

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL
Table Topics Contest Judge's Guide & Ballot

JUDGING CRITERIA	<u>SUGGESTED POINT VALUES</u> 5-Excellent 2-Fair 4-Very Good 1-Poor 3-Good	Speaker ↓						
		TOTAL ↓	#6	#5	#4	#3	#2	#1
SPEECH DEVELOPMENT	Opening-Engages Immediately; Full Body; Rousing/ Satisfying Conclusion	5						
	Effective Organization of Ideas	5						
	Relevant Supporting Examples, Smooth Transitions	5						
EFFECTIVENESS	Response clearly and logically presented, relating directly to the given question or topic	5						
	Achievement of Clear Purpose (Informs, Persuades, Inspires, Entertains)	5						
	Audience Reception/Appropriateness	5						
PHYSICAL	Convincing Body Language: Supports Points Through Gestures, Facial Expressions And Body Positioning	5						
	Assurance; Enthusiasm	5						
VOICE	Flexibility/Vocal Variety (Pace, Pitch, Tone; Volume); Easily Heard / Understood; Effective Pauses	5						
LANGUAGE	Word Choice Promotes Clear Understanding Proper Word Selection, Grammar and Pronunciation; Language Fits Speech and Audience	5						
SCORE (50)		50						
Multiply by 2 for score out of 100		100						

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(Detach and submit to Counters)

Judge's Official Ballot Table Topics Contest

Place / Name of Contestant

Ranking Points

First _____

3 points

Second _____

2 points

Third _____

1 point

Name of Judge (Print)

(Signature of Judge)

JUDGING CRITERIA

Content (55%)

Speech Development is the way the speaker puts ideas together so the audience can understand them. The Table Topics™ response is structured around a purpose, and this structure must include an opening, body and conclusion. The response is supported by relevant examples and illustrations, facts and figures, if appropriate, and is delivered smoothly.

Effectiveness is your subjective judgment of how the response came across. Were you able to determine the speaker's purpose? Did the speech relate directly to the given question or topic? Was the response clearly and logically presented?

Delivery (30%)

Physical presentation of the response carries part of the responsibility for effective communication. The speaker's appearance should reinforce his or her response. Body language should support points through gestures, expressions and body positioning. The speaker makes effective use of and stays within the designated speaking area.

Voice is the sound that carries the message. It should be flexible, moving from one pitch level to another for emphasis, and should have a variety of rate and volume. A good voice can be clearly heard and the words easily understood.

Language (15%)

Appropriateness of language refers to the choice of words that relate to the speech purpose and to the particular audience hearing the speech. Language should promote clear understanding of thoughts and should fit the occasion precisely.

Correctness of language ensures that attention will be directed toward what the speaker says, not how it is said. Proper use of grammar and correct pronunciation will show that the speaker is the master of the words being used.

JUDGE'S CODE OF ETHICS

1. Judges will consciously avoid bias of any kind in selecting first, second and third place contestants. They will not consider any contestant's club, area, division or district affiliation. Nor will they consider any contestant's age, sex, race, creed, national origin, profession or political beliefs. They will demonstrate the utmost objectivity.
2. Judges will not time the speeches and will not consider the possibility of under-time or overtime when judging a contestant's speech.
3. Judges will support by word and deed the contest rules and judging standards, refraining from public criticism of the contest and revealing scores and ranking only in accordance with official policy.