

Youth Speech Contest Judging Procedure

Identical score sheets will be used at all levels of the competition. Each judge weighs each speech in the range of 1 – 100 points within three sets of criteria:

Delivery and Presentation	1 – 45 points
Content	1 – 40 points
Originality	1 – 15 points

The highest scored speech will be declared the winner.

Penalties will be imposed if the contestant arrives late or the speech is not within the required time frame.

In the case of a tie:

1. The contestant with the highest scores for Delivery and Presentation will be declared the winner.
2. If a tie still remains, the contestant with the highest score for Originality will be declared the winner.
3. The decision of the judges is final.

NOTE: Judges must NOT confer during or after a speech. After all score sheets have been given the tellers, then the judges may confer. Individual scores will not be announced.

Rotary District 7610 Speech Contest Judge's Score Sheet

Contestant # _____

Points Available	Subject	Points Awarded	Comments
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Delivery and Presentation: Enunciation and pronunciation are basic to any good speech. Animation, humor, holding interest and power of persuasion are attributes of a winning speech.

15	Does the speaker have good stage presence?		
15	Is the speaker easily understood?		
10	Does the speaker show good memorization?		
5	Is the speaker wearing proper attire?		
45	Total Points Awarded		

Content: The content should relate to the theme. Students should be positive in their speech and approach. Ideas should be presented logically, clearly and concisely.

15	Is there a general understanding of the theme?		
15	Does the speech stay on theme?		
10	Is the speech structured properly with an opening and summary?		
40	Total Points Awarded		

Originality

15	Does the speech contain imagination, human interest and have an individualistic approach?		
15	Total Points Awarded		

100	Total Points for Speech		
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	Less penalties invoked by teller for tardiness		
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	Less penalties invoked by teller for violation of speech time frame		
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	Grand Total Awarded (after any penalties)		
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