

# Welcome



Contests, Effective Contest Evaluations  
and Contestants Session

# Tall Tales Contest

## Contestants:

Member in good standing of a club in good standing

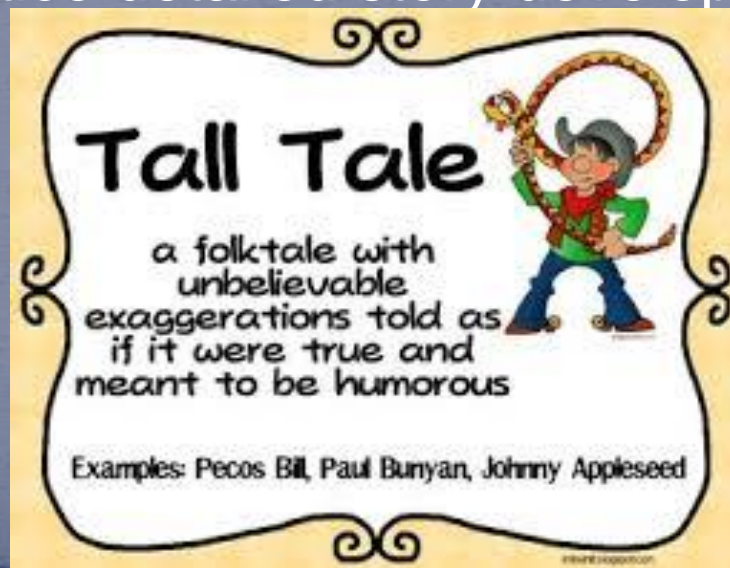
## Details:

Original story with original content

3-5 minute speech (+/- 30 seconds)

Story telling- Has exaggerations, twists and turns

Opportunity to practice detailed story development and presentation skills





# Levels of The International Speech Contest



# The Club Contest

**CONTEST TIME!**

## Contestants:

1. Member in good standing of a Club in good standing
2. Completed 6 speech projects in the Competent Communication or a minimum of two levels in Pathways (except for newly chartered clubs).

## Originality

May participate in multiple club contests if a member of multiple clubs

## Club Responsibilities:

Contest Chair, Chief Judge, Judges, Tiebreaking Judge

All judges must be members in good standing of a Club in good standing

5-7 minute speech

Club may select contestants for Area Contest by whatever means it desires.

**Clubs can send 2 contestants to the Area Contest if in an Area with  $\leq 4$  clubs;**

**Otherwise 1 contestant sent**



# The Area Contest



**Area contests in  
Feb/March-  
Area Director to  
advise details**

## Contestants:

- Member in good standing of a Club in good standing
- Originality
- May participate in only one Area Contest

## Area Responsibilities:

- Contest Chair, Chief Judge, Judges, Tiebreaking Judge, Timers, Counters
  - Equal number of Judges from each Club in the Area or a minimum of five Judges
  - Two timers and three counters
- All judges should be members in good standing of a Club in good standing
- All judges must have completed six speeches in Competent Communication or two levels in Pathways
- Areas with  $\leq 4$  clubs can send 2 contestants to Division Contest; otherwise 1 contestant sent**

# The Division Contest

## Contestants:

Member in good standing of a Club in good standing  
Originality

## Division Responsibilities:

Contest Chair, Chief Judge, Judges, Tiebreaking Judge, Timers, Counters

Equal number of Judges from each Area in the Division  
or a minimum of seven

No judge may be a member of any Club to which a contestant belongs

Two timers and three counters

All Judges must be members in good standing of a Club in good standing

All Judges must have completed six speeches in Competent

Communication or two levels in Pathways

Div A: 3/24

Div B: 3/23

Div C: 3/31

Div D: 3/30

**Divisions with  $\leq 4$  areas can send 2 contestants to District Contest;  
otherwise 1 contestant sent**



# The District Contest

**District Contest:  
April 13 at Pittsburgh  
Airport Marriott**

## Contestants:

Member in good standing of a Club in good standing  
Speech must be original



## District Responsibilities:

Contest Chair, Chief Judge, Judges, Tiebreaking Judge  
Equal number of Judges from each Division or minimum of seven  
No Judge can be a member of any Club to which a contestant belongs

The District Contest must be video recorded:

High Definition, Single Camera tripod mounted, Entire speaking area must be well-lit and visible, Facial expressions must be visible throughout

**Recording of winning speech and the associated introduction is forwarded to World Headquarters and cannot be edited in any way**

# The Quarterfinals



World Headquarters forwards the District video recordings to the Regional Quarterfinal judging panels

Quarterfinal judges select twenty semifinalists

District: The quality of the video recording will make a difference

Contestant: Stage presence as well as speech quality will make a difference



# The Semifinals



There will be two live Semifinal contests at the International Convention

The top three finishers in each Semifinal contest will go on to the Finals

# The Finals

## Contestants:

Member in good standing of a Club in good standing

The Speech must be **totally new**. It cannot have been used earlier in this year's International Speech Contest cycle nor can it have been used in previous year's Semifinals or Finals

# Panel Discussion

1. Contests ✓
2. Effective Contest Evaluations
3. So you want to be a Contestant?







*Thank you for your participation!*