

## INFORMATION FOR JUDGES

Rotary District 5180 is pleased that you have accepted the responsibility of acting as a judge in our annual Speech Contest. To ensure continuity in the judging process of the contests at the club, regional, and district levels of competition, please read carefully the judging procedure outlined below.

These procedures are based upon judges' suggestions from numerous previous Rotary Speech Contests. Please note carefully the weighted point value assigned to the three sets of judging criteria and become familiar with the score sheet prior to the contest.

Due to isolation requirements of COVID-19, some of our competitions may be held with distance meeting software. The software (probably ZOOM depending on the Rotary Club) is relatively easy to use and training will be provided prior to competitions, if requested, by calling Bill Highland at (530) 933-9040..

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

#### **Delivery (1 - 40 Points)**

Enunciation and pronunciation are basic to any good speech and must be fully considered. Overall expressiveness and sincerity of tone add to the delivery. Animation, humor, holding interest, and power of persuasion are attributes of a winning speaker.

#### **Originality (1 - 30 Points)**

The manner in which the content is developed will in large measure be determined through its originality. Of major concern will be an approach that is individualistic, imaginative, and has human interest.

#### **Content (1 - 30 Points)**

The content should relate specifically to the subject. Students should be positive in their approach and ideas used to develop the theme or topic should be presented logically, clearly, and concisely from opening to conclusion.

### **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

Identical score sheets will be used at all three levels of competition. Each judge weighs each speech in the range of 1 to 100 points within the three sets of above criteria. The highest scored speech will be declared the winner. In the case of a **Tie Score**, the contestant with the highest scores for **Expressiveness & Poise\***, **Imaginative\***, and **Clarity of Ideas\*** will be declared the winner. The decision of the judges is final.

**Please Note:** Judges must not confer during or after a speech and are asked to rank order their scores with names of 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places and with Tie Breaker Totals indicated on Judging Ballots (pg. 19) by \* reported by each name such as "Jimmy Jones 1st Place TB 21." **All contestants not in the first three places are considered to tie for Fourth Place.**

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## Rotary District 5180 Speech Contest JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

Contestant Number # \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

### CRITERIA

#### Delivery (Maximum Score 40)

Enunciation and Pronunciation	(1-10)	_____
Expressiveness and Poise*	(1-10)	_____
Sense of Humor	(1-10)	_____
Sincerity and Tone	(1-10)	_____

#### Originality (Maximum Score 30)

Uniqueness	(1-10)	_____
Engagement of Interest	(1-10)	_____
Imaginative*	(1-10)	_____

#### Content (Maximum Score 30)

Relevance to Subject	(1-10)	_____
Logical Development	(1-10)	_____
Clarity of Ideas*	(1-10)	_____

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Criteria to be used as tie-breakers

Judge's Scores are confidential and should be personally retained by the Judge at completion of the Speech Contest.

Judges are to rank order and report only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place contestants on **Judge's Ballot** and turn in to either the Head Judge or Teller with a total of the indicated contestant's Tie-Breaker Scores.

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## Rotary District 5180 Speech Contest CONFIDENTIAL JUDGE'S BALLOT (To Be Turned In To Head Judge or Teller)

Judge's Name (Confidential) \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT NUMBER	PLACEMENT 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	Total of Tie Breaker Scores *
	1st	
	2nd	
	3rd	

# Rotary District 5180 Speech Contest

## TIMEKEEPER'S INSTRUCTIONS AND RECORD SHEET

On the sheet below, record the minutes and seconds of each speech. Begin the timing of the speech after the contestant has addressed the audience or stated the title of his or her speech. If the contestant begins his or her speech without addressing the audience or stating the title, begin timing immediately.

**NOTE: Remember Timer Alerts at 5:00 GREEN, 7:00 YELLOW, 7:30 RED**

Check **“Yes”** below if the contestant’s speech is **less than five minutes or over eight minutes in length. A “Yes” time indication results in the contestant being disqualified from the Speech Contest.**

- 1. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 2. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 3. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 4. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 5. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 6. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 7. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 8. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 9. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 10. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
- 11. Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No

Timekeeper’s Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

## HEAD JUDGE AND/OR TELLER'S INSTRUCTIONS

- Teller positions and instructions are now discretionary based upon the needs of the Head Judge or Speech Chairperson.
- All Judges are to permanently retain their original score sheets, which are considered to be confidential..
- The Judges are to report only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place positions to the Head Judge or Teller as well as Tie Breaker \* total scores indicated on score sheets as “Expressiveness and Poise\* Imaginative\* and Clarity of Ideas\*” See Confidential Judge’s Ballot on pg. 19.
- After all contestants have spoken, the Head Judge / Teller also obtains the Timekeepers’ Score Sheets and checks if any contestants have either ended his or her speech before 5 minutes or after 8 minutes, which would indicate a disqualification from further consideration. .
- In case of a tie for any place, the contestant having the highest total score for “Expressiveness & Poise,” “Imaginative,” and “Clarity of Ideas” will be declared the winner. The same rules will apply in the event of a tie for second or third places.
- Any other tied contestants will be ranked in order immediately below the winning high score tie breaking contestant.
- Notify the Club Treasurer or Speech Chairperson on the “Final Speech Contestant Awards” Form pg. 23 to make them immediately aware of outcomes, so announcements, checks, certificates, etc. can be written for presentation.

# HEAD JUDGE/TELLER'S TALLY SHEET

(To be used to tally Judges' Ballots)

## CONTESTANTS

JUDGES									
TOTALS									

1. From each Judge's ballot, enter Points on this tally sheet:
  - 3 Points for First Place
  - 2 Points for Second Place
  - 1 Point for Third Place
2. Scores are from highest to lowest for awards.
3. All ties are to be broken by using a total of Tie Breaker Points



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## **FINAL SPEECH CONTESTANT AWARDS**

**TO BE FORWARDED TO SPEECH CHAIRPERSON**

<b>AWARD</b>	<b>CONTESTANT NUMBER TO BE RECORDED BY HEAD JUDGE OR TELLER</b>	<b>CONTESTANT NAME RECORDED BY SPEECH CHAIRPERSON</b>
<b>FIRST PLACE</b>		
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>		
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>		
<b>FOURTH PLACE</b>		
<b>FOURTH PLACE</b>		
<b>FOURTH PLACE</b>		
<b>FOURTH PLACE</b>		
<b>FOURTH PLACE</b>		

**Head Judge's/Teller's Name (Print):**

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**Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

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