

# DISTRICT 4L4 LIONS TRAINING



## Student Speaker Training

### We're making a world of difference

District 4-L4 oversees about 35 Lions clubs in Orange, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, California. The district is divided into seven Zones. The district provides expertise, training and assistance to ensure the success of all the clubs in the district and serves a communication nexus between the clubs and Lions International.

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Lions Clubs International



ONCE YOU  
BECOME  
FEARLESS,  
LIFE  
BECOMES  
LIMITLESS.

**THANK YOU for  
accepting the role  
of the Student  
Speaker Contest  
Chair**

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SERVICE!**

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# Meeting Norms

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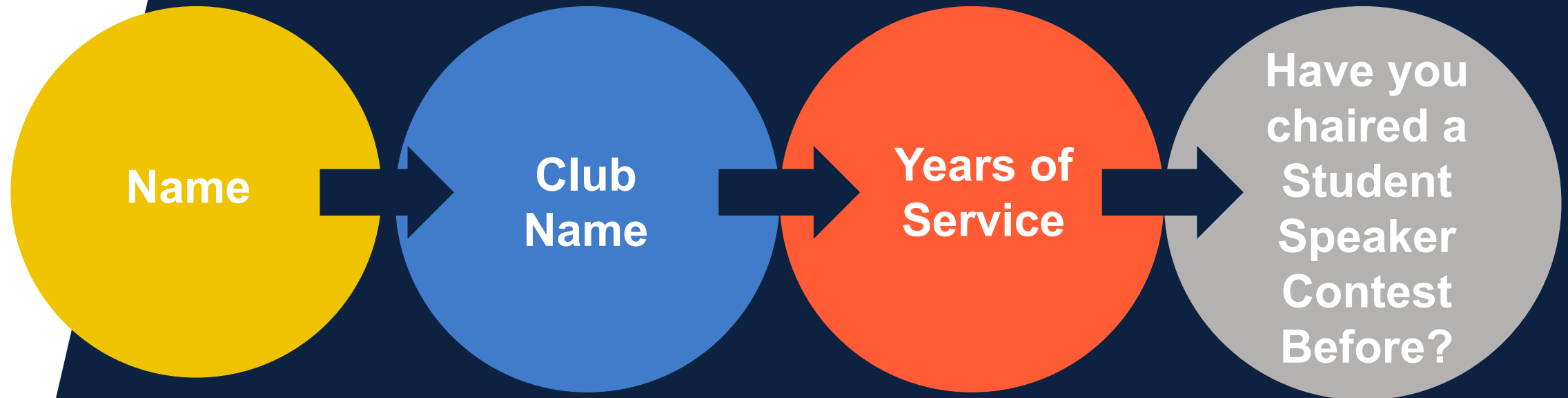
- Stay on Mute unless you have a question or comment
- Questions can be asked by un muting or typing in the chat at any time during the presentation
- Support each other by actively listening and staying engaged





# Introductions

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# District 4L4

**Governor  
Craig Durand**

**Student Speaker Chair  
Lynda Durand**

**Garden Grove Host  
Lions Club**





2023  
Student Speaker  
Contest Topic

**“Social Media:  
Connects us or  
Isolates us?”**





# California Lions Clubs

Multiple District 4, Lions International

## CONTEST DEADLINES

Club: on or before February 24

Zone: on or before March 20

Region: on or before April 17

District: on or before May 8

Note: CHSSA will be April 29-May 1

Area: on or before May 22

Final: June 10<sup>th</sup>, San Diego

Resources for the  
Student Speaker  
contest can be found  
at the [MD4lions.org](http://MD4lions.org)



[Click Here](http://MD4lions.org)



"Never in a million years, did I think I could make the final round, let alone win. Although winning was a plus, I would say that learning to be confident in my ability as a speaker and an individual, would be my greatest takeaway. If someone from the middle of nowhere, can do it, I have faith that you can too. If not at first, "try, try and try again.""

— MD4 CONTEST WINNER Alex Widman

## STUDENT SPEAKERS FOUNDATION

The Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation is a California nonprofit corporation administered by a board of directors and 15 trustees. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide scholarships to augment the prizes awarded to the winners of the California Multiple District Four Student Speakers Program.

This year the Foundation will provide scholarships totaling \$103,500.00. From this amount, each of the fifteen District winners will receive a \$4,500.00 scholarship, each of the four Area winners will receive an additional \$6,500.00 scholarship and the winner of the Multiple District Four Contest will receive an additional \$10,000.00 scholarship.

