciation are awarded to each participant and clubs may wish to allocate a monetary prize for the contestants.

DUTIES OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Please 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 the Rotary Club.
- 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.



For further information contact:

Four Way Test Chairperson: details on the front cover

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 2022 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 between May and June 2022. Semi-finals will take place in July 2022.

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 between **five** and **six (5-6)** minutes.

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

Penalties may apply if time varies by more than 20 seconds before 5 minutes, or 20 seconds after 6 minutes.

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

6. 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.
- When possible, a stand-alone microphone will be provided for club heats, semi-finals and the final.

7. ADJUDICATION

School level:	At the discretion of the school.
Club heats:	Accredited/experienced adjudicators from Rostrum, Toast Masters or Rotary who are familiar with the Rotary judging process.
Semi-finals/Finals:	Accredited adjudicators with experience from Rostrum, Toastmasters or Rotary with a clear understanding of, and experience in, Rotary-style adjudication.

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. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

District Semi Final - winner:

A certificate and a \$100 gift voucher. The winner will progress to the District Final. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

District Semi Final - runner up:

A certificate and a \$50 gift voucher. The runner up may progress to the State Final.

District Final - winner:

A certificate, a \$150 gift voucher and the Bernie Masters Perpetual Trophy that is kept in the school for the following 12 months and a place at a Rotary Youth Program.
The winner will progress to the State Final.

District Final – runner up:

A certificate and a \$100 gift voucher. The runner up may progress to the State Final.

State Final - winner:

A certificate and a gift voucher. (Value to be advised) The winner will also receive the Fred Marsh Perpetual Trophy that is to be kept at the school for 12 months, and a place at a Rotary Youth Program

State Final – runner up:

A certificate and a gift voucher. (Value to be advised)

9. COST TO SCHOOLS

There is no cost to participating schools.

Prizes and associated costs are met from Rotary clubs, donations or sponsorships.

10. Further information:

Chairperson: Details on the front page or contact your local rotary club.

ACTION LIST FOR SCHOOLS - 2022

	Action Item	By whom	By When	✓
1	Year 10 teacher or appropriate staff person may approach a Rotary club and/or receive an invitation plus information on the RotaryFour Way Test speaking contest for 2022	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	
4	Organise a date (and location) for the school final. Seek assistance from sponsoring Rotary Club if necessary. Invite Rotarians to school contest.	Teacher	April	
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.		29 April 2022	
6	Rotary Club Heats	Rotary Club	May/June 2022	

Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest ENTRY FORM

Applicant Information

My sponsoring Rotary Club is: Rotary Club of _____ Ph: _____

Club contact details: Name _____ Email: _____

The Rotary club heat will take place between May and June 2022.

I understand I need to present a speech of between 5-6 minutes on a topic of my choice and the contents of my speech must include all four values of the Rotary Four Way Test.

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?**

Student's details:

Student's Name: *First* _____ *Surname:* _____

Home address: _____

Ph: _____ Email: _____

School's Contact Details:

Name of School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Ph: _____

Email: _____

I declare that I will be a Year 10 student in 2022 and the research and written work on the speech will be mine and mine alone. I have read the rules of the contest available on <https://www.rotary9465.org.au/>

Student Signature: _____ Rotary Club Member Signature: _____

I give permission for images and/or recordings of my son/daughter's speech for the Four Way Test Speech Contest to be circulated throughout Rotary publications, newsletters, club bulletins, photographic displays etc. and in the public domain via Skype, Webinar, Zoom, YouTube or similar technology or through print media or similar communication. This permission relates to all rounds of the competition.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Contact number: _____ Email: _____ Dated: _____

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JUDGING CRITERIA

CONTENT (30 POINTS)

SPEECH DEVELOPMENT	INTRO – Opening captures the audience BODY – Expansion of topic, appropriate evidence to illustrate point, sound topic CONCLUSION - Effective and convincing	5 pts 10 pts 5 pts
EFFECTIVE TOPIC	Achievement of purpose	5 pts
CORRECTNESS	Grammar, pronunciation, use of words	5 pts

