



Hints n'Tips on using Toastmasters International Speech Contests page

The resource on Toastmasters International is comprehensive, current and excellent!

ALWAYS use this as your primary resource.

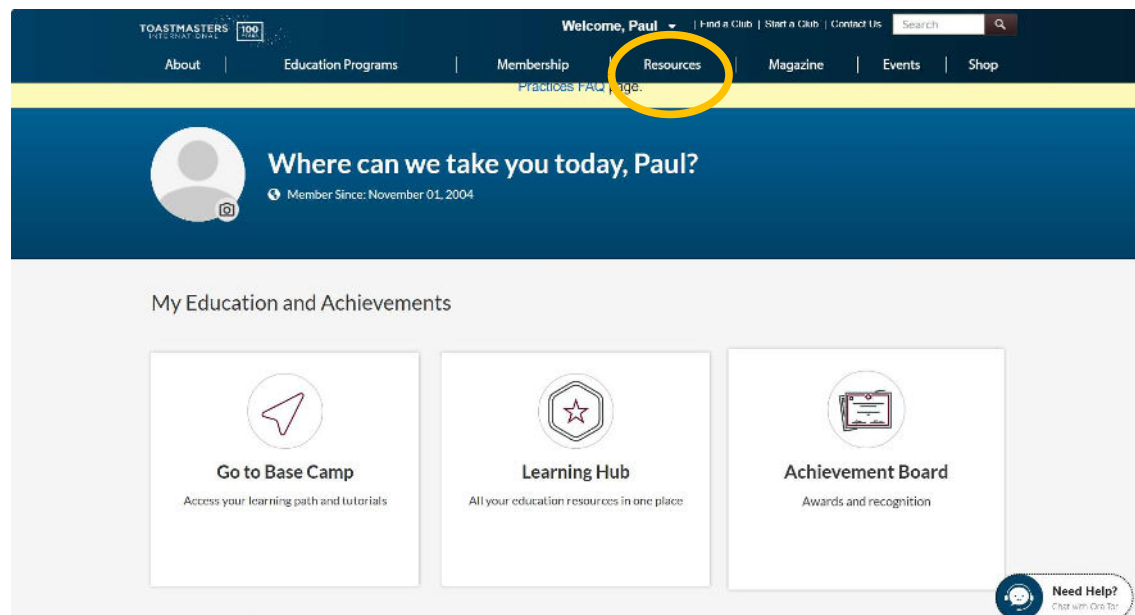
As well as ensuring that we are using the current material, it is very easy to access and use.

NEVER use material from previous years.

This is because the speech contest rules and therefore, contest kits are subject to continual review and change

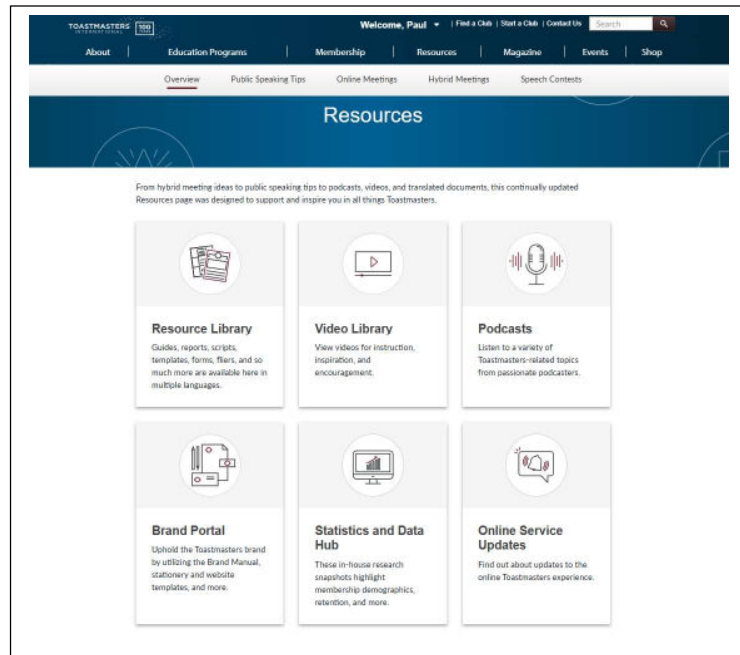
How to access:

- Logon to Toastmasters International website <https://www.toastmasters.org/>





- Go to drop down tab 'RESOURCES',
- Go to drop down tab, 'SPEECH CONTESTS'.



