

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

To help youth gain self-confidence, courage and persuasiveness. To share ideas with others. To develop the ability to speak in public . To inform others about horse related subjects and/or the 4-H Horse or Horseless Horse programs.

GRADE DIVISIONS:

Junior3-8

Senior.....9-13

WISCONSIN CONTEST RULES:

1. The subject must pertain to the horse industry. Speeches not appropriately related to the horse industry may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge.
2. Individuals must be enrolled in the 4-H Horse and Pony or Horseless Horse Project in the county they represent.
3. Brief notes may be used, but demonstration materials and visual aids are not permitted.
4. A public address system will not be used during the contest. A podium will be available, with use of podium being optional.
5. Senior speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 7, or over 10 minutes.
6. Junior speeches have a 7 minute maximum time limit. Three points will be deducted for every minute (or fraction of a minute) over 7 minutes.
7. Contestant is to provide the following information: introduce themselves by name, county (or state when applicable) and title of the speech. This can be done verbally or by handing the Judge a card with the information.
8. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. Time for citing references will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. Only the judge may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question and then answer it.
10. Ties will be broken first by accumulated delivery score, second by accumulated organizational score, and third by accumulated content and accuracy score.
11. See Public Speaking Judging Guide for additional information.
12. At the judge's discretion grand, reserve and 8 top ten ribbons in each division may be awarded.
13. Senior Grand and Reserve speakers may qualify for Regional and National contests. Seniors must achieve a score of 75% or better to be eligible to compete at a Regional or National contest.

Grand and Reserve Champions may have the option of participating at either the Regional or National Contest. (One additional exhibitor may be eligible to participate at the Regional contest.) Limited funding from the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association will be provided for only one contest per year. Opportunity to participate in both National and Regional Contests during the same year will be based on current National and Regional Guidelines.

See also "Expo Rules and Class List"

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONTEST RULES:

1. Contestants must not have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive speech contest.
2. Contestants may participate in only one public speaking at regional and national contests. After competing in this contest they are ineligible to compete in the same specific contest again.
3. Contestants must not have competed in the public speaking contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, not the Western National 4-H Horse Classic in Denver.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST JUDGING GUIDE

Title _____

Exhibitor(s) Name _____

Exhibitor(s) No. _____ County _____

Grade _____ Placing _____

Judge (signature or initials)

Junior: grades 3-87 minute maximum

Senior: grades 9-13.....7-10 minutes

(**Note:** 3 points will be deducted from the total score for every minute, or fraction of a minute, under 7 or over 10 minutes in the Senior division **or over 7 minutes in Junior division.**)

Ties will be broken by: (1) accumulated delivery score, (2) accumulated organization score, and (3) accumulated content and accuracy score.

Judges will consider applicable questions listed under each section when determining the score for that section.

Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. Time for citing references and answering questions will not be counted in the allotted time. **Only judges will be permitted to ask questions.**

A. INTRODUCTION (10 POINTS)

1. Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject? _____
2. Was introduction short and to the point? _____

B. ORGANIZATION (15 POINTS)

1. Were the main points easy to follow? _____
2. Were the main points arranged in a logical order? _____
3. Were sentences short, easy to understand? _____
4. Was speech interesting? _____

C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY (20 POINTS)

1. Were facts and information accurate? _____
 2. Was there enough information concerning the subject? _____
 3. Was credit given to sources of information if appropriate? _____
 4. Was content appropriately related to horse industry? _____
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D. PRESENTATION (15 POINTS)

1. Was speaker neat and appropriately dressed? _____
2. Were gestures appropriate to speech and to topic? _____
3. Were there a minimum of gestures and movement? _____
4. Did speaker talk directly to the audience? _____
5. Was posture erect but not stiff? _____
6. Did speaker look at the audience? _____
7. Did speaker refrain from leaning on podium? _____
8. Did speaker seem relaxed and at ease? _____

E. DELIVERY (20 POINTS)

1. Did speaker have good voice control? _____
2. Were all words pronounced correctly? _____
3. Did speaker's facial expression and body expression reflect the mood of the speech? _____
4. Were notes used without detracting from the speech? _____
5. Did speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken as opposed to a memorized or read-type delivery? _____

F. GENERAL (10 POINTS)

1. Did the speaker convey to the audience a sense of wanting to communicate? _____
2. Did speech reflect the thoughts and personality of the speaker? _____

G. SUMMARY (10 POINTS)

1. Was the conclusion short and interesting? _____
2. Did the conclusion properly wrap up the speech? _____
3. Could speaker handle questions easily? _____

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

TOTAL POINTS _____

Minus Time Penalty (-) _____

TOTAL SCORE _____