

Sandbelt Toastmasters – Round Robin Guidelines

Round Robin Master

The **Round Robin Master** presents a topic or a rolling story, which is then responded to by each person present in turn. Visitors may choose to pass. You start the story and the next person picks up from where you stopped. You have a total of 6 mins for everyone to respond.

The RR story goes sequentially around the room from the first person you pick. You can pick any person to be the first to follow on, just as long as you go all the way around the room.

- **Make sure your introduction is short** (<15 seconds); you don't need to embellish the story that's for your audience to do.
- Keep the story moving by ringing the bell or banging the gavel and remember the pace of the story is in your hands.
- It's vital that you don't go over time. If there are lots of people in the audience, you'll have to allow less time to each speaker. Watch the time - speed it up if you need to. Or if time permits—continue around the room again and stop when the red light goes on.
- Before you start advise the guests they can pass if they choose.
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You don't need an elaborate idea to get the story going. You could start with something as simple as *"It was a dark and stormy night..."*
Remember - Round Robin is not about you. It's a warm up routine that everyone needs to take part in. Long introductions mean that there will be less time for people to speak.