

# Humorous Contest

## **Eligibility**

You must be a Toastmaster in good standing in a Club of good standing (i.e. a paid up member in a paid up club).

## **The Speech**

You can select any topic which must be substantially original. Any quoted material must be identified during the speech. Avoid potentially objectionable language, anecdotes and offensive material. The speech must be thematic in nature (opening, body and close) not a monologue (series of one-liners).

## **Timing**

The speech timing is 5-7 minutes. You will be disqualified if you speak less than 4.5 minutes or more than 7.5 minutes.

Timing begins with the first word uttered by you, but if you engage in definite verbal or nonverbal communication with the audience prior to reaching the speaking position and uttering the first word, timing begins then.

Green light at 5 minutes for one minute. Yellow light at 6 minutes for one minute. Red light at 7 minutes and remains on until speech concluded.

## **Judging Criteria**

### *Content – 55%*

Includes Speech Development (15 points), Effectiveness (15 points), Speech Value (15 points) and Audience Response (10 points)

### *Delivery – 30%*

Includes Physical presentation (10 points), Use of Voice (10 points), and Manner (10 points).

### *Language – 15%*

Includes Appropriateness of language and choice of words (10 points), and Correctness of language (5 points).