



Rotary Four Way Test
Senior Speaking Contest - 2020
Year 10

Information for Schools

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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 2020** 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 **7-11 September 2020**. Semi-finals will take place in the week **21-25 September 2020**.

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:

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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 Rotarians 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 \$150 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 \$250 gift voucher and the Fred Marsh Perpetual Trophy that is kept in the school for the following 12 months. The winner will progress to the State Final.

District Final – runner up:

A certificate and a \$150 gift voucher.
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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Action List for Schools - 2020

	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 <i>Rotary Four Way Test</i> speaking contest for 2020..	Teacher	Sept-Oct 2019	
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 9 Mon 22 June, 2020	
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 August 10-12	
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.		Aug 17-21	
6	Rotary Club Heats	Rotary club	In the week Sept 7-11	



Rotary Four Way Test Year 10 Speaking Contest

Student Registration Form - 2020

Student Name:

Student Age:

I would like to enter the 2020 **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 **2-6 September 2020**.

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*.

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My speaking TOPIC is

School:

School contact person:

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School contact person email:

Teacher Signature:

Student signature:

Applications are to be forwarded to your sponsoring Rotary Club by **Friday 21 August 2020**.



Rotary Senior Four Way Test Public Speaking Contest
Adjudication Sheet – 2020
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		



Ranking sheet
Rotary Senior Four Way Test speaking contest

Speaker	Adj 1	Adj 2	Adj 3	Total (out of 100)	Ranking	Comments
1						
2						
3						
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GUIDELINES:

The Rotary Four Way Test speaking contest is not debating, elocution or acting. It is not a history lesson or research paper, so students should not be penalized for incorrect facts or data if deemed so by a member of the audience. The contest is concerned with the student's effective use of language to convey a message or a point of view to an interested audience.

Choice of words, intonation, articulation, pace and pausing are important to convey the message in a speech. Anything that hinders the transmission of meaning or diverts attention from the student's presentation should be avoided. This includes unnecessary and inappropriate gestures, affected pronunciation, overuse of dramatics, unnecessary movements, irrelevant humour and mannerisms.

There is no requirement for speakers to specifically enumerate any two values of Rotary. This is the choice and style of the speaker. What is important is the **four values** are woven and incorporated into the speech, so the audience is left in no doubt as to the importance of Rotary values in all that people think, say and do throughout their lives. The **four values** should be clear and integrated skillfully into the speech.

There is no need for students to introduce themselves or their topic as this is done by the Master of Ceremonies. It reduces the time the speaker has and detracts from an impactful opening.