

## **Emparch 3.0, 2020-21**

### **Above and Beyond**

#### **Contest Rulebook**

#### **Contests Conducted**

1. Humorous Speech Contest - Individual event
2. Presentation Mastery - Individual Event

#### **Contest Eligibility**

1. The contest of emparch is limited to college going students **above 18 years of age.**
2. The contest is **open for all.** (Toastmasters College Clubs and Non-Toastmasters Colleges and student Toastmasters of Community Clubs)
3. **Any Toastmaster** who wishes to contest **should not hold any District Officer's position.**
4. The contest is being conducted **pan-India**, with contests at three levels, namely - club/college level, proceeding to District Zonals, and the Finale.
5. Qualifying contestants shall be subjected to the number of participation.
6. **One individual** can take part in **only one contest**, considering the best interest in more number of participants.

#### **Contest Format**

1. The contest shall be conducted on an **online platform- Zoom Meeting** audio and video-conferencing application.
2. All contestants must use a webcam and microphone to ensure that they are visible and audible while delivering their speech. Contestants are responsible for providing their own technology at their own expense, if there is a fee for use.
3. Each contestant tests their technology and practices in the designated speaking area to ensure that they are visible and audible.
4. The Host District for the entire event is District 92 (Karnataka), Toastmasters International.
5. The link to the meeting shall be sent **24 hours prior** to the commencement of the meeting.
6. **One hour** before the meeting, the **contestant briefing** shall be conducted in separate break-out rooms.
7. **If any protests are raised**, it should be raised before the announcement of the results before the Chief Judge. Discretion and decision of the Chief Judge shall be final.

8. Before all contests, every contestant **must certify** to the Chief Judge that the content of their speech is or will be **substantially original** by using the Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality - by using e-signature and mailing it to [teamemparch@gmail.com](mailto:teamemparch@gmail.com).
9. Before the contest, contestants are briefed on the rules by the contest master. Contestants will then draw for their speaking position with the contest master.
10. One minute of silence shall be observed after every contestant. During the minute, the Tech Master is to run an audio and video check with the next contestant and the Chief Judge.
11. Contestants who plan to **use props** (including any sort of electronic devices) must **notify the contest chair prior to the contest**.
12. All props must be set up during the one minute of silence prior to the contestant's speech.
13. Contestants may enlist someone to help them with props, but it is not the responsibility of the contest chair or any other contest official to do so. Contestants must demonstrate to the contest chair prior to the contest that the props can be set up and removed in the allotted time. If a contestant is unable to demonstrate this, the prop cannot be used during the contest.
14. For documentation purpose, the entire meeting shall be recorded. **Any contestant willing to take such recording for reference, should take prior permission of the Contest Master.**
15. In case the contestant qualified is unable to make it to the next round, the next highest ranked contestant shall fill in.

### **Presentation Mastery rules**

1. The subject of presentation shall be **shared** with the admin **24 hours prior** to the contest. **Any changes post the submission shall not be entertained.**
2. **Test run** of the presentation shall be made with the tech master **two hours prior** to the event. Any usage of sound in the presentation must be intimated to the tech master and contest master at the test run.
3. Each presentation must **contain 20 slides** (including the title and end of the slides if used). Each slide will be **auto-timed for 15 seconds only**. The contestants are **not allowed** to ask the tech master **to change the slides**, unless there is some technical glitch.
4. Duration of the contest is for **5 minutes** with **30 seconds grace**. The timer cards will be displayed as follows. A grace of 30 seconds shall be given to sum up. The timer card shall be kept displayed till the

next card is displayed.

Green Card	3rd minute and remains displayed for one minute.
Yellow Card	4th minute and remains displayed for one minute.
Red Card	5th minute, until the speech is concluded.

**5. Contestants shall be disqualified if the speech is for less than 3 minutes.**

6. The contestants are to **prepare their own presentation** and must be substantially original.
7. Any quoted, paraphrased, or referred content shall be so identified during the presentation. 25% or less may be devoted to quoting, paraphrasing, or referring to another person's content.
8. In case of **any technical failure**, the contestant shall **notify the tech master, sergeant-at-arms, and the contest master**.
9. That participant will be **given a minute extra to resume** to the contest. The last sentence that was audible to the audience shall be repeated for the contestant's convenience.
10. The same shall not affect the judging criteria.

### **Humorous Speech Contest**

1. The **subject** of Humorous speech shall be **selected by the contestant**.
2. The Speaker shall **maintain parliamentary language** and will take responsibility for what they speak..
3. The speech **must be thematic** in nature (i.e. opening, body, conclusion) and **not** a monologue (series of one liners or stand up)
4. Duration of the contest is for **5 to 7 minutes**. The timer cards will be displayed as follows A **grace of 30 seconds** shall be given to sum up. The timer card shall be kept displayed till the next card is displayed.

Green Card	5th minute and remains displayed for one minute.
Yellow Card	6th minute and remains displayed for one minute.
Red Card	7th minute, until the speech is concluded.

**5. Contestants shall be disqualified if the speech is for less than 4 minutes 30 seconds.**

6. Any quoted, paraphrased, or referred content shall be so identified during the speech. 25% or less can be devoted to quoting, paraphrasing, or referring to another person's content.
7. In case of **any technical failure**, the contestant shall **notify the tech master, sergeant-at-arms, and the contest master**.
8. That participant will be given **a minute extra to resume** to the contest. The last sentence that was audible to the audience shall be repeated for the contestant's convenience.
9. The same shall not affect the judging criteria.

### **Judging Criteria**

1. The Chief Judge instructs Judges, tally counters, and timers on the process for submitting the appropriate ballot for the contest.
2. The Chief Judge instructs judges on the process for a protest.
3. The Chief Judge instructs timers on the process for timing.
  - i. Two timers are appointed by the Chief Judge.
  - ii. Each uses a stopwatch to time the contest.
  - iii. One uses a signaling device that displays green, yellow, and red colors and signals the contestant at appropriate times during the speech.
  - iv. The other maintains and delivers to the Chief Judge the written record of elapsed time on the Speech Contest Time Record Sheet and Instruction for Timers.
4. The Chief Judge explains the alternative method of communication in case of technology failures.
5. Before the contest, the Chief Judge selects a member to act as tiebreaking judge and instructs them on the process for submitting the appropriate Tiebreaking Judge's Guide and Ballot for the contest.
6. During the contest -
  - i. The timer with the signaling device or background keeps their webcam on for the entire duration of the contest and ensures that contestants are able to view accurate green, yellow, or red cards at appropriate times during their speech.
  - ii. Audiences are not required to have webcams (although it is recommended) or microphones on.
  - iii. Audiences are to mute their microphones during the contest.
7. If there are any technical glitches during the contest -
  - i. The Chief Judge determines that the contest can no longer continue, the contest will be reconvened at a later date or time.

ii. If a contestant is impacted, one minute will be given to the contestant to fix the glitch/issue and resume the speech. In case of failure to do so, the contestant will be disqualified.