



Toastmaster Contest Role: Timer

- Timing begins when the speaker utters his or her first word, makes a definitive gesture, or otherwise indicates that the speech has begun.
- If you are using timing cards, keep them up the entire time. For example, do not just flash the green card for two seconds when the minimum time is reached. The speaker might not see the card or remember that it was shown.
- Unlike club meetings, Timers do not give the timing rules before the speeches. Also, **they do not give any indication that the speaker has gone over time.** They simply note the time on the Time Record Sheet and the Chief Judge will handle it from there.
- Do not turn off the red light or remove the red card if the speaker goes over time.
- Both Timers should have a stopwatch and should keep time separately.
- You will be given one Time Record Sheet to be shared by both Timers. You will need to agree between you what the times were and provide a single time on the sheet for each contestant.
- Give the Time Record Sheet to the Chief Judge at the end of each contest.
- No more than one signal light may be on at one time.
- Timing is as follows:

Contest Type	Timeframe	Disqualified	Green	Yellow	Red	Disqualified
International & Humorous	5 to 7 minutes	Less than 4 minutes	5 minutes	6 minutes	7 minutes	More than 7 ½ minutes
Table Topics	1 to 2 minutes	Less than 1 minute	1 minute	1 ½ minutes	2 minutes	More than 2 ½ minutes
Evaluation	2 to 3 minutes	Less than 1 ½ minutes	2 minutes	2 ½ minutes	3 minutes	More than 3 ½ minutes
Tall Tales	3 to 5 minutes	Less than 2 ½ minutes	3 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes	More than 5 ½ minutes