

ICS Questions and Answers

Q - Length of ICS –

A - 8 weeks (exception might be starting a new club via ICS)

Q-What is the maximum number of people for an ICS program?

A- ICS has been used to start many Toastmasters Clubs. That means 20+ participants. The 8 weeks can be extended if needed so that all participants will be able to complete the minimum completion requirements of 3 prepared speeches, 2 evaluations, and 2 impromptu speeches. Try to complete the educational sessions in 7 or 8 weeks.

Caution: If too many of the educational session are given as speeches (instead of a Meeting or Table Topic themes, group discussions, or workshops) the ICS participants may think that they should use such manual speeches as body language or visual aids to “lecture” about those subjects rather than as points of emphasis in their speech.

For:

-Established clubs who meet **every week**: 6 – 8 participants (that’s 18 to 24 speaking spots taken at regular meetings which could overwhelm the club programming.) Consider having a few extra meetings outside regular club meetings to take the strain. If more than 8 consider having your sessions on an alternate day or time.

-Your club has **only an hour** to meet, hold your ICS program on a different time and/or day than your regular meetings if you expect more than 3 or 4 participants.

-If your club meets on 1st and 3rd or 2nd and 4th – Have 4 of the meeting with the regular club meeting and 4 on “off” weeks. (The example schedule shows this.) Maximum number 12 – 14. (Schedule a lot of ICS speeches and introductions on the “off” meeting weeks.)

Q- What manuals should be used?

A- For new members who have a CC manual, they should continue to make speeches from this manual. The other ICS participants should get a Speechcraft Handbook. If they join your club at the end of the program, they will have made their first 3 speeches in the CC manual.

Q- Should we pay initiation fee for ICS participants who become TMs?

A-We charge \$40 per participant. If they join our club, we pay both the club and Toastmaster International’s initiation fee. (We have found that we still maintain a healthy treasury.)

