

Northeast Regional 4-H Public Speaking Contest



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Location:

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Educational Objectives:

To provide a place for youth to compete regionally while encouraging teamwork and self-confidence and focusing on the 4-H Mission of Mandates of Science, Healthy Living and Citizenship.

To hold an event that is a capstone experience in itself; to provide a pathway to a future national experience. The event will provide a realistic warm up event for those planning to attend the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.

To develop leadership by encouraging decision-making, teamwork, critical thinking and independence.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Each state is invited to enter up to two 4-H public speaking participants.
2. Individuals may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age but not yet have achieved their 19th birthday on January 1st of the current year. 13 year old members are allowed as the second representative of a state or as the sole representative (s) if no members, age 14 and over, have been selected to participate.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H office.
5. Any 4-H member who has previously participated in the National 4-H Public Speaking contest is not eligible for this event. Contestants are ineligible to participate if they are currently enrolled in college courses that provide specific training for communications, serve on a collegiate communications team or have participated in intercollegiate communications events.
6. Contestants may participate in only one contest per year at the Northeast Regional Contest. Contestants may compete in any specific contest no more than three years.

General Information:

1. A coaches meeting will be held prior to the beginning of the contest for the purpose of reviewing any rule changes. Order of presentations will be established and distributed prior to the date of the contest. Conflicts may be discussed at the coaches' meeting.
2. In the event that the national rules change, changes in this contest will be discussed at the coaches meeting before activities start.
3. Awards will be made after the conclusion of all presentations in all communications events and the conclusion of all other contests at the Regional Contest.
4. Contestants are asked to remain on site until awards are presented.

The Contest:

1. The subject must pertain to the equine industry. Speeches that are not appropriately related to the equine industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
2. No visual aids may be used.
3. No coaching from parents or coaches during the speech is allowed.
4. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant, at the discretion of the judges.
5. A public address system will not be used during the contest.
6. During the event, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state, and speech topic.
7. Speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under seven minutes or over ten minutes. Official time will be kept by a designated person – not to be the judges or coaches.
8. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of the contest. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. Coaches will not serve as judges. 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 and then answer it.
10. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and distributed prior to the contest. Conflicts may be discussed at the coaches' meeting.
11. Judges will score independently and then confer and discuss evaluations. Each judge assigns his or her final scores and then cumulative scores are tabulated to determine the final placings. Contest

superintendents should review and check the tabulation of scores for completeness and mathematical accuracy.

12. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated delivery score, then by the accumulated organization score and then by the accumulated content and accuracy score.
13. Business attire or dress is the appropriate attire for this contest. Improper attire, at the discretion of the judges, will be a violation and point deductions will be assigned at the discretion of the judges.
14. If time is available and for educational purposes, questions from the audience may be asked at the conclusion of the scoring.
15. Contestants may use video recorders to tape their own presentations. It is the responsibility of the coach/speaker to provide all necessary recording equipment.
16. No videotaping or photographing of presentations is allowed during the contest, except by respective coaches or their designees.
17. Scoring – see rubric scoresheet attached.

Awards:

The top eight (8) individuals will be awarded ribbons.

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Time: 7 to 10 minutes, 3 points will be deducted from the total score for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 7 or over 10.

Name:	State:
Title:	Time:

Speech Format 20						Comments
Followed a logical order	5	4	3	2	1	
Introduction was adequate and drew attention to the topic	5	4	3	2	1	
Main discussion was well organized, adequately covered topic	5	4	3	2	1	
Summary was brief and clearly reiterated key points	5	4	3	2	1	
Knowledge of subject matter 25						
Facts and information presented were accurate	8	6	4	2	1	
High level of preparation shown by amount and depth of info	8	6	4	2	1	
Approved practices were discussed	8	6	4	2	1	
Excellent job - +1 to make score of 25	1					
Delivery 25						
Speaker was neatly and appropriately dressed	3	2	1			
Strong eye contact and spoke directly to audience	3	2	1			
Pace was consistent and appropriate (not too fast or too slow)	3	2	1			
Displayed enthusiasm	3	2	1			
Good voice control and quality	3	2	1			
Words pronounced correctly and proper word choice used	3	2	1			
Notes, if used, did not distract	3	2	1			
Did not seem memorized	3	2	1			
Excellent job - +1 to make score of 25	1					
Credit and Content 20						
Info obtained from reputable and/or equine research based sources	6	4	2	1		
Credit given to sources of info if appropriate	6	4	2	1		
Content was appropriately related to equine industry	6	4	2	1		
Excellent job - +2 to make score of 20	2	1				
Questions 10						
Handled questions easily and with confidence	3	2	1			
Thoughtful in responses, thoroughly answered questions	3	2	1			
Response indicates deep knowledge and understanding of topic	3	2	1			
Excellent job - +1 to make score of 10	1					
Additional Comments:						
Total Points Above _____ Time Penalty Points _____ Final Score _____						



Signature of Judge _____

