### D50’s International Speech Contest Script Cle Kimble, MS5, TC5 and Sally Matthews, EH2

Quality Contest Team

**Opening**

**Contest Chair**: **Recite the Pledge of Allegiance (using a real flag) and introduce Contest Master**

Today’s Contest Master Educational Level and Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

**Contest Master:** **READS EVERYTHING THAT IS IN RED!**

“Good [morning/afternoon/evening], District 50 Toastmasters, honored guests, and fellow communicators! Welcome to the District 50 International Speech Contest. My name is **[Your Name],** and I have the honor of serving as your Contest Master”. Today, we gather to celebrate one of the most important skills Toastmasters develops: the art of evaluation—the gift of feedback that builds better speakers and leaders. Speech contests are an important part of the Toastmasters educational program. They provide an opportunity for Toastmasters to gain speaking experience, as well as an opportunity for other Toastmasters to learn by observing proficient speakers.

**Acknowledgments**

All District 50 dignitaries, please stand. We would now like to recognize all the dignitaries for their service to Toastmasters and to District 50.”

(**Lead Applause)**

**Introduce Chief Judge**

Please welcome our Chief Judge (educational level and name) for today's contest, Mr./Madam Chief Judge. Have all the contestants, helpers, and judges been briefed about this contest?

***(Wait for positive acknowledgment) They will say, “Yes, all contestants, helpers, and judges have been briefed. Let the contest begin!”***

**REVIEW THE SPEAKING ORDER**

The speaking order was randomly selected before the contest, and the speaking order is as follows:

Contestant # 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contestant # 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contestant # 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contestant #4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contestant #5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**REPEAT THE SPEAKER ORDER**

**Rules Reminder**

* Before we begin, let me remind everyone of a few contest rules:
* The room will be secured by the Sergeant-at-Arms during the contest
* No entering or leaving during the contest and while a speaker is speaking
* Audience, please remain silent and attentive during this time.
* Turn off or silence all electronic devices.
* Taking photographs during the speeches is not permitted.
* Audio or video recordings are not permitted without prior written agreement with the contestants. Furthermore, do not share photos or recordings on social media without the speaker's permission.

**Contest Master Introduces each contestant by announcing the contestant’s name, the speech title, the speech title the contestant’s name.**

Contestant #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Once the speech is finished, YOU SAY***

We will now observe a one-minute silence for the Judges to mark their ballots. Timer, please time one minute.

Contestant #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**When the one minute is up, proceed with introducing the next contestant in the same format as the previous contestant, so on and so farther. Until all contestants have spoken.**

Contestant #3

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We will now observe a one-minute silence for the Judges to mark their ballots. Timer, please time one minute.

Contestant #4

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**IF ADDITIONAL CONTESTANTS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE ADD THOSE TO THE SCRIPT ACCORDINGLY**.

**We will now have an indefinite silence for the judges to mark and tally their ballots and for the ballot counters to collect all ballots. Everyone, please remain silent.**

***The Chief Judge will announce when all ballots have been collected.***

“Thank you, Mr./Madam Chief Judge” (lead with applause).

**Once the Chief Judge and Ballot Counters have left the room, proceed.**

**CONTEST MASTER MUST READ THE FOLLOWING:**

**THIS COMPLETES THE INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST**

Now it’s time to meet the contestants. Will all the contestants please join me on the stage, in your speaker order?

**Ask each contestant:**

1 – What is your educational level and the club you’re representing?

**2. You choose another question of your choosing based on the contestant's profile or from the speech they have given.**

**PLEASE PROCEED BY ASKING THE SAME QUESTIONS TO ALL CONTESTANTS.**

Let’s give all the contestants a big round of applause.

***Once the interviews of contestants are completed, proceed to the district announcements***

***Invite the audience to talk quietly amongst themselves, take a restroom break, or enjoy some refreshments until Chief Judge arrives with the results. The Program Quality Director will be present for the announcement of winners.***

**Once the Chief Judge has confirmed the results, the winners will be announced. Please welcome [Contest Master /Contest Chair/ District Officer] to present the awards.”**

*“*We had \_\_\_\_ disqualification(s) based on time/eligibility/originality.”

**Say this even if you have 0 disqualifications. Lead applause if 0.**

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The THIRD-place winner is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Our SECOND-place winner and the person who will represent the Area at the Division contest, if the winner is unavailable is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

“Our FIRST-place winner and the person who will represent the Area at the Division contest is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

“Thanks to everyone who helped and participated. Let’s hear it for the Chief Judge, Judges, and all our contest helpers”. **(Lead with applause).**

**THIS INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST IS NOW ADJOURNED!**