

## **Contest Judges' Ethics Code**

- C Judges shall avoid any kind of bias in selecting first, second, or third place contestants.
- C Judges shall consider no contestant's club, area, division, or district affiliation.
- C Judges shall consider no contestant's age, gender, race, creed, national origin, profession, or political beliefs.
- C Judges shall demonstrate the utmost objectivity and impartiality.
- C Judges shall time no speeches. Judges shall make no effort to determine whether any contestant's speech was under time, over time, or within time.
- C Judges shall support by word and deed the contest rules and judging standards.
- C Judges shall refrain from public criticism of the contest.
- C Judges shall reveal neither scores nor any contestant's ranking on their ballot.
- C Judges shall score no contestant based on any contestant's drawn speaking order.
- C Judges shall always conduct themselves in a professional manner.