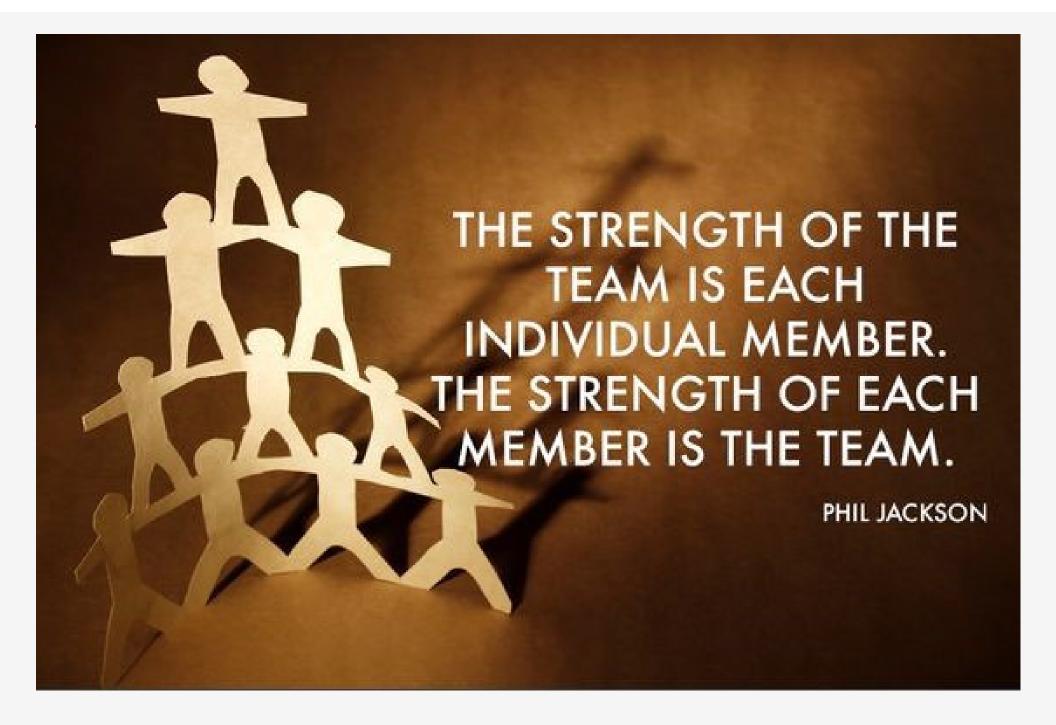
Welcome District 26!



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

District 26 Executive Committee Installation | Meeting & Area & Division Director Training

September 9, 2023



Speech Contests Format decision

Considerations for the 2024 Contest season

Area, Division and District can be a different format

In-Person Online Or Hybrid

Speech Contests Format decision

2020 & 2021
Speech Contests
- online only - no fee to attend.

2022 Speech Contests online only - winners announced at on-site Hybrid Watch Party at the Conference held at the Double-Tree by Hilton.

Hybrid Audio Visual Charges (\$7,010.53 + Whova \$2,239.00; 24 online attendees; 66 in person



2023 Speech Contests Hybrid – District – all 7 competed in person

All Judges were in person. Audio Visual cost \$9,586.89; 9 online attendees

Consider all the Costs, In time, Money and stress

In-Person

- Tested, tried and true
- Better Speaker and Audience engagement
- Equal playing field

Online

- Little to no cost
- Free access to watch
- Equal playing field

Hybrid

- Very expensive for very little impact or participation
- Strain on the Area and division directors
- Video, sound and room dynamics will affect the overall quality

District 26 recommends the online or In-person platform

For all levels

Make better use of the District resources
Less stress for the Area and Division Directors
Give back to the members
Create an equal playing field

