

EVALUATION CONTEST (a synopsis)

Eligibility. All Toastmasters who are members in good standing in a Club in good standing are eligible to compete, with certain exceptions such as District, Division and Area Governors. New, dual, or reinstated members must have dues current with Toastmasters International.

Procedure. At the beginning of the contest, a five to seven minute test speech will be presented. The speaker's speech objectives, if any, shall not be made known to the contestants. Contestants may make preparatory notes during the test speech using materials of their choice.

At the conclusion of the test speech, all contestants then have five minutes to prepare their evaluation. After five minutes has elapsed, no further preparation shall be allowed (written material shall be handed to the Sargeant at Arms who will hand it back to contestants as they are introduced to present their evaluations).

Timing. Evaluations shall be from two to three minutes. Contestants who speak less than one minute 30 seconds or more than three minutes 30 seconds will be disqualified.

The Evaluation Contest is judged on: Analytical Quality (clear, focused) – 0-40 points; Recommendations (positive, specific, helpful) – 0-30 points; Technique (sympathetic, sensitive, motivational) – 0-15 points; and Summation (concise, encouraging) – 0-15 points.