

# Tall Tales and International Speech Contest

## District 30 Contest Toastmaster's Script

### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*(Note to Contest Toastmaster: In this script, things you are to **do** are described in italic text like this. Things you are to **say** are in "regular text with quotation marks like this.")*

*In your own words, welcome everyone. Be sure to point out the locations of exits and restrooms. Remind everyone to turn off any device that makes noise.*

*Recognize all District 30 dignitaries who are present. Follow the sequence of the dignitaries sheet. Protocol for this announcement is to give the person's position, title and Toastmasters educational level (if available).*

### **Announcement of the Agenda**

"We will have two contests today (this evening): the Tall Tales Speech Contest and the International Speech Contest.

"The first contest will be the Tall Tales Speech Contest.

"When that contest is concluded, we will take a short break. Following the break, we will hold the International Speech Contest."

## Tall Tales Speech Contest Overview & Introduction

“Before we begin, we ask that you silence or turn off your cell phones now for the duration of these contests. Also, please do not record any contestant presentations without their consent.

“Contestants, timers, ballot counters and the Sergeant-at-Arms have all been briefed on their responsibilities prior to the beginning of this contest. Everyone is aware of the Toastmasters International rules that govern this contest.

“Once the contest has begun, the Sergeant-at-Arms will secure the doors. No one should enter or leave the room during the contestants’ presentations. There will be one (1) minute of silence between contestants, and you may enter or leave the room during this time. After all the contestants have finished their presentations, the judges will be given as much time as they need to complete their ballots. Please remain silent until the Chief Judge announces that all ballots have been collected.

“To manage the minutes of silence, I will ask the timer to please display the green timing signal when one minute is up.

“Thank you and now – LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!!!

“Here is the speaking order for the Tall Tales Speech Contest:”

Contestant No.1 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.2 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.3 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.4 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.5 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.6 \_\_\_\_\_

## Contestant Presentations

“We will now begin the Contestants’ Presentations. “

*NOTE: Introduce all contestants in exactly this same manner.*

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #1** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

“Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.

Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute.”

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #2** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

*"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.*

*Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."*

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #3** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #3** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

*"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.*

*Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."*

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #4** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.

Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #5** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tall Tales Speech Contestant #5** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.

Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

Tall Tales Speech Contestant #6 \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tall Tales Speech Contestant #6 \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

**NOTE:** *After the final contestant has spoken, announce the following:*

*"Judges, you may now have all the time you require to complete your ballots. Audience members, please remain silent and in your seats until the judges submit their ballots."*

*Wait until the Chief Judge announces that all the ballots have been collected. Lead the audience in applause as the Chief Judge and Ballot Counters leave the room to tabulate the results.*

## **Announcements**

“We will get to know our contestants after the International Speech Contestants have finished their presentations.

Winners will be announced following the International Speech Contest

Now we will hear from (name of District Leader or person making announcements), who will tell us about upcoming events in District 30.”

*Lead the applause and announce a break as follows.*

See you back in \_\_\_\_ minutes for the International Speech Contest.

## International Speech Contest Overview and Introduction

“Please be seated for our next contest, the International Speech Contest. As a reminder, if you used your cell phone during the break, please ensure that it is set on silent or turn it off. Also, remember that we ask you to not record any contestant presentation without their consent.

Once the contest has begun, the Sergeant-at-Arms will secure the doors. No one should enter or leave the room during the contestants’ presentations. You may do so if time permits during the minute of silence between presentations. After the contestants have finished their presentations, please remain silent until the Chief Judge announces that all ballots have been collected.

Thank you and now – LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!!!

Here is the speaking order for the International Speech Contest:”

Contestant No.1 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.2 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.3 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.4 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.5 \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant No.6 \_\_\_\_\_

We will now begin the Contestants’ Presentations.”

**International Speech Contestant #1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**International Speech Contestant #1** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.

Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired, then announce the next contestant in the same manner. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**International Speech Contestant #2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**International Speech Contestant #2** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.

Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired, then announce the next contestant in the same manner. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**International Speech Contestant #3** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**International Speech Contestant #3** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.

Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired, then announce the next contestant in the same manner. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**International Speech Contestant #4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**International Speech Contestant #4** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.

Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired, then announce the next contestant in the same manner. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**International Speech Contestant #5** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**International Speech Contestant #5** \_\_\_\_\_

*When the speaker reaches the speaking area, shake their hand. The speaker will say, "Thank you Contest Chair/Toastmaster." You reply, "You're welcome." Then, leave the speaking area so the speaker has the stage.*

*After the speaker has concluded their presentation:*

*"Judges: you now have one minute to mark your ballots.*

*Timer, please display the green timing signal after one (1) minute."*

*NOTE: Wait for the Timer to indicate that one minute has expired, then announce the next contestant in the same manner. When you receive the 1-minute signal, thank the timer and confirm that the timer has turned off/removed the green signal. Then proceed to announce the next contestant in the same manner.*

**International Speech Contestant #6** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**International Speech Contestant #6** \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: **After the final contestant has spoken**, announce the following:*

*"Judges, you may now have all the time you require to complete your ballots. Audience members, please remain silent and in your seats until the judges submit their ballots."*

*Wait until the Chief Judge announces that all the ballots have been collected. Lead the audience in applause as the Chief Judge and Ballot Counters leave the room to tabulate the results.*

## Contestant Interviews

“Let’s get to know our contestants.”

### Tall Tales Speech Contestants

“First, we will interview our Tall Tales Speech Contestants in the order in which they spoke. Please give them a round of applause as they join me on stage.”

*Lead the applause.*

*Ask the following questions of each contestant. Wait for a response before asking the next one:*

*(Contestant’s name):*

- “How long have you been in Toastmasters?”
- “What club are you representing?”
- “What is your Toastmasters education level?”
- **Ask One** general interview question, using the contestant profile form for material (keep this as brief as you can).

*After each contestant’s final answer, thank them, present them with their Certificate of Participation and shake their hand or bow (depending on the contestant’s preference). Direct them to the end of the line but have them remain on stage. After the last contestant has been interviewed, lead one final applause for contestants and direct them back to their seats.*

## International Speech Contestants

“Now, we will interview our International Speech Contestants in the order they spoke. Please give them a round of applause as they join me on stage.”

*Lead the applause.*

*Ask the following questions of each contestant. Wait for a response before asking the next one:*

*(Contestant’s name):*

- “How long have you been in Toastmasters?”
- “What club are you representing?”
- “What is your Toastmasters education level?”
- **Ask One** general interview question, using the contestant profile form for material (keep this as brief as you can).

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*Lead applause.*

*Introduce the Contest Chair, who will lead the announcement of winners.*

Contest Chair \_\_\_\_\_

## Announcement of Tall Tales Speech Contest Winners by the Contest Chair

*Thank the Contest Toastmaster by name and lead applause.*

Contest Toastmaster \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the list of contest functionaries (EXCEPT JUDGES and thank them all at once. [Note: certificates for functionaries should be distributed beforehand or after the contest has been adjourned.]*
- *Invite any/all members of the District 30 TRIO (If present) to come to the stage to help present the Awards.*
- *Suggest that all contestants remain to pose for public relations photos.*
- *Suggest that all winners and appropriate dignitaries remain for photos.*

At this time, we will announce the winners of the (state club name, or Area, or Division, or District that the contest is for) Tall Tales Speech Contest .

- *If there have been any disqualifications for timing, say so now but **do not** name any disqualified contestants or if any other disqualifications occurred.*
- *Announce the order of winners for each contest separately and **in reverse order** (3rd place, 2nd place, 1st place).*
- *Use either the certificates provided or the completed results form and read the names exactly as written.*
- *No more comments or announcements are to be made following the announcement of winners.*

## **Announcement of International Speech Contest Winners by the Contest Chair**

At this time, we will announce the winners of the (state club name, or Area, or Division, or District that the contest is for) International Speech Contest .

- *If there have been any disqualifications for timing, say so now but **do not** name any disqualified contestants or if any other disqualifications occurred*
- *Announce the order of winners for each contest separately and **in reverse order** (3rd place, 2nd place, 1st place).*
- *Use either the certificates provided or the completed results form and read the names exactly as written.*
- ***No more comments or announcements are to be made following the announcement of winners.***

**“These Contests are adjourned!”**