**INTERNATIONAL SPEECH AND**

**TALL TALES CONTEST**

* Area Director / Division Director (or other): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calls meeting to order.
* AD / DivD (or other): calls for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to lead Pledge of Allegiance and/or give inspiration (both optional).
* AD / DivD (or other): introduces Contest Toastmaster: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CONTEST TOASTMASTER

1. Give opening remarks.
2. **Ask audience to turn off any device that makes noise**.
3. Recognize dignitaries

Read information exactly as on district dignitary list from left to right for those dignitaries present.

(Announce:)

“We will have two contests: The International Speech and the Tall TalesContests.The first contest will be the Tall Tales Contest. When that contest has concluded wewill have a 10 minute break. After the break, we will conduct the International Speech Contest.”

(Announce:)

“Contestants, timers, ballot counters, and sergeants at arms have all been briefed prior to the beginning of this contest. Everyone is aware of the Toastmasters International rules that govern this contest. 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. We would prefer that you not take pictures, particularly with flash cameras, while the contestants are speaking. For this contest, the speaking area has been determined to be: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“Contestants, please stand.”

The speaking order for the Tall Tales Contest is:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Announce:)

“There will be one (1) minute of silence before the first contestant and between each contestant.Time Keepers, whenI advise you to do so, please signal me with the green light when one (1) minute is up. After all contestants have spoken, the judges will be given all the time they need to complete their ballots.”

“Time Keepers, please time one minute of silence for the first contestant now."

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing first contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(First contestant delivers Tall Tales speech)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

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“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Second contestant delivers Tall Tales speech)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Third contestant delivers Tall Tales speech)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Fourth contestant delivers Tall Tales speech)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Fifth contestant delivers Tall Tales speech)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Sixth contestant delivers Tall Tales speech)

After last contestant speaks, announce the following:

(Announce:)

“Everyone please remain silent while the judges have all the time they need to complete their ballots and have them collected by the Ballot Counters.”

Ballot counters collect ballots and Chief Judge collects the timer’s report. Chief Judge leaves room with ballot counters to tabulate results.

Lead applause when Chief Judge and Ballot Counters make their exit.

(Announce:)

“Now let’s hear from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the upcoming District 25 Conference.” (Lead applause)

(Announce:)

“Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We will now have a 10-minute break. Please enjoy the refreshments. We will resume our contest in ten minutes.”

Ask Time Keepers to time 10 minutes for the break. (Have them give you an indication at 8 or 9 minutes so that you will be ready to start on time).

**INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST**

(Announce:)

“Please be seated. We will now conduct the Humorous Speech Contest.If you used your cellphone during the break, please ensure that it is now off or in silent mode. Once the contest has begun, the Sergeant at Arms will secure the doors. The speaking area for this contest is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Members of the audience are asked to refrain from leaving or entering the room during the contest. Again, we would prefer that you not take pictures, particularly with flash cameras, while the contestants are speaking. After the contest, please do not leave the room until it is determined that all ballots have been collected.”

“The speaking order for the International Speech Contest is:

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

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

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

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

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

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

“There will be one (1) minute of silence before the first contestant and between each contestant. Time Keepers, whenI advise you to do so, please signal me with the green light when one (1) minute is up. After all contestants have spoken, the judges will be given all the time they need to complete their ballots.”

“We will now begin the contest. Time Keepers, please time one minute of silence for the first contestant now.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing first contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(First contestant will speak)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Second contestant will speak)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Third contestant will speak)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Fourth contestant will speak)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Fifth contestant will speak)

“May we have one minute of silence while the judges mark their ballots.”

Wait for one minute of silence before announcing next contestant.

“(name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Speech Title) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

(Sixth contestant will speak)

After last contestant, announce the following:

(Announce:)

“Everyone please remain silent while the judges have all the time they need to complete their ballots and have them collected by the Ballot Counters.”

Ballot counters collect ballots and Chief Judge collects the timer’s report. Chief Judge leaves room with ballot counters to tabulate results.

Lead applause when Chief Judge and ballot counters make their exit.

(Announce:)

“Let’s get to know our contestants.

We will interview the International SpeechContestants first.

Please join me for a brief interview, lining up in the order that you spoke.”

Lead applause as the contestants return to the stage.

Ask each contestant the following three questions. Wait for their answer before asking the next question.

“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Contestant’s name)

“How long have you been in Toastmasters?”

“What club are you representing?”

“What is your Toastmasters education level?”

Ask each contestant only one question using profile form for material. Keep interview brief.

Question: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Thank the Contestant. Present certificate and shake hands. Ask the contestant to please move to the end of the line.

Repeat this process for each contestant.

After all contestants have been interviewed and group pictures have been taken ask contestants to return to their seats.

(Announce:)

We will now interview the Tall Tales Contestants.

Please join me for a brief interview, lining up in the order that you spoke.”

Lead applause as the contestants return to the stage.

Ask each contestant the following three questions. Wait for their answer before asking the next question.

“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Contestant’s name)

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Thank the Contestant. Present certificate and shake hands. Ask the contestant to please move to the end of the line.

Repeat this process for each contestant.

After all contestants have been interviewed and group pictures have been taken ask contestants to return to their seats.

(Announce:)

**(For Area Contest)**

“Please welcome our Area and Division Directors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the stage to present the Outstanding Officer Awards.”

(Lead applause)

**(For Division Contest)**

“Please welcome our Division Director \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and District Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the stage to present the Outstanding Officer Awards.”

(Lead applause).

Area Director and Division Director presents awards in this order

Sergeant at Arms

Treasurer

Secretary

Vice President Public Relations

Vice President Membership

Vice President Education

President

After awards are presented,

**(Area Contest)**

* Area Director is seated.
* Division Director announces the Division contest.
* Division Director calls up the District Representative for announcements.
* District Representative makes announcements.
* District Representative asks Area and Division Director to return to stage.
* District Representative returns control to Toastmaster to announce winners.

**(Division Contest)**

* Division Director is seated.
* District Representative makes announcements.
* District Representative asks Division Director to return to stage.
* District Representative returns control to Toastmaster to announce winners.

(Announce:)

“And now the moment we have all been waiting for … the announcement of the winners. . .”

Read the winner information exactly as printed on form.

No more announcements or comments will follow announcement of winners.

(Announce:)

**“This contest is adjourned!”**