

Speech Contest

Tellers' Information

The accurate recording of votes is of vital importance: therefore, before the contest meeting all tellers should study the speech contest rules and the procedures for scoring.

It is required that tellers be familiar with the reporting procedure relating to timing. The Chairman of Timers will be called upon at the conclusion of the contest speeches to give the timing report to the assembly. Any protests regarding the timing should be made at this time.

Upon instruction from the Program Leader, the Tellers Committee will collect:
Judges' Official Ballots, including Alternate Judge (in envelope).
Timers' Report.

ALL THREE (3) JUDGES' BALLOTS ARE COUNTED. The alternate judge's ballot is opened and counted only in the absence of a regular judge or in the event of a tie occurring in the points awarded. Information for the tally sheet will be taken from the three (3) judges' official ballots. Points to be used to complete the tally sheet are as follows:

- 12 points for each FIRST place vote
- 7 points for each SECOND place vote
- 3 points for each THIRD place vote

If any speaker fails to observe the time limits as specified, the total score shall be penalized one point for each second under or over time.

In the event of a tie occurring in the points awarded, the alternate judge's ballot will be opened and counted and used to determine the winner in the tied position. Once the alternate judge's ballot is opened, whoever the alternate judge has scored higher for in the tied position becomes the tied position getter. If the alternate judge's name for the tied position is not one of the two tied place-getters, the Chairman of Tellers should advise the Speech Contest Chairman. The Speech Contest Chairman shall request the alternate judge to retire from the room and ask which of the two tied place getters did the alternate judge score higher for on their worksheet. If there is no alternate judge, the Chairman of Tellers is to advise the Speech Contest Chairman. The Speech Contest Chairman shall request the judges to retire from the room to determine the final placement of the tied position. If the tie is in first position, all positions shall be reconsidered. If it is in second position, only the second and third positions shall be reconsidered. If it is in the third position, only the third position shall be reconsidered. The judges shall not be given the point counts, but shall be advised only of the name of contestants to be considered for final placement. The Speech Contest Chairman is to moderate the discussion.

Upon completion of the official tally, the Chairman of Tellers will give the tally sheets, judges' ballots and timers committee report to the Speech Contest Chairman. The Speech Contest Chairman will verify the information and inform the Program Leader of the results.

Tellers should verify that the correct names have been written on the report Sheet, and then sign the report!

IN FAIRNESS TO ALL CONCERNED, TELLERS ARE DIRECTED TO REFRAIN FROM DIVULGING ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE ASCERTAINED DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ASSIGNMENT.