

Horse Public Speaking Contest

Rules and Regulations

Contestants and Eligibility

1. This is an individual contest.
2. Each county is invited to enter **any number of junior and senior entries. Members may participate in only one contest when they are held on the same day.**
3. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H in the county they represent.
4. Junior contestants must be at least 8 years of age but have not yet reached their 13th birthday before December 31 of the current year and Sr. contestants must be at least 14 years of age but not have reached their 19th birthday by December 31 of the current year.
5. Contestants must not have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive public speaking contest.

The Contest

1. Subject 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 PowerPoints.
3. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).
4. A sound system will not be used during the contest.
5. During the event, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, county, and speech topic.
6. Senior speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score on each judge's score sheet for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes. No points will be deducted from Junior speeches for time.
7. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
8. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question, then answer.
9. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated delivery score, second by the judges' accumulated organization score and third on content and accuracy scores.

Horse Public Speaking Contest Score Sheet

Name: _____ County: _____

Speech Topic: _____

Time limit: 7-10 minutes

3 points will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute under 7 or over 10 minutes. No points are deducted from Junior speeches for time.

A. Speech Format

20 points allowed _____

- ☐ Speech followed a logical order.
- ☐ Introduction was adequate and drew attention to the topic.
- ☐ Main discussion was well organized and adequately covered the chosen topic.
- ☐ Summary was brief and clearly reiterated the key points.

B. Knowledge of Subject Matter

25 points allowed _____

- ☐ Facts and information presented were accurate.
- ☐ High level of preparation was shown as evidenced by the amount and depth of information provided about the subject.
- ☐ Approved practices were discussed.

C. Delivery

25 points allowed _____

- ☐ Speaker was neatly and appropriately dressed.
- ☐ Speaker spoke directly to and looked at the audience and maintained strong eye contact.
- ☐ Speech pace was consistent and appropriate (not too fast or too slow).
- ☐ Speaker displayed enthusiasm while speaking.
- ☐ Speaker had good voice control and quality.
- ☐ Words were pronounced correctly, and proper word choice was used.
- ☐ If notes were used, it was done without detracting from the speech.
- ☐ Speaker seemed to choose words at the times they were spoken as opposed to a memorized speech.

D. Content and Credit

20 points allowed _____

- ☐ Information was obtained from reputable and/or equine research-based information or sources.
- ☐ Credit was given to the sources of information if it was appropriate.
- ☐ Content was appropriately related to the equine industry.

E. Questions

10 points allowed _____

1. Speaker handled questions easily and with confidence.
2. Speaker was thoughtful in responses and thoroughly answered questions correctly.
3. Response to questions indicate a deeper knowledge and understanding of the topic.

Comments: _____

Time: _____

Total Awarded Points: _____
Maximum 100

Minus Time: _____

Total Points: _____

Rank: _____

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Horse Illustrated Talk or Individual Demonstration Contest Rules and Regulations

Contestants and Eligibility

1. This is an individual contest.
1. Each county is invited to enter **any number of junior and senior entries. Members may participate in only one contest when they are held on the same day.**
2. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H in the county they represent.
3. Junior contestants must be at least 8 years of age but have not yet reached their 13th birthday before January 1 of the current year and Sr. contestants must be at least 14 years of age, but not have reached their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year.
4. Contestants must not have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive public speaking contest.

The Contest

1. The subject must pertain to the horse industry. Illustrated Talk not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
2. This may be an illustrated presentation. 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 judge(s).
4. A sound system will not be used during the contest.
5. Contest officials will supply two easels and two tables. Any other equipment needs must be made through special arrangements with the contest officials.
6. Creative audio-visual aids may be used, but the contestant must be involved in making or designing them. PowerPoint presentations are acceptable as an aid as long as contestant was involved in making & designing them.
7. During the contest, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, county, and demonstration topic.
8. Sr. presentations should be 9-12 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 9 minutes or over 12 minutes. Junior participants will not have deductions for time.
9. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their presentation. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
10. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question then answer it.
11. Ties will be broken first by the judge's accumulated delivery score, second by the judges' accumulated organization score and third on content and accuracy score.

Horse Presentation Contest Score Sheet

Name: _____ Age: _____

Title: _____ County: _____

Time limit: 9-12 minutes

3 points will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute under 9 minutes or over 12 minutes. No points are deducted from Junior demonstrations for time.

A. Presentation Format ☐ Presentation followed a logical order. ☐ Introduction was adequate and drew attention to the topic. ☐ Main discussion was well organized and adequately covered the chosen topic. ☐ Summary was brief and clearly reiterated the key points.	15 points
B. Materials/Visual Aids ☐ Materials and equipment were carefully selected, neatly arranged, and well organized. ☐ Visuals were of high quality and easily visible. ☐ Content of visuals aids was pertinent to the topic.	15 points
C. Knowledge of Subject Matter ☐ Facts and information present were accurate. ☐ High level of preparation was shown as evidenced by the amount and depth of information provided about the subject. ☐ Approved practices were presented or used.	25 points
D. Delivery ☐ Presenter was neat and appropriately dressed for the subject of the presentation. ☐ Presenters spoke directly to and looked at the audience and maintained strong eye contact. ☐ Presentation pace was consistent and appropriate (not too fast or too slow). ☐ Presenter displayed enthusiasm while presenting. ☐ Presenter had good voice control and quality. ☐ Words were pronounced correctly, and proper word choice was used. ☐ If notes were used, it was done without detracting from the presentation. ☐ Presenter seemed to choose words at the times they were spoken as opposed to a memorized presentation.	25 points
E. Credit and Content ☐ Information was obtained from reputable and/or equine researched based information or sources. ☐ Credit was given to the sources of information if it was appropriate. ☐ Content was appropriately related to the equine industry.	10 points
F. Questions 1. Presenter handled questions easily and with confidence. 2. Presenter was thoughtful in response and thoroughly answered questions correctly. 3. Presenter response to questions indicate a deeper knowledge and understanding of the topic presented.	10 points

Comments:

Begin Time: _____ End Time: _____ Total Awarded Points: _____ Maximum 100 points Minus Time: _____ Total Points: _____ Rank: _____
