

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 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.
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.
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, but a podium will be provided.
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. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced prior to the contest.
10. 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. Introduction 10 points allowed _____
1. Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject?
2. Was the introduction short and to the point?
- B. Organization 15 points allowed _____
1. Were the main points easy to follow?
2. Were the main points arranged in the best order?
3. Were the sentences short and easy to understand?
4. Was the speech interesting?
- C. Content and Accuracy 20 points allowed _____
1. Were the facts and information accurate?
2. Was there enough information concerning the subject?
3. Was credit given to the sources of information, if appropriate?
4. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?
- D. Stage Presence 15 points allowed _____
1. Was the speaker neat and appropriately dressed?
2. Did the speaker talk directly to and look at the audience?
3. Was the speaker's posture erect, but not stiff?
4. Did the speaker refrain from leaning on the podium?
5. Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease?
- E. Delivery 20 points allowed _____
1. Did the speaker have appropriate voice control?
2. Were all the words pronounced correctly?
3. Did the 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 the speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken as opposed to a memorized or read-type delivery?
- F. General 10 points allowed _____
1. Did the speaker convey to the audience a sense of wanting to communicate?
2. Did the speech reflect the thoughts and personality of the speaker?
- G. Conclusion 10 points allowed _____
1. Was the conclusion short and interesting?
2. Did the conclusion properly wrap up the speech?
3. Could the speaker handle questions easily?

Judges' Comments:

Time: _____
Total Awarded Points: _____ Maximum 100
Minus Time: _____
Total Points: _____
Rank: _____

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. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and will be announced prior to the contest.
12. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated delivery score, second by the judges' accumulated organization score and third on content and accuracy score.

Horse Demonstration 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. Introduction	10 points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject? 2. Was the introduction short and to the point? 	
B. Organization	25 points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was only one main idea presented? 2. Did the discussion related directly to each step as it was shown? 3. Was each step shown as it should be done in an actual situation or was explanation given for discrepancies? 4. Could the audience see each step? 5. Were the materials and equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged and well organized? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Were charts and posters used if and when they were needed? 7. Were the key points for each step stressed? 	
C. Content and Accuracy	25 points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were the facts and information presented accurate? 2. Was there enough information presented concerning the subject? 3. Were approved practices used? 4. Was credit given to the sources of information, if appropriate? 5. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry? 	
D. Stage Presence	10 points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was the speaker neat and appropriately dressed for the subject of the demonstration? 2. Did the speaker talk directly to and look at the audience? 3. Was the presentation too fast or too slow? 	
E. Delivery	15 points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the presenter appear to enjoy giving presentation? 2. Did the presenter have good voice control? 3. Were all the words pronounced correctly? 4. Did the speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech? 5. If notes were used, was it done without detracting from the speech? 6. Did the speaker seem to choose words as they were spoken as opposed to a memorized presentation? 	
F. Affect on Audience	5 points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the audience show an interest in the presentation? 2. Could the audience go home and carry out the idea? 	
G. Summary	10 points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was the summary short and interesting? 2. Were the key points briefly reviewed? 3. Did the summary properly wrap up the presentation? 4. Could the presenter handle questions easily? 	

Comments:

Begin Time: _____ **End Time:** _____

Total Awarded Points: _____
Maximum 100 points

Minus Time: _____

Total Points: _____

Rank: _____