



District 17 Proposed District Alignment for 2023/24

Background to Proposed District 17 Alignment for 2023/24.

With the continued post-COVID impact on clubs over the last year, there have been a few clubs that have chosen to close, a reduction in the number of members and member willing to take on District Officer roles. Taking these factors into consideration, the District Alignment Committee considered several Division and Area configurations with the proposed alignment being endorsed by the Committee.

The four Divisions, i.e., Central, Eastern, Southern and Northern, will remain unchanged to minimize changes to the current division configuration.

For the area configuration, the Eastern and Northern Divisions will remain 4 areas. Following the feedback from the DECM held at 23rd April 2023, the Southern Division will also remain 4 areas. However, the Central Division has reduced from 4 to 3 areas to account for reduced club numbers.

In terms of Speech Contests, it is expected that the District will decide that two contestants from each Division will move forward to the District finals resulting in eight contestants in each contest.

Toastmaster International has several requirements related to preparing District alignments (key requirements listed below) and the Committee has considered these and the input for the Division Directors and their teams in prepared the proposed alignment. We understand that we are not going to please everyone, but we are confident going that this alignment will be the best for the District in 2023/24.

Toastmasters International Alignment Requirements

Toastmasters International has various requirements that need to be taken into consideration for the alignment of clubs within a District. Some requirements are mandatory while others are factors that need to be considered to develop the alignment that suits most clubs, members, and District Officers. The key requirements are as follows:

- At least three Areas per Division.
- No fewer than four clubs and no more than six per Area.
- Geographic proximity to other clubs.
- Area Director to effectively provide service, without requiring clubs to make changes to accommodate Area Director visits.
- Club size and strength.