



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 69

TABLE TOPICS CONTEST TOASTMASTER SCRIPT



text box

= read the script out loud

= instructions



Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the Table Topics contest.

The Table Topic subject has been selected by the Contest Chair. All Contestants shall receive the same topic. They will receive no advance knowledge of the topic until they are introduced. The procedure for the Table Topics contest is that all contestants, except the first, will leave the room. Those contestants shall be under the supervision of the Sergeant-at-Arms. The first contestant will be given the topic. As the first contestant concludes, the next speaker shall be invited into the room. The procedure shall be repeated for each contestant. All contestants will speak from the same speaking area.



The time requirement for the Table Topic speech is one to two minutes.



During the presentations you are asked not to move around the room, to avoid causing any distractions. Please turn off your phones. Photographs are not permitted during the contest, but there will be a photo opportunity at the conclusion of the contest. Please remain silent for one minute after presentations to allow the Judges to mark their ballots.



The speaking order as drawn by the contestants is as follows:-

Announce the names of the contestants slowly and clearly so that the Judges, Timers and Ballot Counters can write the names on their forms. Spell names if necessary.

Do not make preliminary remarks about any speaker or the subject, nor mention the name or location of the speaker's Club or place of residence.

☺ The first contestant will be.....

The second contestant will be.....

The third contestant will be.....

The fourth contestant will be.....

The fifth contestant will be.....

The sixth contestant will be.....

☺ I shall introduce each contestant by announcing their name.

Join with me in the applause as they arrive within the speaking area. I will then give them the topic, repeat the topic and their name. There shall be no further applause and the contestant shall begin their presentation.

Chief Judge, are we ready to proceed?

Contest Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort all contestants except the first out of the room.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome our first contestant.

Contestant	Name (announce the contestant's name, topic, topic, contestant's name in a consistent manner for each contestant)
First	
After each speaker has concluded, wait for the red signal from the Timer that one minute of silence has lapsed before proceeding.	
Second	
Third	
Fourth	
Fifth	
Sixth	

After the final contestant, wait for the one minute signal before proceeding with the instructions for the Judges and Ballot Counters.



I ask for silence until the Ballot Counters have collected all ballots. Judges, please ensure that your ballot is valid by printing and signing your name and listing the first three place-getters. Put your ballot into the envelope, and then hold it up for the Ballot Counters to collect. Ballot Counters, please collect the Judges' envelopes and leave the room with the Chief Judge to tally the ballots.

All contestants come back on stage at the same time, in speaking order to be interviewed for one minute each and presented with their certificate of participation. They may be seated again till the Chief Judge arrives back.
Wait for Chief Judge to arrive with contest results.
Invite the Contest Chair to assist with presentation of certificates and trophies.
Announce any disqualifications for time without naming the disqualified contestants.



In third place is (name)
In second place is (name)
And to represent Club/Area/Division in the Humorous Speech Contest at (name the next level contest) on (date) in first place is (name)

Allow time for photos of place-getters. Hand control back to the M.C.