PRESENTATION (40 POINTS)

BODY LANGUAGE	Natural movement, eye contact	10 pts
VOICE DELIVERY	Pitch variety, rate, volume, tone and pause	10 pts
IMPACT ON THE EMOTIONS	Effect on the audience, appeal and mood	10 pts
MANNER	Assured, confident and appropriate	10 pts

VALUES (30 POINTS)

FOUR VALUES	Of the Rotary Four Way Test is integrated successfully	5 pts
SIGNIFICANCE	Of the Rotary Four Way Test in the speech.	10pts
EXPLANATION	Of how Rotary values are important to the topic	15 pts

TOTAL

100 pts

PENALTIES: A 5-point penalty is applied to speeches that are 20 seconds less than 5 minutes or 20 seconds more than 6 minutes long.

SPEECH CONTEST RULES

The District Four Way Speech contest operates under the following rules.

Rule 1	Contestants must be in Year Ten at a public or private secondary school and in Year Ten when competing in the District Final. Also, they must either reside, or be a member of a school, youth group, etc., within Rotary District 9465.
Rule 2	The subject may include any topic that the contestant feels is current, interesting and important.
Rule 3	The Rotary Four Way Test has four questions. These questions must appear throughout the speech and not only in the conclusion.
Rule 4	The speech is to be no less than five minutes and no greater than six minutes in length. A warning bell will be sounded once at the end of five minutes and a final bell will be sounded twice at the end of six minutes. A 5-point penalty will be applied to speeches that are 20 seconds less than 5 minutes or 20 seconds longer 6 minutes.
Rule 5	Time will be kept by one timekeeper. The judging panel will consist of three adjudicators. All adjudicators will be accredited with Rostrum, Toastmasters or similar.
Rule 6	The use of a microphone, if available, and palm cards are options open to each contestant.
Rule 7	Zoom participation may be used for Club Heats; Please contact chairperson for further details and information. E: fwt@rotary9465.org.au

ESSENTIALS

<p style="text-align: center; color: #2c4e64; font-weight: bold;">The Four Way Test</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	<p style="text-align: center; color: #2c4e64; font-weight: bold;">Timing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The speech must last more than 5 minutes but less than 6 minutes. • Warning bell will sound at the 5 and 6-minute mark. • A penalty of 5 points will apply to speeches that are outside this timeframe.
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Adjudication Sheet – to be used as speech checklist

Content – 30 points					
Speech Development:					
<i>Intro</i> – Opening captures the audience	5				
<i>Body</i> – Expansion of topic, appropriate evidence to illustrate point, sound topic	10				
<i>Conclusion</i> – Effective and convincing	5				
Effective Topic Achievement of purpose	5				
Correctness Grammar, pronunciation, use of words	5				
Presentation - 40 Points					
Body language Natural movement, effective communication, eye contact	10				
Voice delivery Pitch variety, rate, volume, tone & pause	10				
Impact on the Emotions Effect on the audience, appeal and mood	10				
Manner Assured, confident and appropriate	10				
Values Four Way Test – 30 points					
Each element of the Four Way Test integrated successfully	5				
Significance of the Four Way Test in the speech	10				
Explanation of how Rotary values are important to the topic	15				
Totals	100				

SPEECH CONTEST AWARDS

	WINNER	RUNNER UP	PARTICIPANTS
STATE FINAL	Certificate + gift voucher (value to be advised) + Fred Marsh perpetual trophy	Certificate + gift voucher (value to be advised)	Certificate

	WINNER	RUNNER UP	PARTICIPANTS
DISTRICT FINAL	Certificate + \$150 gift voucher + Bernie Masters perpetual trophy + Youth Program Placement (RYPEN)	Certificate + \$100 gift voucher	Certificate

	WINNER	RUNNER UP	PARTICIPANTS
SEMI FINAL	Certificate + \$100 gift voucher	Certificate + \$50 gift voucher	Certificate

	WINNER	RUNNER UP	PARTICIPANTS
CLUB FINAL	Certificate + \$50 gift voucher	Certificate	Certificate