The assets of the Foundation are invested primarily in federally insured, term accounts to provide the highest rate of return obtainable with maximum guaranteed security for the assets of the Foundation. With this investment policy and with additional income provided through contributions to the Foundation, the Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc. will be able to continue its annual support of the scholarship awards program.

[Learn more](#)



**This year the  
Student Speaker  
Foundation  
Awards  
Scholarships  
totalling**

**\$103,500**



# Awards for Students

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Club Contest (Club pays)

\$100.00 to winner

\$25.00 to each finalist who  
completes minimum time  
requirement

Zone Contest (District pays)

\$150.00 to winner only



Region Contest

\$250.00 to winner only

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# Awards for Students

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District Contests (15)

\$4500.00 scholarship

Area Contests (4)

\$6500.00 scholarship

MD-4 Final Contest (1)

\$10,000.00 scholarship



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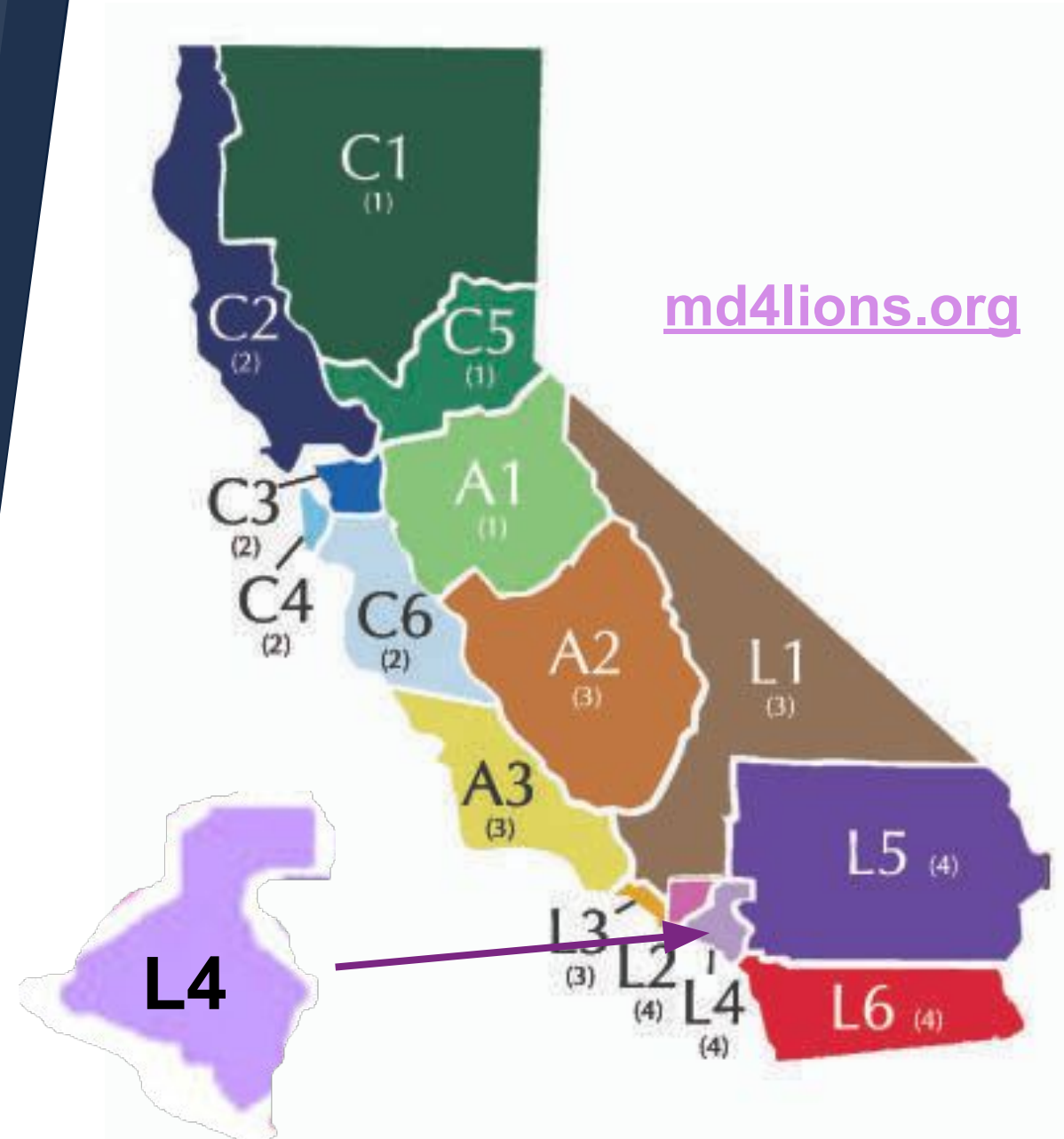
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# CA Lions Clubs MD4





# Student Speaker Contest Purpose

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- To provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to the American people as a whole.
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking.
- To present to the public through the student speakers contests the problems surrounding the maintenance of this commonwealth as a free nation.
- To consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.





