

**PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

Rules and Regulations

- 1) To be eligible to compete in the Public Speaking Contest: The contestant must be a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association.

The contest is divided into three age divisions:

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.

- 2) The first place winners will be eligible to compete twice in the age division in which they have won as long as they do not win the national contest.
- 3) All contestants must be registered to participate in the contest by January 1st.

II. Subject

Contestants may choose any subject pertaining to Holstein Cattle and the Dairy 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.

III. Time Limit

In the Senior Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. In the Intermediate Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. In the Junior Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. Each contestant will be allowed five minutes during which the judging committee will ask questions relating to his or her speech. Deductions of 20 points per minute will be made from the score of each judge for speeches that are under the time limit or over the time limit in length.

IV. Method of Selecting Winner

- 1) The Youth Committee will be in charge of the contest. Competent and impartial judges will be selected by the Committee to judge the contest.
- 2) A contestant will be permitted to use notes but excessive reference to notes may result in deductions from his or her score.
- 3) A timekeeper will be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
- 4) Each judge can ask questions after a speech and each contestant will be scored on his or her ability to answer all questions by all judges.
- 5) When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total his or her score on composition and delivery for each speech. Contestants will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consulting with each other.

V. Awards

Awards will be given to the top three individuals in each division. The winner of each division will deliver their speech during the Junior Holstein Convention and have the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania at the National Holstein Speech Contest. Pennsylvania can send the National Contest allotted number of entries, per age division, to the national contest.

Part I. For Scoring the Content

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| 1) Content Includes: | Value of 40 Points |
| Importance and Appropriateness of Subject | |
| Suitability of the Material | |
| Accuracy of the Statements | |
| Evidence of Purpose | |
| Organization of the Content | |
| Logical Development | |
| Language Used | |
| Accomplished Purpose – Conclusions | |

Part II. Scoring Delivery of Production

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| 1) Voice Includes: | Value of 10 Points |
| Quality | |
| Pitch | |
| Pronunciation | |
| Force | |
| 2) Stage Presence Includes: | Value of 10 Points |
| Personal Appearance | |
| Poise and Body Posture | |
| Confidence | |
| Personality | |
| Ease Before Audience | |
| 3) Power of Expression Includes | Value of 15 Points |
| Fluency, Emphasis | |
| Directness | |
| Sincerity | |
| Communication Ability | |
| 4) Response to Questions Includes: | Value of 15 Points |
| Ability to satisfactorily answer questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject, and ability to think. | |
| 5) General Effect Includes: | Value of 10 Points |
| Extent to which speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention. | |

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ENTRY FORM

Name_____

Address_____

County_____

Age_____ Division_____

Birthdate_____ Phone Number (____)_____

Social Security Number_____

Speech Topic_____

Entry Due By January 1st to:

Pennsylvania Holstein Association
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State College PA 16801
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