

# How to Run a Guest Inviting Contest

## Before The Contest

1. Discuss and decide as a club to hold the contest
2. Choose the begin and end date for the contest
  - a. I suggest making them long enough in duration to cover 4 - 8 meetings.
3. Choose/find a prize for the contest.
  - a. Make the prize worth competing for, no mugs or pens. Assuming you break the club into teams, the prize should be something that can be enjoyed by the whole team.
  - b. My personal favorite is the losing team(s) organizes a potluck dinner or a pizza party for the club.
4. Choose a method of measuring success (see below)
5. Break the Club up into Teams
  - a. I suggest splitting the club into halves or thirds, depending upon the size of your club. You do this randomly, but you might also decide on men vs women, old vs young, eastsiders vs westsiders. Do whatever will create a sense of fun competition and camaraderie.
  - b. I suggest asking each team to choose a team captain, whose primary job is to remind their team members to invite a guest and to be the team cheerleader.
6. Have a senior member of the club give a talk on how to invite someone to be a guest.

## During the Contest

1. Members invite guests to the club
2. All guests sign in and write down who invited them
3. The VPM's team keeps track of points per team.
  - a. Having a poster board with a running total, on display at every meeting, might add incentive.

## After the Contest

- Total the points and announce the winning team.
- Arrange for the prize

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## One Method of Measuring Success

- Points are given to the team if the guest lists a team member as the inviter
- Points are earned as follows:
  - Bring a new guest = 3 points (this is the very first time the guest has attended this club AND they are not currently a Toastmaster)
  - A guest returns = 1 point (no matter when the guest first visited the club, the team gets a point if the guest lists you as the inviter for this visit AND they are not currently a Toastmaster)
  - Sponsoring a new member = 5 points (the new member must name you as their sponsor AND they can already be a Toastmaster)
- Modify this Measurement Method as makes sense to you, for ease of record keeping and making the contest fun.

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## Scoring Sheet

- 3 pts - Bring a new guest
- 1 pt - A guest returns
- 5 pts - Sponsoring a new member

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Team A</u>	<u>Team B</u>	<u>Team C</u>
Date 1			
Date 2			
Date 3			
Date 4			
Total			