SPEECH CONTEST TIME RECORD SHEET
AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR TIMERS

Contestant	Presentation Time	
	Minutes	Seconds

Two timers, appointed by the chief judge keep the official record of the time of each contestant's speech. One timer is provided with a stopwatch and the other with a signaling device that displays green, yellow, and red colors.

Timers shall provide warning signals to the contestants, which shall be clearly visible to the speakers but not obvious to the audience. Any visually impaired contestant is permitted to request and must be granted a form of warning signal of his or her own choosing. If any special device and/or specific instructions for such signal is/are required, the contestant must provide same.

Any contestant is disqualified whose speech time is less than the minimum or more than the maximum time indicated below. In all speech contests, no signal shall be given for the overtime period. In the event of technical failure of the signal or timing equipment, a speaker is allowed 30 seconds extra overtime before being disqualified.

Timing begins with the contestant's first definite verbal or nonverbal communication with the audience. This usually will be the first word uttered by the contestant, but would include any other communication such as sound effects, a staged act by another person, etc.

All speeches delivered by contestants must conform to the timing guidelines for the contest.

International and Humorous speeches shall be from five to seven minutes. A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is less than four minutes 30 seconds or more than seven minutes 30 seconds. A green signal will be displayed at five minutes and remain displayed for one minute. A yellow signal will be displayed at six minutes and remain displayed for one minute. A red signal will be displayed at seven minutes and will remain on until the conclusion of the speech.

Table Topics® contest speeches shall be from one minute to two minutes. A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is less than one minute or more than two minutes 30 seconds. The green signal will be displayed at one minute and remain displayed for 30 seconds. The yellow signal will be displayed at one minute 30 seconds and remain displayed for 30 seconds. The red signal will be displayed at two minutes and remain displayed until the speech is concluded.

Evaluation contest speeches shall be from two to three minutes. A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is less than one minute 30 seconds or more than three minutes 30 seconds. The green signal will be displayed at two minutes and remain displayed for 30 seconds. The yellow signal will be displayed at two minutes and thirty seconds and remain displayed for 30 seconds. The red signal will be displayed at three minutes and remain displayed until the evaluation is concluded.

Tall Tales speeches shall be from three to five minutes. A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is less than two minutes 30 seconds or more than five minutes 30 seconds. The green signal will be displayed at three minutes and remain displayed for one minute. The yellow signal will be displayed at four minutes and remain displayed for one minute. The red signal will be displayed at five minutes and remain displayed until the speech is concluded.

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