

District Campaigns and “Showcasing”

Campaigns for District Office

All candidates may distribute campaign materials at area and division speech contests. All candidates are allowed to display campaign materials in a candidates corner at these events, provided space is available for the candidates corner and all candidates have equal access to it. Campaign materials may not be placed on walls, chairs or tables outside of the candidates corner.

Campaign speeches are not permitted at any area speech contest, division speech contest or other district non-election meeting except the district conference. At the discretion of the area or division governor responsible for the speech contest, candidates present at the contest may be introduced to the audience if all candidates present are introduced.

All candidates, including floor candidates, for district office in contested races may be allowed to speak at the district conference at a time other than during the annual district meeting. These campaign speeches must be given at an appropriate time, place and length, as identified by the district governor, provided that all candidates are given an equal opportunity and are properly notified.

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All candidates may distribute campaign materials at the district conference, and all candidates are allowed to display campaign materials in the candidates corner at a district conference. Campaign materials may not be placed on walls, chairs or tables, or handed out at educational sessions, meal functions or the district hospitality suite.

All candidates are allowed to give educational presentations at district conferences, provided the presentations conform to the needs of the district, and provided that all candidates for the same office are given an equal opportunity.

The only hospitality suite permitted at a district conference is the one provided and operated by the district, with no contribution from any candidate. The provision of a hospitality suite is, however, at the discretion of the district governor.

(District Leadership Handbook)

Per TI headquarters, paragraph two above means that candidates for elected office (DG, LGET, LGM, Division Governor) are NOT to serve as Toastmaster, Chief Judge or Test Speaker at any Area, Division or District-level speech contest in District 28 during the Winter 2010 contest season. (That means nothing with a speaking role. If you're Chief Timer, have the Chief Judge read the timing rules.) For any current Area and Division Governor running for an elected office, this includes your own speech contest. This holds for contested AND uncontested races.

This is not simply a guideline. It's a TI rule. Please honor it!

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