

## **Clackamas County 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest**

The 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest is an educational experience that allows youth to further develop their abilities to relate their horse industry knowledge to others.

### **Objectives**

1. To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to express their knowledge of equine science and husbandry.
2. To develop within youth interested in the horse industry the ability to speak confidently before the public.

### **Contest Rules**

1. The contest committee will provide a podium. A public address system will not be used.
2. Contestant order will be determined prior to the contest.
3. The use of notes is permitted. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant at the judge's discretion.
4. No visual aids may be used.
5. Speech lengths should be :
  - a. 3 – 7 minutes for Juniors
  - b. 7 – 10 minutes for Intermediates and Seniors
6. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under or over the time frame.
7. During the speech the contestant should:
  - a. Introduce themselves by Name, Club, and Speech Topic
  - b. Cite their major reference materials.

NOTE: This time will not be counted in the allotted time limit
8. Only the Judge may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Contestant should repeat the questions and then answer it. The time used for questions will not be counted as part of the allotted speech time.
9. Ties will be broken first by the contestant's accumulated delivery score, second by the organization score, and third by the content and accuracy score.
10. Speeches not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge.
11. No topic of a similar title content or subject may be cross-entered into the presentation contest.
12. Content must consist of new material not previously exhibited by the contestant at a prior Clackamas County 4-H horse public speaking contest.

## **Public Speaking Scoring**

### **A. Introduction (10 points)**

- a. Did introduction create interest in the subject?
- b. Was introduction short and to the point?

### **B. Organization (15 points)**

- a. Were the main points easy to follow?
- b. Were the main points arranged in the best order?
- c. Were sentences short, easy to understand?
- d. Was speech interesting?

### **C. Content and Accuracy (20 points)**

- a. Were facts and Information correct?
- b. Was there enough information concerning subject?
- c. Was credit given to sources of information, if appropriate?
- d. Was content appropriately related to horse industry?

### **D. Stage Presence (15 points)**

- a. Was speaker neat and appropriately dressed?
- b. Was speaker friendly?
- c. Did speaker talk directly to the audience?
- d. Did speaker look at audience?
- e. Was posture erect but not stiff?
- f. Did speaker refrain from leaning on podium?
- g. Did speaker seem relaxed and at ease?

### **E. Delivery (20 points)**

- a. Did speaker appear to enjoy giving the speech?
- b. Did speaker have good voice control?
- c. Were all words pronounced correctly?
- d. Were notes used without distracting from speech?
- e. Did speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken (natural vs. memorized)?

### **F. General (10 points)**

- a. Did speaker convey to the audience a sense of wanting to communicate?
- b. Did speech reflect the thoughts and personality of the speaker?

### **G. Conclusion (10 points)**

- a. Was the conclusion short and interesting?
- b. Did the conclusion properly wrap up the speech?