The home page overleaf gives you:

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You may experience delays due to the high volume of processing at the end of the program year. For answers to commonly asked questions during this time, see the [Year-end Best Practices FAQ](#).

Speech Contests

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Speech Contest Rulebook

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World Championship of Public Speaking

Speech contests are a Toastmasters tradition. Each year, thousands of Toastmasters compete in the Humorous, Evaluation, Tall Tales, Table Topics®, Online, and International speech contests. Competition begins with club contests, and winners continue competing through the Area, Division, and District levels. Winners of the District level International Speech Contest proceed to the quarterfinal level. Following quarterfinals, winners advance to the semifinals for a chance to take part in the World Championship of Public Speaking®.

Each year, more than 30,000 Toastmasters compete in one or more of the following contests:

SPEECH CONTEST TYPES AND RESOURCES

International

Contestants present a five- to seven-minute speech on any subject they choose. All districts must conduct this contest.

Humorous

Contestants present a humorous speech that must be thematic in nature (opening, body, and close), not a monologue (series of one-liners).

Evaluation

Contestants observe a five- to seven-minute test speech and then present a two- to three-minute evaluation of the test speech.

Tall Tales

Contestants present a speech on a topic that is highly exaggerated and improbable in theme or plot.

Table Topics

The topic of this impromptu speech is the same for all contestants who only learn about it when they are introduced by the contest chair.

Online

Contestants present a five- to seven-minute speech on any subject they choose while participating live and online from physically distant locations.

Video Speech

A contest for unrestricted clubs and provisional Districts that follows the rules of the International Speech Contest; it does not advance beyond the club level.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Speech Contest Materials

Download the materials you need to conduct speech contests.

[View resources >](#)

Conducting Quality Speech Contests

Read this guide to understand the process, rules, and resources required to enhance your speech contests.

[Read more >](#)

Speech Contest Rulebook Changes

Find out how the Speech Contest Rulebook has changed and why each change was made.

[Read more >](#)

Speech Contest Certificates

Use these certificates to recognize member success and participation in all types of speech contests.

[View certificates >](#)



1. Left hand menu

a. Speech Contest rulebook

This is your primary source of information – please download it!

b. Speech Contest FAQs

There are some really useful FAQs, especially for Contest Chairs, Chief Judges and Contest Toastmasters

c. Toastmasters international – Quarter Finals**

d. International Speech Contest – Semifinals**

e. Speech Contest Tutorials

These are 3 excellent tutorials:

1. *Judge's Guide and Ballot*
2. *Overview and Roles*
3. *When you're the Judge*

Everyone who is a judge should look at tutorials 1 and 3 and anyone who is unfamiliar with contests, either as a judge or functionary, should look at tutorial 2.

f. World Championship of Public Speaking**

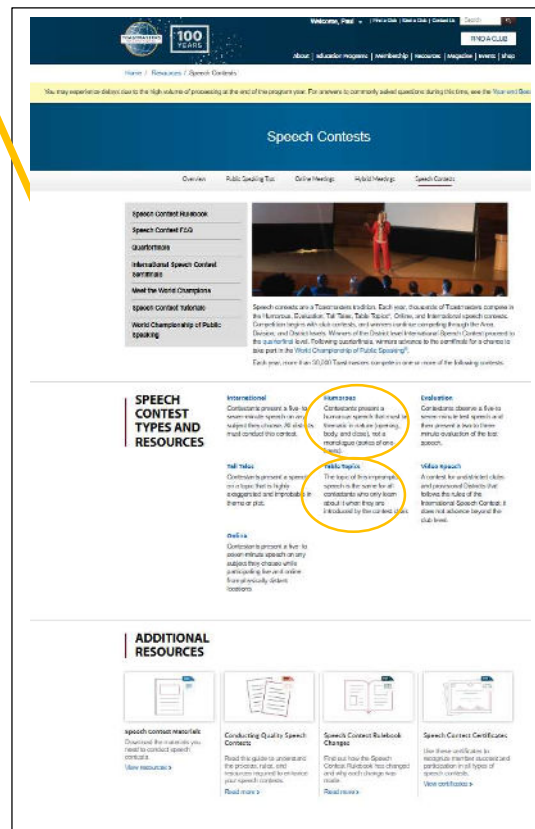
**** There is no need to refer to these**



2. Speech contest types and resources

This is the best place to access contest documentation.

For each contest type, there is a summary. Press on the contest name and you can download the contest kit, for 5 contestants and 10 judges.



3. Additional resources

There is some useful information but not really necessary to access for Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests