

SPEECH CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

Online Entry Submission Only

DEMONSTRATION

RULES

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2. Contestants may enter all divisions of the contest (demonstration, public, or impromptu speaking) but may not enter a division which he or she has previously won.
3. Contestants should dress in proper attire. (Dresses or slacks and blouses for girls, slacks and jackets for boys).
- 4. \$25 must be submitted for each division at time of entry in order to compete.**

GUIDELINES

Topic: Equine Industry

Objective: Designed to allow the contestant to demonstrate public speaking, communication and demonstration skills, organization and knowledge of the industry and leadership ability.

1. Contestants will deliver a 6 – 8 minute demonstration.
2. (Note cards may be used, but it is emphasized that excessive use could result in a lower score.)

WHERE & WHEN

The Demonstration Contest will be held in Oklahoma City on Tuesday during the AQHYA World Championship Show

DEADLINE TO ENTER: JULY 1

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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Topic: Equine Industry

Objective: Designed to allow the contestant to demonstrate public speaking, communication and promotional skills, organization and knowledge of the industry and leadership ability.

1. Contestants will deliver a five-minute speech based on the topic.
2. The use of visual aids is not permitted. (Note cards may be used, but it is emphasized

that excessive use could result in a lower score.)

WHERE & WHEN

The Public Speaking Contest will be held Immediately following the demonstration contest in Oklahoma City on Tuesday

DEADLINE TO ENTER: JULY 1

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

RULES

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GUIDELINES

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1. Topics for the contest will be furnished by AQHA. Topics, which may be serious or humorous in nature, will vary and will be announced at the contest. Topics will be designed to include subjects familiar to the youth. Examples of topics are:
 - a. Is competition good?
 - b. If I were a personal trainer...
 - c. The American Quarter Horse in the year 2025 will be...
2. Contestants will be called one at a time according to their arranged speaking order. The contestants will draw three topics, select one, and return the remaining two to the container. The contestant will be given five minutes to prepare. Notes may not be used during the speech. Contestants may remain in the contest room only after their speech has been given.
3. The maximum time limit for each speech is five minutes. There is no minimum. Contestants going over the time limit will be penalized.

WHEN & WHERE

The Impromptu Speaking Contest will be held immediately following the Public Speaking contest, in Oklahoma City on Tuesday

DEADLINE TO ENTER: JULY 1

Guidelines for Demonstration Speech

Eligibility:	Contestants must be members in good standing of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association. \$25 must be submitted at time of entry in order to compete. Each state can send up to 2 people or teams; the state is responsible for the qualifying system and submitting the 2 entries to AQHA.
Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks:	A podium, one table, and one easel will be available. All presentation subjects must pertain to the horse industry, be horse related, and be original and factual. Because of the indoor facilities, presentations must not involve the use of live animals; however, model animals may be used.
General Rules:	Brief notes may be used if desired, however excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant/team at the discretion of the judges. A public address system will not be used during the contest.
Time:	Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks should be 6 - 8 minutes in length. A three points per minute penalty will be imposed for being under the minimum time or over the maximum time allowed. There will be up to a two-minute questioning period. Please be able to set up in 2 minutes and take down in 2 minutes.
References:	Contestant/s should cite their major references at the conclusion of the speech or demonstration/illustrated talk. Reference time will not be counted in the allotted time.
Order of Go:	Will be determined by a random drawing prior to the contest
Questions:	Only the judges may ask questions.
Scoring:	Judges will consider applicable questions listed under each section of the attached score sheet. Ties between contestants will be broken by: (1) the accumulated delivery score, (2) the accumulated organization score, or (3) the accumulated content and accuracy scores.

Time Point Deductions

3:00 – 3:59 = -9

4:00 – 4:59 = -6

5:00 – 8:59 = -3

9:01 – 9:00 = -5

9:01 – 10:00 = -6

10:01 – 11:00 = -9

Score Sheet

Time Limit: 6 -8 minutes; 3 points will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute under 6 or over 8 minutes. Question and reference time will not be counted in the allotted time.

The judges will consider the questions listed under each section. The points on the scorecard will be as follows:

- A. INTRODUCTION (10 pts.) _____
 - 1. Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject?
 - 2. Was introduction short and to the point?
- B. ORGANIZATION (25 pts.) _____
 - 1. Was only one main idea demonstrated?
 - 2. Did the discussion relate directly to each step as it was shown?
 - 3. Was each step shown just as it should be done in an actual situation or was an explanation given for any discrepancies?
 - 4. Could audience see each step?
 - 5. Were the materials and equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged and well-organized?
 - 6. Were charts and posters used if and when they were needed?
 - 7. Were the key points for each step stressed?
- C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY (25 pts.) _____
 - 1. Were the facts and information presented accurate?
 - 2. Was there enough information presented about the subject?
 - 3. Were approved practices used?
 - 4. Was credit given to sources of information, if it was appropriate?
 - 5. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?
- D. STAGE PRESENCE (10 pts.) _____
 - 1. Was the demonstrator neat and appropriately dressed for the subject of the demonstration?
 - 2. Did the demonstrator speak directly to and look at the audience?
 - 3. Was the demonstration too fast or too slow?
- E. DELIVERY (15 pts.) _____
 - 1. Did the demonstrator appear to enjoy giving demonstration?
 - 2. Did the demonstrator have good voice control?
 - 3. Were all words pronounced correctly?
 - 4. Were notes used without detracting from the speech?
 - 5. Did the demonstrator seem to choose words at the time they were spoken as opposed to a memorized demonstration?
- F. EFFECT ON AUDIENCE (5 pts.) _____
 - 1. Did the audience show an interest in the demonstration?
 - 2. Could the audience go home and carry out the idea?
- G. SUMMARY (10 pts.) _____
 - 1. Was the summary short and interesting?
 - 2. Were the key points briefly reviewed?
 - 3. Did the summary properly wrap up the demonstration?
 - 4. Could the demonstrator handle questions easily?

Time: _____

Judges' Comments:

Awarded Points _____

Minus Time Penalty _____

Total Points _____

PUBLIC SPEAKING

GUIDELINES

Topic: "Equine Industry"

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