# The Student Speakers Contest Handbook

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Everything you need to know, to hold a successful contest is in the Handbook.

Make sure you have the **CURRENT** Handbook and read it thoroughly!

Find the current [Handbook here](#)





## How do we recruit Student Speakers?

- All Students Grade 9-12 residing in MD4
- Foreign Exchange Students
- All High Schools, Jr. High Schools
- Charter, Private and Independent Study
- Home School Students

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No more than six student speakers for club level contests. 3-5 is recommended



# Student Speaker Recruitment Ideas

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- Begin with your Leo Club, if you have one.
- Contact principal at school(s)
  - Get on agenda at Principal's meeting
- May be more effective talking directly with:
  - Speech teachers
  - English teachers
  - Debate coaches
  - Mock Trial coaches
  - International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinators
  - Drama teachers
  - Students themselves





# Networking for Student Speakers

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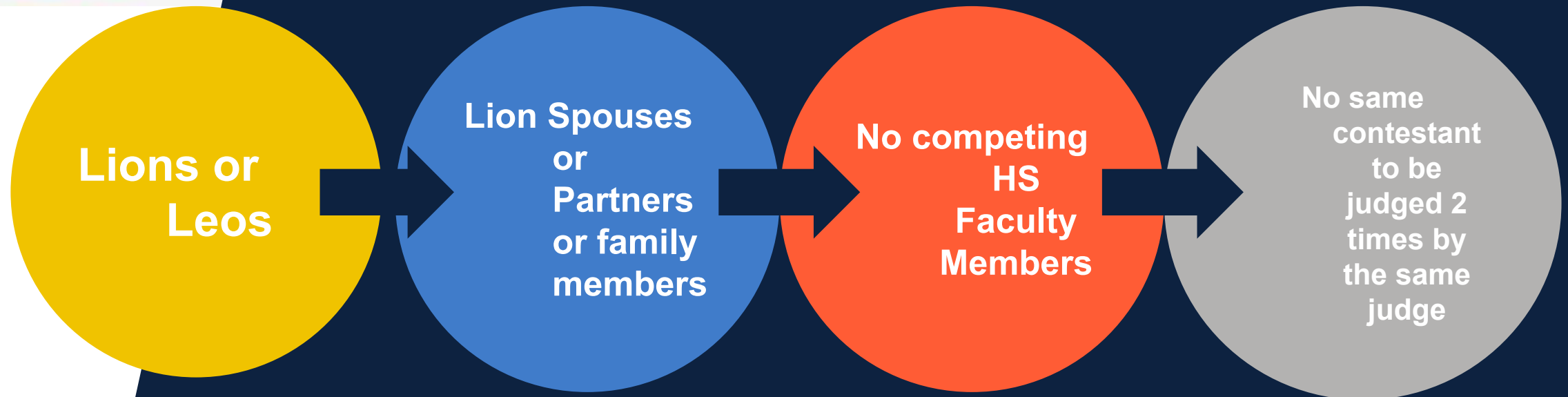
- Once you have established school contact(s) give Handbook to participating teachers and coaches
- Virtual Handbook and all of the resources are available online at <http://studentspeaker.md4lions.org>
- Make certain you exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses and keep in contact.
- Eventually you will need contacts for students who are participating.



# Student Speaker Contest **JUDGES**

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Contest Judges cannot be Lions, Leos or related to Lions or Leos in any way!





# Recruit Contest Judges Early!

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Seek prominent citizens with Public speaking experience such as:

- Toastmasters
- Public officials
- Teachers/College professors
- Attorneys/Judges
- Persons who “work” in the “topic field” (Experts)
- Theater, News or TV Actors

Plan to meet the judges prior to the Contest, keep in contact and send them reminders.





## Judges contd.

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There is a minimum number of judges required for each level of the Student Speaker Contest.

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Club, Zone &  
Region Level

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District, Area &  
Final Contest

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At Least (1)  
alternate judge  
should be selected



# Preparation for the Day of the Contest

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- Book a room with adequate seating, quiet and private with low traffic etc.
  - Adequate sound system; speaker may choose to use or not
- Prepare an Agenda, there is a good example in the handbook.
- Provide printed agendas at the contest
- Provide water for the speakers
- No food or refreshments need be served
- If meal or refreshments are to be served,
  - must be done **after** the contestants are done
  - arrangements should be made to pay for contestants, coaches, judges, and others at your discretion.



