

# **Toastmaster of the Year Guidelines and Rules District 19**

The Toastmaster of the Year Award is one way for the District to recognize those individual contributions which give greater meaning to the Toastmaster mission. The Award recognizes the value of individual members' contribution to the strength, diversity and longevity of a Club. The Toastmaster of the Year Award acknowledges members who, through their actions, contribute to the mission of the Club, mission of the District and the Distinguished Club Program.

1. Each member is encouraged to keep their own checklist throughout the Toastmaster year to monitor and encourage their own Toastmaster achievements.
2. For the District 19 Toastmaster of the Year Award (TMOTY), achievements will be validated for the just completed Toastmaster year (July 1 through June 30) prior to a Fall Conference.
3. A District Director, Region Advisor, International Director or International Officer is eligible for this award three (3) years after leaving office. District 19 Executive Committee members, during the competition year, are not eligible. The reigning Toastmaster of the Year Award winner is not eligible to compete and shall act as an emissary at Toastmaster events to promote the TMOTY award. The reigning TMOTY winner shall be a member of the TMOTY selection committee for the following year.
4. Contestants must have been members during the competition year and remain in good standing with Toastmasters International.
5. Each club may submit one (1) contestant in the Area Toastmaster of the Year competition. A member can represent only one (1) club. Two club officers must sign the candidate's completed worksheet. The worksheet is submitted, with the candidate's biographical profile, to their Area Director no less than one (1) week prior to the Area contest. Any applications handed in after the Area Contest will not be accepted.
6. The biographical profile of the contestant should incorporate aspects and utilization of Toastmasters' program, education, training and experiences not identified on the worksheet.
7. The Area winner is selected by the Area Director or designated representative. The Area winner will be the contestant with the most points. The Area winner is announced at the Area Conference. Following the Area competition, the Area Director will sign and forward the competition materials of the Area winner's to the Division Director. Non-winning entries will be held by the Area Director until the results of the final contest has been determined.
8. The Division winner is selected by the Division Director or designated representative. The Division winner will be the contestant with the most points. The Division winner is announced at the Division Conference. Following the Division competition, the Division Director will sign and forward the competition materials of the Division winner to the

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Immediate Past District Director. Non-winning entries will be held by the Division Director until the results of the final contest has been determined.

9. Prior to the District Conference the District Toastmaster of the Year selection committee shall confirm the District Toastmaster of the Year finalists and announce them. There can be up to five (5) District finalists (one from each Division). The District winner will be the finalist with the most points.
10. Each Division finalist will present a two to three minute speech on Friday evening at the Fall District Conference before the total assembly. This speech is solely to introduce the District candidates to the membership. If a candidate cannot attend they may submit a video or ask someone to speak on their behalf.
11. The reigning Toastmaster of the Year shall host the Toastmaster of the Year Showcase, and assist with the award presentation to the new Toastmaster of the Year recipient. The District Toastmaster of the Year Award winner shall be announced at the Fall Conference.
12. Challenges will be handled at each level (Area/Division/District) by the appropriate district officer at that level.