



# Furbusher / Guest Introducer

Help guests feel welcome and give them a safe first speaking moment.

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## Purpose

The Furbusher is a Ballito club role that helps guests feel seen, welcomed, and comfortable speaking briefly. It is similar in spirit to Table Topics, but the focus is guest introduction rather than impromptu challenge.

## Before the meeting

- Check with the VP Membership or Sergeant at Arms for guest cards.
- During the break, ask each guest whether they are comfortable saying a few words.
- Keep the explanation simple and reassuring.
- Confirm the available time with the Toastmaster.

## How to introduce the role

Good evening, fellow Toastmasters and welcome guests. This short session gives our guests a chance to introduce themselves to the club. Each guest is invited to speak for up to one minute, but participation is completely optional.

## Running the session

- Thank the Toastmaster or Table Topics Master for the handover.
- Briefly explain the purpose.
- Invite guests one at a time.
- Use the guest card only to help with the introduction.
- Ask for one short story, interest, or reason for visiting.
- Keep the session warm and low-pressure.
- Thank each guest and lead the applause.

## Guest prompt options

- What brought you to Ballito Toastmasters tonight?
- What is one thing you would like to become more confident doing?
- Tell us one interesting thing about yourself.
- What kind of speaking situation would you like to handle better?

## Timing

Each guest should speak for no more than 1 minute unless the agenda allows more time.

## After the session

- Return guest cards to the VP Membership.
- Hand back clearly to the Toastmaster.
- Let the VP Membership know if any guest showed strong interest in joining.

# Ballito Toastmasters Club

Meeting Role Guide



## Ballito standard

Guests are never put on the spot. Invite, encourage, and make it easy to decline. The win is a guest who leaves feeling respected and welcome.

## Source basis

- Ballito Toastmasters local Furbusher notes.
- Toastmasters International Table Topics and guest-friendly meeting role principles:  
<https://www.toastmasters.org/membership/club-meeting-roles>