**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 17
TABLE TOPICS SPEECH CONTEST**

**CONTEST CHAIR SCRIPT FOR AUDIENCE**

Area Level Online 2020

**Welcome Members, Visitors and Contestants to the Area …….. Table Topics Speech Contest 202…. My name is ………………………………………. I am your Contest Chair.**

The purpose of today’s contest is:

1. To provide an opportunity for speakers to improve their speaking abilities and to recognise the best as encouragement to all.
2. To provide an opportunity to learn by observing the more proficient speakers who have benefited from their Toastmasters training.

**Online speech contest statement**

*By attending this Online Area, (Club) speech contest you agree to the privacy policy of Toastmasters International as well as the unassociated remote hosting service. Some of your personal information, such as name, image, and any shared messages may be shared with other meeting participants and will be recorded by Toastmasters International who may use the recording in the future as it sees fit. Your remote attendance hereby discharges Toastmasters International from all claims, demands, rights, promises, damages and liabilities arising out of or in connection with the use or distribution of said video recordings, including but not limited to any claims for invasion of privacy, appropriation of likeness or defamation.*

There shall be no recording of this speech permitted during the speech unless prior authorisation has been given. Contestants may record their own speech.

The contestants will respond to the same topic.

The contestants have drawn the speaking order which as follows:-

The contestant one will be.................................................................................

The contestant two will be.....................................................................

The contestant three will be..............................................................................

 The contestant four will be...........................................................................

The contestant five will be...............................................................................

The contestant six will be..............................................................................

**Please ensure that you are muted and that your video is off. You must remain muted and with video off for the entire contest.**

The First place winner or the highest ranked available contestant in the (Area) contest will proceed to the next (Division) level of competition.

The Chief Judge for todays’ contest is ....................(name), Please thank them for his/her service. *Chief Judge to show video and unmute*

Chief Judge are we ready to proceed?

*Chief Judge to mute and hide video*

Contest Zoom Mater, please move all contestants except the first speaker to the Contestant Break out room.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome our contestant one.

*Contest Chair:* Is contestant # ready?

*Contestant*: “Yes”

*Contest Chair:* “Contestant # can you see the Timer?”

*Contestant*: “Yes”

*Contest Chair:* “Can you do the audio and visual check?”

*Contestant:* “My name is ..., and I can see the Timer”

Our first contestant is ……………………………. (Name) Your topic is………………………..

Your Topic repeated …………………………. Please welcome …(Name)…………………….

***Continue with each contestant using the same format (Contestant two, contestant three…).***

*After each contestant:* We will now have 1 minute of silence.

*After the final contestant:* We will now have silence until I am advised that all ballots have been received by the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge and Tally Counters will now be moved to the Tally Room.

That concludes the (Club/ Area ……… ,) Table Topics Contest

*Present participation certificates and determine the Club each contestant is representing today.
Interview each contestant utilising the Profile and Bio to ask questions. One question each until the Chief Judge returns.*

Chief Judge, do we have a result?

*Announce results from third place to first place.*

In third place is ................................................................. (name)

In second place is ................................................................. (name)
And announcing the first place winner of the (Club, Area,) Table Topic Contest by congratulating .................................................. (name)

Thank you to everyone involved in the contest

Hand control back to the Toastmaster