Judging

Judging will be on a 100 point system, broken down into four criteria categories as follows:

1. PERSONAL QUALITIES (0-15 points)
   - Appearance
   - Poise
   - Personality
   - Attitude
2. ORGANIZATION (0-40 points)
   - Subject Adherence
   - Theme
   - Four-Way Test Inclusion
   - Flow
   - Logic
   - Color
3. PRESENTATION (0-30 points)
   - Voice Control
   - Articulation
   - Enunciation
   - Diction
   - Animation
   - Sincerity
4. EFFECTIVENESS (0-15 points)
   - Overall Appeal
   - Impression
   - Persuasiveness

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Levels of Competition

Club
Each of the 68 Rotary Clubs in District 5300 may elect to host contests in **February**. Clubs award certificates and cash prizes to participants. The winner of the Club Contest proceeds to the Group Level.

Group
Each Club is assigned to one of 14 Groups. Group Level contests are in **March**. The winner of each Group Level contest proceeds to the Regional Level.

Regional
The winner of each Group Level contest proceeds to one of 4 Regional Contests in **April.**

District
The 4 Regional winners compete at the District Conference in **June**. The prizes depend on the numbers of Clubs that participate. In the past winners receive $5,000 and runners-up $1,000!.

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Rotary International District 5300 Four-Way Test Speech Contest

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Rotary International District 5300 is composed of 61 clubs in Southern California and Nevada. The District annually conducts a Four-Way Test Speech Contest to benefit high school age youth. The specific goals of the contest are:

1. To acquaint a large number of youth with Rotary and the Four-Way Test.
2. To demonstrate and enhance Rotary's commitment to youth.
3. To heighten awareness of Rotary among youth, parents, schools, and community.
4. To recognize, encourage, and reward hard work and accomplishment among youth.

Public, private, and continuation high school students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to enter the contest. No student may be a contestant in more than one local club speech contest in any one year. More than one club may recruit contestants from a high school shared with another club. The Winner of the District level competition is ineligible to compete in subsequent years.

Topics and Theme

The 2015-2016 theme is *Be a Gift to the World,* is the Rotary International theme. Any topic related to this theme will be acceptable, provided that it is not profane, obscene, unpatriotic, or racist. If a contestant or coach is in doubt about the appropriateness of a topic, the coach or student may check with the Contest Chairperson of the local club or the District Chairperson. The Chairperson's decision will be final. **The topic of the speech must be specifically subjected to the Four-Way Test.** This must be done in the body of the speech and is not to be reserved for concluding statements only.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:
First....Is it the **TRUTH**?
Second...Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
Third...Will it build **GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
Fourth...Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Length of Speech
Speeches must be no less than 6 minutes and no more than 8 minutes in length. Penalty points will be subtracted for time infractions at the rate of 2 points for every 15 seconds over or under the minimum or maximum.

Props
No props are to be used. Audience participation will be considered a prop. Penalty points will be subtracted for use of props at the rate of two points per infraction.

Speaker Aids
Lecterns and microphones will be available for speakers to use if they choose.

Notes
Contestants may use notes at the Club and Group Level. At the Regional Level a single 3x5 card may be used. Notes may not be used at the District Level. Infractions will result in disqualification.

Order of Presentation
Determined by lottery. Contestants who arrive after competition has begun will be disqualified.

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