

# **RULES OF COMPETITION**

## **Eligibility**

Contests are open to student speakers in grades 9 through 12 who attend a local public, private or home high school within District 5170. Contestants may be sons or daughters of members of Rotary clubs in District 5170.

## **Original Work of Student**

The speech must be the original work of the contestant.

## **Theme**

The theme for the speech shall be Rotary International's theme, "*Lead the Way.*" (*The theme will change each year to reflect the Rotary International theme.*) The theme must be clearly identified in the speech and need not be the topic for the speech.

## **Topic for the Speech**

Each student may choose any topic he or she feels is timely and of interest, as long as the content of the speech relates to the "*Rotary International Theme*" and incorporates at least one (1) of the principles of the Rotary 4-Way Test.

## **Rotary 4-Way Test Principles**

Rotarians have adopted as a guide for everyday living the following four principles.

### **Of the things we think, say, or do**

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

## **Time Limitations**

Speeches are to be between 4 and 5 minutes in length. Timing will begin when the contestant first speaks, not after the students' salutation to the DYSCC or audience. A penalty of 2% shall be deducted from each of the judges' scores for every 30 seconds (or a fraction thereof) that the contestant speaks under the 4 minutes or over the 5 minutes.

### **Use of Props, Prompters and Notes**

The contestant shall NOT use props, displays or prompters of any kind. Notes may be used only if they are on one (1) 3" by 5" card.

### **Identification of Speaker or School**

There shall be no explicit or implicit identification of the speaker or of the speaker's school in the content or in the title of the speech, the attire of the contestant, or by any other means whatsoever.

**EACH CONTESTANT IS EXPECTED TO KNOW AND TO FOLLOW ALL OF THESE RULES AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE CONTEST. VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE SPEAKER.**

The Youth Speech Contest Chair will make the final decision, whether or not a violation has taken place.

## C. JUDGE'S BALLOT



Rotary International  
District 5170  
Youth Speech Contest

### JUDGE'S BALLOT

Speaker Identifier \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1. CONTENT SCORE</b>	<b>/ 60</b>
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Numeric score	Use of Theme & 4-way test	Purpose/ Point of view (POV)	Organization
54-60	Clearly & skillfully integrated	Strong, original thesis; POV clear and consistent	Purposeful & controlled
48-53	Completely integrated	Strong thesis; POV consistent	Controlled
42-47	Partially integrated	Thesis a bit vague or unclear; POV inconsistent	Little organization
36-41	Minimally integrated	Lacking purpose, weak topic	None
30-35	Not at all integrated	Lacking purpose, weak topic	None

<b>2. DELIVERY SCORE</b>	<b>/ 40</b>
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Numeric score	Sincerity & Enthusiasm	Eye contact	Gestures & Movement	Enunciation & Tone
36-40	Enthralling; passionate	Looks at everyone	Used effectively	Few errors, effective tone
32-35	Energetic; pleasant	Looks at some people	Controlled, perhaps stiff	Some errors, smooth delivery
28-31	Honest; a bit dry	Looks around in spots	Some fidgeting	Several errors, some confusion
24-27	Uncertain; lacks confidence	Avoids looking at people	Lots of fidgeting	Serious errors, much confusion, monotonous
20-23	Reading without feeling	Never looks up	Can't stand still	Incoherent mumbling

<b>Gross Score (do not give any two speakers the same score)</b>		<b>/100</b>
<b>Teller's Use Only</b>	<b>Less Time Penalty</b>	
	<b>Net Score</b>	

**Rank Score\***

\*Comparing GROSS scores awarded by this judge, rank the speakers 1, 2, 3,... giving the highest score #1, the second highest #2, etc.

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Judge's Signature