

Prepared Public Speaking Contest Rules

Age Divisions

Novice	8 to 10 years old as of January 1 in the year competing
Junior	10 to 13 years old as of January 1 in the year competing
Intermediate	14 to 17 years old as of January 1 in the year competing
Senior	18 to 21 years old as of January 1 in the year competing

New this year is the Novice Division! Winners of the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions will be eligible to compete in the National Contest in New York in June. 10 year olds have the option to compete in either Novice or Junior Division, if they would like to chance to compete at the National level.

Subject

Contestants may choose any subject pertaining to Holstein cattle and the Holstein industry. For subject matter we wish to encourage exploration and understanding of any and all entities of the dairy industries, emphasizing the Holstein's role. Current policies, affairs and trends in the industry are suitable topics.

Time Limit

In the **Senior Division**: Each presentation should be a minimum of ten minutes and a maximum of twelve minutes. In the **Intermediate Division**: Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. In the **Junior and Novice Divisions**: Each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. Each contestant will be allowed five minutes in which the judging committee will ask questions relating to his or her speech. Deductions will be made from the score of each judge for speeches that are under the time limit or over the time limit in length.

Procedures

- Speaking order will be randomly drawn by event officials. The event officials shall introduce each participant by name and in order of the drawing. All contestants must report to the holding room 5 minutes before speech time.
- Three competent and impartial judges will be selected by committee to judge the contest.
- A contestant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.
- Senior division competitors will be allowed to use visual aids including posters, display boards, PowerPoint, etc. A LCD projector with remote slide changer and screen will be provided. Contestants may bring either their own laptop with HDMI port or a thumb drive with their presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint. Wireless Internet will not be provided. Contestants will be given a 2 minute time frame to set up audio visual needs. If a contestant goes over the 2 minute set up time frame they will receive a score of zero for delivery.
- **No visual aids will be allowed in the Novice, Junior and Intermediate divisions of this contest - this includes posters and costumes.**
- A timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time by each contestant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime or overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made. The timekeeper will

indicate when 30 seconds remain by holding up a timecard.

- A maximum of five minutes will be allotted at the completion of speech for judges to ask questions. Each contestant will be scored on his or her ability to answer questions by all judges.

When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total their scores for each speech. The three judges scores combined will determine the final placings.

Scoring

Content	30
Composition	25
Delivery	20
Response to Questions	25

Score Sheet

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| Content
(30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides an adequate amount of information relating to topic with substantial message ● Material and information presented is factual, understood and well-researched ● Presented with a purpose to entertain, inform. Persuade or obtain action |
| Composition
(25) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speech is organized containing an introduction, body & conclusion with main points and transitions ● Correct sentence structure & proper language and grammar used ● Demonstrates creativity & originality ● Material presented developed by the speaker ● Skillful use of facts engaging the audience with examples, descriptions & analogies |
| Delivery
(20) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Style ● Develops a rapport with audience ● Easy to listen to and appealing presentation style ● Conveyance of thought & meaning ● Enthusiasm & conversational attitude ● Articulate, good use of emphasis & volume ● Confident poise & posture, makes eye contact and hand gestures used in good taste ● Personal appearance ● Appropriate use of visual aids (<i>Senior division only</i>) |
| Response to Questions
(25) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter ● Answers questions accurately and demonstrates originality ● Quickly organizes thoughts & expresses them clearly |
| Time Deductions
(-20) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contestants will receive a 30 second grace period over or under the allotted time before deductions are taken. Any time over/under 31 to 45 seconds will receive a 10 point deduction. Any time over/under 46 to 60 seconds will receive a 20 point deduction. |