

TABLE TOPICS CONTEST JUDGING RULES - District

- All speakers have completed the Speaker's **Certification of Eligibility** and submitted it to the chief judge.
- All contestants shall receive the same topic, which shall be of a general nature.
- Before the contest: the contestants and contest Sgt at Arms were briefed on the **rules** by the contest chair; the judges, counters, and timers were briefed on their duties by the chief judge; the contestants drew for speaking order, which will be announced by the contest chair; and all contestants and judges were advised of the speaking area.
- When the contest begins, all contestants except the first shall leave the room.
- Each contestant will be introduced by:

NAME — TOPIC — TOPIC — NAME
- There will be 1 minute of silence between contestants for the judges to mark their ballots.
- Timing for the table topics speech is one to two minutes
 - The **Green light** will be turned on at 1 minute and remain on for 30 seconds.
 - The **Amber light** will be turned on at 1 minute and 30 seconds, and remain on for 30 seconds.
 - The **Red light** will be turned at 2 minutes and remain on until the speaker has concluded. There will be no warning for over time.
- A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is less than 1 minute or more than 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
- A contestant can also be disqualified on the basis of eligibility.
- Protests will be limited to Judges and contestants.
- There will be a third, second and first place winner announced.
- Prior to announcing the results, the chairman should announce if any disqualifications have occurred, but **not the name** of the contestant.

Condensed from the 2009 Speech Contest Rulebook
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