

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Impromptu, Prepared, Horse Public Speaking and Horse Demonstration

April 17th, 2018

Entries are due no later than 5pm on Thursday April 12th

Prepared Speech Contest Rules:

1. Contestants can prepare a speech on any topic relative to today's youth, but they must relate it to 4-H in some way. In addition, topics and content must be 4-H appropriate. We ask that all presenters be sensitive to the diverse audience that attends the fair. All materials to be presented are subject to review and approval by the superintendent. Materials which include foul language, racial or religious overtones, or other topics/subjects deemed inappropriate by the superintendents will not be allowed. The judges will make the final determination.
2. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
3. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
4. Each speech will be timed and must be between 6-8 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit. Participants will be given a 30- second warning before end of time period.
5. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
6. A public address system may be used when available but is not required.
7. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced before the contest begins.
8. Judging will be done by experienced judges.
9. Ties will be broken by the judges.
10. Judges will use the Colorado State Speech Contest Prepared Speech Score Sheet.

Impromptu Speech Contest Rules:

1. Contestant will select a topic for his/her speech by randomly drawing three questions from a pool of questions. They will select one question and return the others. A maximum of one minute will be allowed for this process. Questions will be relative to today's youth and may include current events, 4-H, and/or social issues. Examples of the type of questions include:
 - a. If I were an author, I would write about...
 - b. One issue facing teenagers today is...
 - c. If I could describe my personality as a tree, which tree would I be...
 - d. What has being involved in 4-H taught me?
2. Questions will be at the discretion of the superintendent. Only the superintendent will know the questions prior to the contest. No two contestants will speak on the same topic.
3. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
4. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
5. Contestants will be allowed 10 minutes to organize their thoughts before beginning their presentation. Time will begin when they select their question.

6. Each speech will be timed and must be between 3-5 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit. Participants will be given a 30- second warning before end of time period.
7. Contestants will be allowed to organize their thoughts on a 5x7 blank note card (supplied). However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
8. A public address system may be used if available but is not required.
9. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced before the contest begins.
10. Ties will be broken by the judges.
11. Judges will use the Colorado State 4-H Impromptu Score Sheet.

4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest Rules:

1. The subject matter must pertain to the horse industry. Speeches not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
2. No visual aids may be used, including the use of handouts such as bibliographies and pamphlets. Contestants will be disqualified for using any visual aid, including handouts, prior to, during and after the speech.
3. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
4. A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
5. During the competition the contestants may introduce themselves by name, county and speech topic.
6. Speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes by each of three judges for a three points per minute total deduction. After the individual has been introduced by the superintendent, the time will start once the contestant begins to speak.
7. Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the competition. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
8. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestant should repeat the question, then answer it.
9. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing.
10. Ties will be broken by: first, the judges' accumulated delivery score, second, the judges accumulated organization score; and, third, on content and accuracy scores.
11. For educational purposes the management may videotape all speeches with individual consent.
12. Judges will consider the questions listed under each section. Points on the score card will be as follows:
 - 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 (25 points)
 1. Were the main points easy to follow?
 2. Were the main points arranged in the best order?
 3. Were sentences short, easy to understand?
 4. Was speech interesting?
 - C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY (25 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 the horse industry?

D. STAGE PRESENCE (10 points)

1. Was speaker neat and appropriately dressed?
2. Was the speaker friendly?
3. Did speaker talk directly to the audience?
4. Did speaker look at the audience?
5. Was posture erect, but not stiff?
6. Did speaker refrain from leaning on podium?
7. Did speaker seem relaxed and at ease?

E. DELIVERY (15 points)

1. Did speaker have appropriate voice control?
2. Were all words pronounced correctly?
3. Did speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech?
4. If notes were used, was it done without detracting from the speech?
5. Did speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken? (Avoid a memorized or read-type delivery.)

F. GENERAL (5 points)

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

G. CONCLUSION (10 points)

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

4-H Horse Demonstration Rules:

1. The subject matter must pertain to the horse industry. Demonstrations or presentations not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
2. Presentations may be either of demonstration or illustrated talk format. No live animals may be used.
3. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
4. A public address system will not be used in the contest.
5. Creative audio visual aids may be used, but the contestants must be involved in making or designing them.
6. During the competition, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, county and presentation topic.
7. Presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 10 minutes or over 15 minutes by each of three judges, for a three-points per minute total deduction. After the individual or team has been introduced by the superintendent, the time will start once the contestant(s) begin(s) to speak.
8. Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the presentation. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestant should repeat the question, then answer it.
10. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing.

11. For educational purposes the management may videotape all demonstrations with individual or team consent.
12. Once an individual or team has started their demonstration (in this case it is after they have been introduced by the superintendent), they may not receive assistance from any coach, parent, audience member, or other person, which includes, but is not limited to, the stroking of any key on a computer or other audio visual device. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.
13. Ties will be broken by first the judges' accumulated delivery score, second by the judges accumulated organization score and third on content and accuracy scores.
14. Judges will consider the questions listed under each section. Points on the score card will be as follows:

A. INTRODUCTION (10 points)

1. Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject?
2. Was introduction short and to the point?
3. Was a catchy title used?

B. ORGANIZATION (25 points)

1. Was only one main idea presented?
2. Did the discussion relate directly to the step as it was shown?
3. Was each step shown or illustrated just as it should be done in an actual situation?
4. Could audience see each step?
5. Were materials and equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged and well organized?
6. Were charts and posters used if and when needed?
7. Were key points of each step stressed?

C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY (25 points)

1. Were facts and information accurate?
2. Was there enough information?
3. Were approved practices used?
4. Was credit given to sources of information, if appropriate?
5. Was content appropriately related to the horse industry?

D. STAGE PRESENCE (10 points)

1. Was the presenter neat and appropriately dressed for subject of presentation?
2. Did presenter speak directly to audience?
3. Did presenter look at the audience?
4. Was the presentation too fast or too slow?
5. Was good teamwork displayed? (Team presentation - generally not advisable for one person to do all the talking and the other one all the presenting.)

E. DELIVERY (15 points)

1. Did the presenter appear to enjoy giving presentations?
2. Did the presenter have good voice control?
3. Were all words pronounced correctly?
4. If notes were used, was it done without detracting from speech?
5. Did presenter seem to choose words at the time they were spoken? (Avoid a memorized presentation.)

F. EFFECT ON AUDIENCE (5 points)

1. Did audience show an interest in the presentation?
2. Could audience go home and carry out the idea?

G. SUMMARY (10 points)

1. Was the summary short and interesting?
2. Were the key points briefly reviewed?
3. Did summary properly wrap up the presentation?
4. Could presenter handle questions easily?

EQUIPMENT 1. The contest officials will supply two tables and two easels. Any other equipment needs must be made through special arrangements with

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Natural Resources Building – 5:00pm – 9:00pm

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ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

PHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

TITLE OF YOUR PUBLIC SPEECH: _____

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: LAPTOP LCD PROJECTOR

Public Speaking

___ **Impromptu**

___ **Prepared**

Horse

___ **Public Speaking**

___ **Demonstration**

ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE April 12th!! PLEASE RETURN TO THE BOULDER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE!!!

The top two senior members in each categories are eligible to participate at the State Contest held during State Conference in June.