

PUBLIC SPEAKING – PREPARED CONTEST RULES

ELIGIBILITY

- A. See State 4-H Conference General Rules
- B. In accordance with the State 4-H Conference guidelines, each county will determine eligibility.
- C. Two individuals per county may compete in prepared public speaking.

CONTEST RULES

- 1. Contestant can prepare a speech on any topic relative to today's youth. Topic is not required to be 4-H related but must be of interest to youth.
- 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.
- 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 will not be used or allowed, but a podium will be provided.
- 7. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing at the time of the contest.
- 8. The contestants and audience will be present for speeches.
- 9. Ties will be broken by the judges.
- 10. Judges will use the Senior 4-H Public Speaking Prepared Score Sheet 300.F-7 (R-19).

AWARDS

First through fifth place awards will be given with a special award for the High Point Prepared Speech.

The high point speaker is eligible to represent New Mexico at the Public Speaking competition at Western National Roundup. The highest scoring speech on a horse related topic, with the recommendation to the judges, may represent New Mexico at the Horse Public Speaking competition at Western National Roundup.

Senior 4-H Public Speaking - Prepared Contest Score Sheet

SPEAKER'S NAME _____

TOPIC _____

BASIS FOR SCORING	Excel.	Good	Fair	Needs Improv.	Comments (additional comments may be made on the back of this sheet)
General Appearance (10 points possible): Posture & Poise, Appropriate Dress, No Visible Distractions	5 5	4 3 4 3	2 2	1 1	
Projection to Audience (10 points possible): Eye Contact & Facial Expressions Body Control, Gestures	5 5	4 3 4 3	2 2	1 1	
Voice Control (15 points possible): Pitch, Volume Inflection, Emphasis Articulation	5 5 5	4 3 4 3 4 3	2 2 2	1 1 1	
Pronunciation and Enunciation (10 points possible):	10 9	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1	
Language Effectiveness (10 points possible): Appropriate Words Skill in using Meaningful Quotes	5 5	4 3 4 3	2 2	1 1	
Organization of Contents (25 points possible): Introductory Statements of Key Points Introduction gains attention Body – Development of Key Points Conclusion – Summary of Key Points Statement & Coverage of Topic	5 5 5 5 5	4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3	2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1	
Overall Quality (20 points possible): Originality Appropriate Topic Skill in Use of Notes Topic Coverage	5 5 5 5	4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3	2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1	
Column Total					

Total Points: _____

Time of Speech: _____ minutes _____ seconds

Deduction for time _____

Final Score _____

Time limit is 6-8 minutes. Participants will be given a 30 second reminder before the minimum time is met and a 30 second warning before the end of time period. Penalty of 2 points for each 30 seconds over or under on time.