



**District 21 – District Level
Tall Tales Speech Contest
Friday, April 17, 2026
Location: Grand Ballroom
Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, Richmond, BC**

Contest Chair

Melody Helleouet, PI5

Chief Judge

Devon Downie, DTM

Sergeant-at-Arms

Pardon Masarirambi, PM3
Bernadette Lam, PM5

Timers

Padma Muthukumaran, LD5
Jenny Qian, DTM

Ballot Counters

Karen Hall, DTM
Vincent Li, DTM
Claudette Yeomans, PM5

Calligrapher

Jan Ireland, DTM

Judges

Anonymous

District 21 Conference

Apr 17 – Apr 18, 2026
Executive Hotel Vancouver
Airport
7311 Westminster Hwy,
Richmond, BC

7:30pm

Officials & Contestants Briefing (if needed)

7:45pm

Sergeant-at-Arms / Conference MC

Call to order

7:48pm

Chair's Welcome

Melody Helleouet

Tall Tales Speech Contest (District Level)

7:50pm

Audience briefing

Melody Helleouet

Contestants (confirmed speaking order):

1. Samantha Hildebrand
2. Aaron Pierce
3. Gregory CN Smith
4. Khalif Savji
5. Phyllis Nielsen
6. Rob Evans
7. Aly Jamani
8. Simon Perez Armas
9. Sarah Watts

8:55pm

Silence while Judges Submit Ballots
Contestants Interviews

9:10pm

Contest Results Announcement

9:15pm

Contest Adjourns

Land Acknowledgement - I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples– Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səl̓ílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.



Tall Tales Contest

Judge's Guide and Ballot

| JUDGING ITEMS | | SUGGESTED POINT VALUES | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|--|----------------|------------------------|-----------|-------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| | | EXCELLENT | VERY GOOD | GOOD | FAIR | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Development Opening, Build-Up, Climax, Organization, Smoothness | CONTENT 30 | 30 | 22-29 | 13-21 | 0-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Techniques Effective Use of Exaggeration, Irony, Pun, Surprise Twists, Humor, Slapstick, Etc. | DELIVERY | 25 | 18-24 | 11-17 | 0-10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Physical Appearance, Body Language | | 15 | 11-14 | 7-10 | 0-7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Voice Flexibility, Volume | | SS 15 | 11-14 | 7-10 | 0-6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Appropriateness To Speech Purpose and Audience, Good Grammar, Pronunciation and Word Selection | LANGUAGE 15 | 15 | 11-14 | 7-10 | 0-6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

(Detach and submit to chief judge)

Judge's Official Ballot - Tall Tales Contest

Name of Contestant

First Place: _____

Second Place: _____

Third Place: _____

NOTE: Votes must be cast for first, second and third place or the ballot will be voided.

| PLACE | RANKING POINTS <small>(for counters' use only)</small> |
|--------------|---|
| First Place | 3 points |
| Second Place | 2 points |
| Third Place | 1 point |

Signature of Judge

Judge's Name; Please Print