

Contest Opening Remarks by Zoom Master 2 / Contest SAA

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From Toastmasters International Online Speech Contest Best Practices document:

Because your contest is being held on an online platform, you will need to read the online speech contest statement at the start of your contest or include it in writing in a location that will be visible to all attendees and participants.

Online speech contest statement

By attending this remote Area, Division, or District 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.

Script

Welcome everyone to the Toastmasters Southern Division Contest for the International and Evaluation online contest!

We are excited and grateful for your presence here with us today!

Today's competition is an opportunity for our Toastmaster members to showcase the skills they've learned throughout their Toastmasters journey.

If you have not displayed the online speech contest statement visible to all it must be read – suggest doing it here.

In order to ensure that our competition is run smoothly, orderly, and fairly, there are some rules that we must all adhere to:

All videos must be turned off for the duration of the contest, except for the one currently speaking and the timer. This allows the timer to be clearly visible at all times to the contestants when they are speaking.

All audio must be turned off for the duration of the competition, except when you are nominated to speak. This will minimize distraction and disruption during the contest proper.

If you violate rules 1 or 2, Zoom Master 1, will turn off your video and audio and give you a warning via the Zoom chat message. A repeat violation will result in you being ejected from the meeting and you will not be allowed back inside

The judges must keep their cameras off and mics muted for the WHOLE contest.

Please use Zoom chat which is set to Host-Only to send important messages relevant to the competition to Zoom Master 1, who will pass it on to the relevant parties.

Do enjoy the speeches in today's competition. Feel free to laugh heartily, while still being on mute!