

### **Contest Dates**

Each contest must be held separately and be completed by the following dates regardless of the number of contestants competing:

CLUB LEVEL.....on or before January 13, 2018

ZONE LEVEL.....on or before February 10, 2018

REGION LEVEL.....on or before March 10, 2018

DISTRICT LEVEL.....on April 7, 2018

in Las Vegas, NV

**The Zone, Region, and District Contest dates should be officially announced at the Club level contest. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each Contest Chairperson to set and communicate the date, time, and place of his/her respective contest to all other Chairpersons, at least two weeks prior to the club level contest. (See Appendix 1.) *Failure to complete the contests by the above dates shall disqualify the winners thereof from further competition that year.***

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION:**

1. USE OR DISPLAY OF PROPS
2. SELF INTRODUCTION, UNIFORMS OR ANY METHOD OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION
3. FAILURE TO GIVE REFERENCE SOURCES OF QUOTED MATERIAL
4. USE OF NOTES ABOVE CLUB LEVEL IN EXCESS OF **ONE 3 X 5 CARD**
5. USE OF PROMPTERS
6. PUBLICATION OF SPEECH, EXCEPT FOR VERY BRIEF QUOTATIONS, IN ANY MEDIA PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE FINAL CONTEST
7. PARTICIPATION IN MORE THAN ONE LIONS CLUB CONTEST DURING THE CONTEST YEAR
8. UNAUTHORIZED AWARDS GIVEN
9. CONTESTS NOT COMPLETED BY THE DESIGNATED DATE DEADLINES
10. SUBSTITUTION OF A **FINALIST** FOR AN ANNOUNCED **WINNER** IS PROHIBITED

***Violation of these rules must result in disqualification of the speaker by the Chairperson, whose decision shall be final. Any protest relative to the contest must be made in writing to the Chairperson before the winner is announced.***