

Contest Rules

ELIGIBILITY

All students from Grades 9 to 12

SPEECH TOPIC

The purpose of the speech is to apply the principles of Rotary's 4 Way Test to a current ethical issue.

Identify a topic you feel passionate about and to adopt a point of view from which you will seek to persuade others.

Each part of the Four-Way Test should be addressed during the speech.

It should be something from the your personal experience or general knowledge.

TIMING OF SPEECH

Speeches shall be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes. Penalty points at the rate of 2 points for every 15 seconds will be subtracted for infractions over or under the minimum or maximum time limits

SPEAKER AIDS / PROPS

Note cards may be used to recover from a mental blank out and avoid an embarrassment. Even if you choose not to use note cards, they may have them at hand in case of an emergency

Use of Props should be limited

All speakers will speak from the same platform or designated area

CONTENT (35%)

Practical Application of the 4 Way Test (20%)

Speech Value (10%)

Clarity and expressiveness of language and vocabulary (5%)

ORGANIZATION (15%)

Introduction (5%)

Development (5%)

Conclusion (5%)

DELIVERY (50%)

Eye Contact (15%)

Energy/Passion (10%)

Body Language (10%)

Voice (10%)

Fluency (5%)