

District 91

Notes for Tiebreaker Judges' Briefing: "Face to Face" Contest Edition

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Conducted by: Chief Judge

When: Immediately before the contest

Attendees: Chief Judge, Voting Judges. The Tiebreaker Judges does NOT attend and is briefed separately.

Final Checks

Confirm that the Tiebreaker judge:

- ... is eligible to judge the contest:

For Club contests:

- Judge must be a paid member.

For Area contests:

- Judge must be a paid member for a minimum of 6 months.
- Judge must have completed a minimum of six speech projects in *Competent Communication* or earned certificates of completion in Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience.
- Judge must be no longer competing or intending to compete at any level in the contest.

For Division and District contests:

- In addition to the Area contest requirements above, no judge can be from the same club as any competitor.
- ... has completed and returned their Certificate of Eligibility and Code of Ethics,
 - ... has received the link to the latest rulebook

Briefing the Tiebreaker Judges

The Goal of Tiebreaker Judging

To rank all contestants – not just 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

Before the Contest

- Sign and print your name on the ballot sheet
- Read and familiarise yourself with the Judging Criteria and weightings.

During the Contest

- The speaking order will be announced by the Contest Chair.
- Write the names across the top of the ballot; left to right or right to left depending on preference.
- After each speech, there is 1 minute of silence to mark against the criteria.
- After the last speech Judges will have an unlimited length of silence whilst they complete their ballot.
- Completing your ballot:
 - Rank all contestants.
 - No ties allowed! If you have two speakers with the same points, it is up to you to break that tie.
 - Do not submit the workings at the top of the sheet.

When complete, fold and hand the ballot slip to The Chief Judge.

Marking and Fairness

- A speaker going outside the speaking area is not a disqualifiable offence; however, you may wish to reflect this in your marks for delivery.
- Do not pay any attention to a speaker's timings signals when marking.
- Judges must NOT consider:
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Race
 - Creed
 - Nationality
 - Regional accents
 - Professional beliefs
 - Past performance or reputation
 - Future performance – how a speech might do if given another chance at the next level
 - Championing an underdog – encouraging the newbie or giving someone else a chance
 - Their own club norms

Judge only on the performance on the day. Be sure to judge the first and last speaker in the same manner.

Protests

Tiebreaker judges are not eligible to make protests on eligibility, originality and referencing of another competitor's speech

After the contest

- Do not discuss notes.
- Do not discuss the result.
- Make no comment or criticism of the contest.
- Decline feedback requests.
- Destroy your ballot slips, ballot sheets and any notes.

Questions?