# Preparation for the Day of the Contest

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- Contest must not be a part of the regular Lions meeting but can be done prior to or after a meeting.
- Who to Invite..
  - club members
  - Zone Chair
  - 4L4 District Student Speaker Chair
  - 4L4 District Officers & Cabinet
  - Student Speaker Foundation Board Members
  - Community Members and Dignitaries



# Preparation for Students



Keep in contact with each student

- Make certain the contestants know the exact date, time and location
- Have them arrive at least 30 minutes early.
- Encourage them to bring family and/or friends for support
- Meet with the Student and Parent
- Make sure they review the rules through teacher/coach/website
- remind each student that he/she cannot use their name or identify their school, or other form of identification.
- Must result in disqualification



# Remind Students...

- No watches, phones or electronics
- students cannot use their name or identify their school, or other form of identification

Lions: Cover or Remove the Clock from the Room!





# Preparation for Judges

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## Before the Contest

- Confirm with the judge
- Mail or Email the Judges with the Judge's Information & Worksheet before the contest.
- Meet with judges right before contest to review rules/scoring worksheet
- Ask them to bring a short bio or \* share why they volunteered to judge the contest!

\*Note: Introductions of Judges are always done after the student speakers are finished with their speeches!

# Preparation for Judges

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## During the Contest

- Judges should be seated at different tables and should not speak to the students
- Provide judges with a pencil/pen, scratch paper, calculator and clipboard
- Make certain judges fill out the front and sign worksheet when finished
- As soon as judge's sheets are collected, you can start with introductions





# Agenda Sample

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

**Draw of Speaker Order \***

Introductory Remarks (keep it brief,  
sample is in the handbook)

Contest Rules: Read directly from  
the Handbook and no paraphrasing

Call Speakers (by number)

\* A late contestant will not compete if they arrive  
after the draw of speaker order



# Contest Rules

MUST BE READ  
AS PRINTED



## PAGE 14-15 IN THE HANDBOOK

### CONTEST RULES - MUST BE READ AS PRINTED

1. A late contestant shall not compete if arrival time is after the draw of the speaker order for that contest.
2. No one may enter or leave the room while a contestant is speaking. (Call upon Guards to man the doors.) Entry or departure to the room can be made during the intermissions.
3. **No smoking, food or beverages are allowed during the contest, except beverages during intermissions, with the exception, the speakers may drink water during their speech.**
4. Do not applaud the speakers until after the judges' worksheets have been collected.
5. Each speaker will speak for no less than five minutes and no more than ten minutes or penalty/scoring deductions will be applied; no warning signals shall be given.
6. There will be a quiet three-minute intermission between and after speakers, **and as much time as needed after the final speaker, to allow judges to complete scoring.** There shall be no conferring with judges during the contest.
7. No photography, video or audio taping will be allowed during the contest. Only an MD4 video representative will be authorized to record the FINAL CONTEST.
8. All noise-emitting electronic devices such as phones, etc. must be turned off until the contest is completed.
9. **Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the Chairperson before the winner is announced.**
10. The contest Chairperson shall review and verify the Tellers' worksheets before announcing the results.

### THE FOLLOWING ARE CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION - MUST BE READ AS PRINTED

1. Use or display of props of any nature.
2. Uniforms or any method of personal identification, including saying name and school.
3. Failure to give reference source of quoted material in manuscript submitted at Area level.
4. Use of notes above Club level in excess of one 3x5 card both sides, or the Braille equivalent.  
**Note: Use of any and all notes at the Club level is acceptable.**
5. Use of prompters.
6. Publication of speech, except for very brief quotations, in print or electronic media (i.e. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) prior to completion of the Final Contest.

7. Acceptance of awards other than those approved by the Council of Governors of MD4.
8. Participation in more than one Lions Club Contest during the contest year.
9. Watches or electronic devices of any kind shall not be worn or used by the contestants during the Contest.

### STOP HERE

**Violation of these rules must result in disqualification of the speaker by the Chairperson, whose decision shall be final. Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the Chairperson before the winner is announced.**

**Call speakers** only by number in order. Remind audience to not applaud individual speakers during Contest. If only one speaker is present, he/she must still speak and be judged.

**Introduce** speakers and judges only after the Tellers have collected all worksheets and have retired from the room.

**Announce** the winner first and present the award.

**Announce** the date, time and place of the next contest.

**Publicize** the Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc.

**Close the Meeting** this is the official end of the Contest.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The student speakers must draw numbers to determine the order of speaking. Also, the Chairperson should obtain the names, schools, sponsoring Lions Clubs, coaches, etc. for each speaker to use in his/her introductions to be made after the contest.

