

Alaska State 4-H Livestock Public Speaking (Speech) Contest Rules



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CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. This is an individual contest.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H and dues paid.
3. Contestants must be 3rd through 12th grade for the current school year. Cloverbuds (K-2nd Grade) may be allowed to participate as time and space permits. Presenters may be divided into three groups:
 - Group 1—Junior: Individuals and team members 8-11 years of age (current 3-5 grade)**
 - Group 2—Intermediate: Individuals and team members 11-13 years of age (current 6-8 grade)**
 - Group 3—Senior: Individuals and team members 14 - 18 years of age (current 9-12 grade)**
4. Contestants are limited to one public speaking or demonstration.

INSURANCE

Districts are required to verify that all participants are covered by insurance before attending the State Contest.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All contestants, coaches, parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. At no time will disrespectful behavior (be it toward contest officials, other contestants or coaches, or the general public) be tolerated. Failure to comply may result in immediate disqualification of any individuals, teams and/or family members of the violator.

CONTEST RULES

1. The subject matter must pertain to the livestock industry. Speeches not appropriately related to the livestock industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
2. No visual aids may be used, including the use of handouts such as bibliographies and pamphlets. Contestants will be disqualified for using any visual aid, including handouts, prior to, during and after the speech.
3. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
4. A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
5. During the competition the contestants may introduce themselves by name, district and speech topic.
6. Speeches should be 5-15 minutes in length for Juniors, 7-15 for Intermediate, 10-20 minutes for Seniors (3-5 minutes for Cloverbuds). One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under or over the length of time by each judge for a three points per minute total deduction. After the individual has been introduced by the superintendent, the time will start once the contestant begins to speak.
7. Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the competition. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
8. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestant should repeat the question, and then answer it.
9. Contestant order may be determined by a random drawing and announced at the coaches meeting.
10. Ties will be broken by: first, the judges accumulated delivery score, second, the judges accumulated organization score; and, third, on content and accuracy scores.
11. For educational purposes the management may videotape all speeches with individual consent.
12. Judges will consider the questions listed under each section. Points on the score card will be as follows:

PUBLIC SPEAKING SCORECARD

A. INTRODUCTION (10 points)

1. Did the introduction create interest in the subject?
2. Was the introduction short and to the point?

B. ORGANIZATION (15 points)

1. Were the main points easy to follow?
2. Were the main points arranged in best order?
3. Were sentences short, easy to understand?
4. Was the speech interesting?

C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY (20 points)

1. Were facts and information accurate?
2. Was there enough information concerning the subject?
3. Was credit given to sources of information, if appropriate?
4. Was content appropriately related to the livestock industry?

D. STAGE PRESENCE (15 points)

1. Was the speaker neat and appropriately dressed?
2. Was the speaker friendly?
3. Did the speaker talk directly to the audience?
4. Did the speaker look at the audience?
5. Was the speaker's posture erect, but not stiff?
6. Did the speaker refrain from leaning on podium?
7. Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease?

E. DELIVERY (20 points)

1. Did the speaker have appropriate voice control?
2. Were all words pronounced correctly?
3. Did the speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech?
4. Were notes used without detracting from the speech?
5. Did the speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken (natural vs. memorized)?

F. GENERAL (10 points)

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)

1. Was the conclusion short and interesting?
2. Did the conclusion properly wrap up the speech?
3. Could the speaker handle questions easily?

AWARDS

1. Awards will be announced. Ribbons awarded to the top three (3) individuals.

EQUIPMENT

1. Contest officials will supply a portable podium that may or may not be used.



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Alaska State 4-H Livestock Extemporaneous Contest Rules



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 - Group 2—Intermediate: Individuals and team members 11-13 years of age (current 6-8 grade)**
 - Group 3—Senior: Individuals and team members 14 - 18 years of age (current 9-12 grade)**

INSURANCE

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CODE OF CONDUCT

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CONTEST RULES

1. The member will be given a topic (or choice of two or three topics) and research materials as applicable, with a 20 minute time limit to prepare the presentation.
2. Subject matter must pertain to the livestock industry. Speeches not appropriately related to the livestock industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
3. No visual aids may be used, including the use of handouts such as bibliographies and pamphlets. Contestants will be disqualified for using any visual aid, including handouts, prior to, during and after the speech.
4. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
5. A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
6. During the competition the contestants may introduce themselves by name, district and speech topic.
7. Speeches should be 3-5 minutes in length for all ages. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under or over the length of time by each judge for a three points per minute total deduction. After the individual has been introduced by the superintendent, the time will start once the contestant begins to speak.
8. Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the competition. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestant should repeat the question, and then answer it.
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EXTEMPORANEOUS SCORECARD

A. INTRODUCTION (10 points)

1. Did the introduction create interest in the subject?
2. Was the introduction short and to the point?

B. ORGANIZATION (15 points)

1. Were the main points easy to follow?
2. Were the main points arranged in best order?
3. Were sentences short, easy to understand?
4. Was the speech interesting?

C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY (20 points)

1. Were facts and information accurate?
2. Was there enough information concerning the subject?
3. Was credit given to sources of information, if appropriate?
4. Was content appropriately related to the livestock industry?

D. STAGE PRESENCE (15 points)

1. Was the speaker neat and appropriately dressed?
2. Was the speaker friendly?
3. Did the speaker talk directly to the audience?
4. Did the speaker look at the audience?
5. Was the speaker's posture erect, but not stiff?
6. Did the speaker refrain from leaning on podium?
7. Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease?

E. DELIVERY (20 points)

1. Did the speaker have appropriate voice control?
2. Were the words chosen appropriate and pronounced correctly?
3. Did the speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech?
4. Were notes used without detracting from the speech?
5. Did the speaker deliver the information in a calm and collected manner?

F. GENERAL (10 points)

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)

1. Was the conclusion short and interesting?
2. Did the conclusion properly wrap up the speech?
3. Could the speaker handle questions easily?

AWARDS

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