

PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION
Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest.

PURPOSE

The Pennsylvania Holstein Association Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop the ability of all Junior members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance, therefore causing members to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time. The event will be held in connection with the Pennsylvania Holstein Junior Holstein Convention. **The contest will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Wyndham-Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA**

Copies of the rules and score sheet will be supplied to participants in advance of the event.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Participants must be a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association

Senior Division

18-21 years of age as of January 1st in the year of competition.

Intermediate Division

14-17 years of age as of January 1st in the year of competition.

Junior Division

9-13 years of age as of January 1st in the year of competition.

SUBJECT

1. The selection of topics shall be held prior to the event. The participants will draw three specific topics, selected at random from one pool of six, relating to the Holstein or dairy industries. After selecting the topic they desire to speak on, all three topics will be returned for the next drawing.
2. Six topics will be prepared by the Youth Committee
3. Participants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15-minute Intervals and given exactly 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation.
4. Unlimited reference materials may be brought to the preparation room. Contestants may bring a laptop computer to the preparation room for use in gathering speech material.
5. Each speech shall be the results of the participant's own effort using reference material, which the participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Participants must use note cards provided. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30-minute preparation period.
6. A list of all possible topics will be given to the judges prior to the beginning of the event.
7. Once a contestant has won in an age group, that person cannot compete in the same age group again

TIME LIMIT

Each speech shall be not less than four nor more than six minutes in length for senior contestants, not less than three nor more than five minutes in length for intermediate contestants, and not less than two minutes or more than four minutes for Junior contestants, with up to five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges. The program chairman of the event shall introduce the participant by name and county, and the participant may introduce his or her speech by title only. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time. There will be a warning given by event officials at the minimum time requirements.

EVENT PROCEDURES

1. The Pennsylvania Holstein Association shall be in charge of this event.
2. Speaking order will be randomly drawn by event officials. The chairperson shall introduce each participant by name and in order of the drawing. A participant 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.
3. A timekeeper shall be designed who will record the time by each participant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime or overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
4. Two or three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have a Holstein/dairy background.
5. Judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant on the delivery of the speech, using the score sheet provided.
6. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided. Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by all judges. Up to five minutes could be used for questions.
7. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score on each speaker. The timekeeper's record will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine final ratings of participants.
8. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges ranking of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be that participant whose total of rankings is the highest.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to first, second and third place finishers in each age category.

Score Sheet

The contest will be judged on the following criteria –number in parenthesis is maximum points possible for each category—

Content Related to Topic (30)

- Appropriateness of total speech contest of topic selected
- Extent to which speaker addressed the selected topic
- Suitability of material used
- Accuracy of statements included in speech
- Relationship of the content to Holstein/dairy industries

Organization of Material (10)

- Organization of content
- Unity of thought
- Logical development
- Language used
- Sentence structure
- Accomplishment of purpose/conclusions
- Material related to subtopic

Power of expression (10)

- Fluency
- Emphasis
- Communicative Ability
- Directness
- Sincerity
- Conveyance of thought and meaning

Voice (10)

- Quality
- Pronunciation
- Pitch
- Force
- Articulation

Stage Presence (10)

- Personal appearance
- Poise and body posture
- Attitude
- Confidence
- Personality
- Ease before audience

General Effect (10)

- Extent to which speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention
- Evidence of purpose

Response to Questions (20)

Ability to answer questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly

Time Deductions (20)

Speeches are limited as follows: Senior Division – four to six minutes
Intermediate Division – three to five minutes
Junior Division – two to four minutes

There will be five minutes additional time allowed for related questions which shall be asked by the judges.

Judges Signature _____

Total Score _____