

TEAM PRESENTATION CONTEST

OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of the Team Presentation contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of a specific equine-related topic, and present that topic to an audience. It is hoped that this contest will generate new friendships and be a rewarding experience for the contestants.

ELIGIBILITY: (all speaking contests)

1. Each contestant must be a bonafide 4-H Club Horse Project Member in Virginia.
2. Eligibility for contestants must be met for the Virginia 4-H Recognition and Awards Handbook and is the responsibility at all levels of the respective Extension Agent.
3. Each **District** is eligible to enter 6 Junior and 6 Senior 4-H member for each of the presentation divisions (public speaking, individual presentations, and team presentations). Entry forms will be sent to each District Horse Council and the District Horse Council will be responsible for submitting the entry or providing the entry forms to those teams or individuals representing the district. A team must be comprised of two members. 24 4-H members will be accepted for each age division per District. A waiting list will be established by each district if necessary. Any scholarships must be arranged for at the local level. Juniors and Seniors will be judged in separate contests.
4. Individuals 19 years of age or older before January 1st of the contest year are ineligible. Junior contestants must turn 9 years of age on or before September 30 of the year in which the contest is held. Senior contestants are those 14 years of age or older before January 1st and junior contestants are under 14 years of age as of January 1st of the contest year. This age eligibility conforms to the National 4-H Horse Contest Rules and Regulations.
5. The senior winning Presentation Team at the state contest will be invited to represent Virginia in the Eastern National Contest at Louisville, KY, with the top two teams being invited to participate at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship Team Presentation Contest. Upon participation at the National contest the youth will be ineligible to compete in future 4-H Team Presentation contests.
6. Units should encourage all 4-H horse members to study and compete on an open participation basis. Unit members may be selected by contests or by any method acceptable and designated by leaders and approved by the extension units.

STATE CONTEST:

The state contest will be scheduled during the spring of each year. Entry forms will be sent out in advance. Teams must be county teams or can be from neighboring counties as long as a particular county does not have enough members to make up the two person team and the teammates have practiced and competed together at the county level.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Working orders will be drawn and posted in advance of the contest. Working order may be changed to accommodate 4-H members when conflicts arise with the Horse Judging classes.

2. May be a demonstration or illustrated talk. Both presentation forms are acceptable and will be evaluated equally, although the delivery methods are different. Both should utilize visual aids to help convey the major points of the presentation and more than one type of visual aid is preferable. Visual aids may include but are not limited to: handouts, posters, props, videos, slides, and computer generated media (PowerPoint, websites, etc.). No live animals may be used.
3. A team will consist of two members. Team work should be demonstrated.
4. Subject must pertain to the Equine industry. (No live animals may be used.)
5. Ten to 15 minutes will be allowed for each Senior Team Presentation. Juniors (9 – 13 year olds based on 4-H age) will have a time limit of 4 – 8 minutes. One point per judge is subtracted for each minute or fraction of a minute over or under the time limits.
6. The following equipment will be provided for the contestants use: two (2) tables, two (2) easels, one screen, and one power cord. Contest management will **not** provide a computer or projection device for PowerPoint presentations.
7. Consideration and points on the score card will be:
 - a) Introduction (10 Points)
 - 1) Did the introduction create interest in the subject?
 - 2) Was introduction short and to the point?
 - b) Organization (25 Points)
 - 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 discrepancies?
 - 4) Could the audience see each step?
 - 5) Were materials and equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged and well organized?
 - 6) Were charts and posters used if and when needed?
 - 7) Were the key points for each step stressed?
 - c) Content and Accuracy (25 Points)
 - 1) Were facts and information presented accurately?
 - 2) Was enough information presented about the subject?
 - 3) Were approved practices used?
 - 4) Was credit given to the sources of information if it was appropriate?
 - 5) Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?
 - d) Stage Presence (10 Points)
 - 1) Were the demonstrators neat and appropriately dressed for the subject of demonstration?
 - 2) Did the demonstrators speak directly to and look at the audience?
 - 3) Was the demonstration too fast or too slow?
 - e) Delivery (15 Points)
 - 1) Did the demonstrators appear to enjoy giving the demonstration?
 - 2) Did the demonstrators have good voice control?
 - 3) Were all words pronounced correctly?
 - 4) If notes were used, was it done without distracting from the speech?
 - 5) Did the demonstrators seem to choose words at the times they were spoken instead of memorizing the demonstration?
 - f) Effect on Audience (5 Points)
 - 1) Did the audience show an interest in the demonstration?
 - 2) Could the audience go home and use the idea?
 - g) Summary (10 Points)
 - 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 demonstrators handle questions easily?
8. Contestants may use notes. Excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judge or judges.
 9. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their presentation. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
 10. Questions will be asked by judges only.

INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION CONTEST

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ELIGIBILITY:

Same as for Team Presentations Contest

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Same rules and score card as for Team Presentations Contest.

Exceptions:

1. This is an individual contest.
2. Presentations should be 9 – 12 minutes in length for Seniors and 4 – 8 minutes for Juniors (9 – 13 year olds based on 4-H age). One point per judge will be deducted from the score for every minute or fraction of a minute under or over the time limits.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of the Public Speaking contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of a specific equine-related topic, and present that topic to an audience. It is hoped that this contest will generate new friendships and be a rewarding experience for the contestants.

ELIGIBILITY:

Same as for Presentations Contests

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Subject must pertain to the Equine industry.
2. Seven to 10 minutes will be allowed each Senior Public Speaking participant, Juniors (9 – 13 year olds based on 4-H age) with a time limit of 3 – 6 minutes, with 1 point per judge subtracted for each minute or fraction of a minute over or under the time limit.
3. Contestants may use notes. Excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the three judges.

4. Consideration and points on the score card will be:
 - 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 the best order?
 - 3) Were the sentences short and easy to understand?
 - 4) Was the speech interesting?
 - c) Content and Accuracy (20 Points)
 - 1) Were the facts and information accurate?
 - 2) Was there enough information concerning the subject?
 - 3) Was credit given to the sources of information, if appropriate?
 - 4) Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?
 - d) Stage Presence (15 Points)
 - 1) Was the speaker neat and appropriately dressed?
 - 2) Did the speaker talk directly to and look at the audience?
 - 3) Was the speaker's posture erect, but not stiff?
 - 4) Did the speaker refrain from leaning on the lectern?
 - 5) Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease?
 - e) Delivery (20 Points)
 - 1) Did the speaker have appropriate voice control?
 - 2) Were all the words pronounced correctly?
 - 3) Did the speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech?
 - 4) If notes were used, was it done without distracting from the speech?
 - 5) Did the speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken instead of memorizing or reading the speech?
 - 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?
5. Questions will be asked by the judges only.
6. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
7. One (1) podium will be provided for each contestant.

AWARDS:

Ribbons will be awarded to the top ten placings in each division and contest.

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