So You’ve Joined Toastmasters. Now What?

New Member Orientation
The Agenda (aka)  “Tell ‘em what you’re gonna tell ‘em.”

- Your goals
- Club meeting roles
- The Toastmasters Pathways learning experience
- Mentoring
- Leadership opportunities
- Next steps
- Member support and club expectations
What are your goals?

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS
Our objective is to help you meet your goals.

If you filled out our OPEN HOUSE INTEREST form, then you probably indicated what area of public speaking and/or leadership you are attracted to.

Example: Anybody here want to be on or start a podcast when you get out?
How can we support you?

▸ Is there anything specific you want us to do to help you meet your goals?

▸ Do you want to set your own timeframes, or do you want us to nudge you to participate?
# Club Meeting Roles

Each role player has a unique set of responsibilities representing specific skills for you to explore. Roles include the following:

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Club Meeting Roles – cont.

Table Topics Master (conversation starter)
General Evaluator (coach)

Speaker (presenter)
Evaluator (feedback giver)
Serving as Toastmaster is an excellent way to practice **planning**, **time management**, **motivation**, and **team-building skills**.

We recommend waiting until you have observed a few meetings.
Grammarian and Ah Counter

These are good roles to begin your Toastmasters experience with.

The grammarian and the ah counter have many opportunities to sharpen their listening skills.
Timer and Vote Counter

The vote counter is a great role for new members. The timer has an important role to play in determining who qualifies for a ribbon.

The timer role builds skills of organization, time management, active listening, and leadership.
Table Topics Master

We recommend waiting until you have observed a few examples. Ask the question, then choose a speaker.

A Table Topics Master practices leadership, planning, time management, and motivation skills.
Table Topics® Speaker

Pass if you are not ready to speak between 1-2 minutes. Take up to 30 seconds to prepare if needed.

This role practices putting impromptu thoughts together in a concise and time-managed way.
We recommend giving your first speech as soon as possible. It is called an Ice Breaker. It is where you introduce yourself to the group.

Skills include **planning**, **time management**, and **public speaking** skills.
General Evaluator and Evaluators

We recommend waiting until you have observed a few meetings.

As evaluator, skills practiced are **listening, critical thinking, providing feedback, team-building, and motivation.**
The Toastmasters Educational Programming

There are 11 unique paths to help you achieve your goals. Each path features 5 levels.
What’s your Path?

Printed Paths
(our members have these 5)

- Presentation Mastery
- Dynamic Leadership
- Leadership Development
- Strategic Relationships
- Team Collaboration

New Paths
(don’t have access yet)

- Effective Coaching
- Engaging Humor
- Innovative Planning
- Visionary Communication
- Motivational Strategies
- Persuasive Influence
Mentoring

As a Toastmaster, you get to experience being mentored as well as being a mentor. Mentors encourage, guide, and support other members reach their goals and help them achieve more than they thought possible.
Your first project: The Ice Breaker

Everyone begins with this Level 1 project in all the Paths.
Awards and recognition
Recognition of achievements

In addition to the applause you will receive, you can earn a variety of ribbons during meetings.

We’re working on getting official Toastmaster pins for every member that doesn’t have one.
Club Expectations and Policies

- You must attend meetings. Unexcused absences are highly discouraged.
- Our dress code: Shirts tucked, ID badges, TM name tag.
- Our club culture is based on respect and a commitment to improve.
- If you are charged and found guilty while a member of Ridgeland Toastmasters, you cannot attend meetings for 3 months.
Questions/Concerns/Answers
Thank you for attention!

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