

# Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality

Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ELIGIBILITY (To be completed for **all contests**)

I certify that I am eligible to compete, under the current Speech Contest rules. I am an active Club member in good standing and meet all other eligibility requirements.\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

## ORIGINALITY (To be completed for **Humorous, Tall Tales, and International** Speech contests)

Name of Contest (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Humorous

\_\_\_\_\_ Tall Tales

\_\_\_\_\_ International

Speech Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Date: Club \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Regional \_\_\_\_\_ Int'l. \_\_\_\_\_

In compliance with current speech contest rules, I certify that I alone prepared my speech and that it is substantially original.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\* To be eligible to compete in any International, Evaluation, Humorous, Tall Tales, and Table Topics speech contests, an individual must be a Toastmaster in good standing of a Club in good standing. For the International Speech Contest a contestant must also have completed at least six speech projects in the Communication and Leadership Program manual prior to the Club contest; this requirement is waived only for a charter member of a Club chartered since July 1. The Club must be officially chartered prior to the Area contest.

The following are ineligible for competition in any speech contest: incumbent International Officers and Directors or candidates for these offices; District officers (District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, any Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Division Governor, or Area Governor) whose terms expire June 30; District officers or announced candidates for the term beginning the upcoming July 1; presenters of educational sessions at the Area, Division, and District event at which the contest will be held. An individual may not be a judge at any level for a contest in which they are still competing. For the International Speech Contest, presenters of educational sessions at Regional Conferences and/or the International Convention as well as past first place winners at the international level may not compete at any level.

For the International Speech Contest, Toastmasters who are members in more than one Club and who meet all other eligibility requirements may compete in each Club contest in which membership in good standing is held. However, should they win more than one Club contest, they can represent only one of the Clubs at the Area level. **No contestant can compete in more than one Area contest, even if the two Areas are in different Divisions or different Districts.**

For Evaluation, Humorous, Tall Tales, and Table Topics contests, Toastmasters who are members in more than one Club and who meet all other eligibility requirements may compete in each Club contest in which membership in good standing is held. However, should they win more than one Club contest, they can represent only one of the Clubs at the Area level. No contestant can compete in more than one Area contest, even if the two Areas are in different Divisions.

Contestants must maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest. If at any level it is discovered that a contestant was ineligible to compete at any previous level, the contestant must be disqualified even if the ineligibility is not discovered until a later level and has been corrected.

**Note: This form is to be completed by each contestant and submitted before the contest to the chief judge at each level of competition.**