Contestants and judges must not be introduced by name until after the Contest is completed and the judge's Worksheets have been collected. Contestants should be designated by numbers indicating the order of speaking only.

1. Microphones and speaker's stand should be available for use at option of the speaker.
2. Clocks in the contest rooms must be removed or covered.
3. Watches shall not be worn or used by the contestants during the contest.
4. **Judges and contestants shall not engage in conversation prior to the contest.**
5. Worksheets from the contest shall be kept confidential.
6. No penalty shall be assessed in the event the competitor does not address the chair, or give the topic title.
7. Students must present speeches in person at all levels.



# On the Day of the Contest...

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- Bring all of the Student Speakers Contest Materials
  - Handbooks
  - Judges' Worksheets (have extra copies available)
  - Timers' Worksheets
  - Tellers' Worksheets
  - Students' & Judges' Certificates
- Pens and pencils for judges, timers, and tellers
- Stopwatches or cell phones may be used, but on silent
- Calculators
- Clipboards



# Instructions to Timers

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- Three Timers are recommended
- The Timers shall submit to the Tellers, in writing an Official Timers Worksheet
- The time is recorded in minutes and seconds
- The official time shall be the average of the three timers worksheets
- Timing begins when the speaker first speaks, not at the conclusion of their salutation to the chair and audience
- NO warning signal shall be given to the contestants by the Time keeper or any one.





# Instructions for Tellers

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- There must be at least 2 tellers at each contest
- Collect Timers' Worksheets and average time scores
- Collect Judges' Worksheets and check their scores for accuracy
- Follow instructions on Teller's Worksheet to determine winner
  - The one who has earned the majority of 1<sup>st</sup> places (more than 50%) shall be declared the winner. (Must take into account a 2% penalty for every partial minute below 5 minutes or in excess of 10 minutes)
  - For Tied Speakers follow the instructions on the Tellers worksheet



# During the Contest Remember to...

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- Call up each speaker by their number (not by their name)
- If only one speaker is present, he/she must still speak and be judged.
- Provide water at podium for each speaker
- Provide a Three-minute “quiet” intermission between speakers



# After the Students Speak

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- First Introduce the judges, have them share their background and why they chose to participate
- Present them each with certificate printed in a professional manner in certificate holder or frame
- Later you can discuss Lionism with them. Invite them to your next meeting.
- Provide a thank-you note to each of the judges
- Provide judges info on Student Speakers Foundation

# After the Contest

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- Next Introduce each student
- Present a Certificate to each student in a professional manner
- Ask Student to share:
  - Name, school, grade, college interested in attending, major and introduce family/coach etc. in attendance





# After the Contest

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- Verify the tellers' worksheets before announcing the results
- Be certain of the Speaker's number before making any announcement of winner
- Announce the winner ONLY!
  - Present the award
  - Present certificates to finalists



# Contest Chair

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In the unfortunate event that a student must be disqualified please remember to be oh so kind, respectful and spare EVERYONE, especially the speaker any public humiliation or embarrassment.

And remember you are the final decision maker.

- Allow student to start/continue their speech.
- Meet with Tellers to advise a student has been disqualified. Make sure Tellers do not discuss this with anyone
- No public statement of disqualification, to anyone ever.

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# Final Responsibilities

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- Make sure the Teller's Worksheet is completed in its entirety.
- Send/deliver the Teller's Worksheet, Judges' Worksheets and Contest winner form to Chairperson at next level contest.
  - club to Zone
  - Zone to Region
- Zone & Region Chairs upon receipt of the above material, send a copy of the form letter of congratulations to that contest winner.



# Final Responsibilities

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- Provide the contest winner with a Student Speaker Contest Handbook before they leave on the day of the contest.
- Share the Date of the next level contest with the student.
- Remind Students of their obligation to complete the contest and arrive to contests on time. Scheduling conflicts are the student's responsibility to resolve.





# Final Responsibilities

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- Personally contact your level winner at least one week prior to the next contest to make certain that they are prepared and know when and where the next contest is being held.
- Announce all level contests at your Club meeting and in your bulletin.
- Encourage your Lions Club members to attend the next level Contests and support your winner.





# Have a Terrific Contest!!

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- Be Prepared!
- **Read the Handbook from cover to cover one more time!**
- Talk to a Lion who has chaired the contest in the past.
- Don't forget to introduce Lion dignitaries and City Officials if they are there (after the judges introduction)
- If you have any concerns or are in doubt about a decision, take your time, confidentially consult with other Lions who are experienced with running the contest.



# District 4L4 Student Speaker Contest Chair

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Garden Grove Host Lions Club

