



Public Speaking - Prepared Speech — Score Sheet

Contestant: _____ County: _____

Topic: _____

Judging criteria / maximum points	Score	Comments
A. SUBJECT — 1. Topic relevant to youth Information accurate and timely; related 4-H experience to topic Maximum: 20 points		
B. ORGANIZATION — 1. Introduction Attention-getting; indicates direction and purpose of speech Maximum: 8 points		
2. Body- Main points clearly stated; follows through with purpose of speech Maximum: 8 points		
3. Conclusion- Ends with a purpose; summarizes Maximum: 8 points		
4. Overall Coverage of Subject Includes pertinent facts about subject in sufficient detail; use of quotes/facts/research Maximum: 8 points		
C. DELIVERY — 1. Body Actions Poise, eye contact, gestures, speaker's attitude Maximum: 15 points		
2. Voice- Pitch, quality, force, rate, articulation, pronunciation Maximum: 15 points		
3. Skill in Use of Notes- Notes were not used or did not distract from speech Maximum: 8 points		
D. GENERAL — 1. Personal appearance Maximum: 10 points		
TOTAL POINTS	100	
Time of Speech: _____		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.