

MARYLAND 4-H STATE HORSE COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST
Public Speaking



Total Points: _____
Rank: _____
Award: _____

Name: _____

Division: _____ Junior (8-10 yrs.) _____ Intermediate (11-13 yrs.) _____ Senior (14-18 yrs.)

Speech Title/Topic:

Time Limit: Seniors: 7-10 minutes; Three (3) points will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute under 7 or over 10 minutes.

Juniors and Intermediates: 4-6 minutes; One (1) point will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute under 4 or over 6 minutes.

Possible Points

A. INTRODUCTION _____ (10)

1. Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject?
2. Was the introduction short and to the point?

B. ORGANIZATION _____ (15)

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)

1. Were facts and information accurate?
2. Was there enough information concerning the subject?
3. Was credit given to the sources of information if it was appropriate?
4. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?

D. STAGE PRESENCE _____ (15)

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 podium?
5. Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease?

Possible Points

E. DELIVERY

____ (20)

1. Did the speaker have good voice control?
 2. Were all the words pronounced correctly?
 3. Did the speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech?
 4. Were notes used without detracting from the speech?
 5. Did the speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken, as opposed to a memorized demonstration?
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F. GENERAL

____ (10)

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?
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G. CONCLUSION

____ (10)

1. Was the conclusion short and interesting?
 2. Did the summary properly wrap up the demonstration?
 3. Could the speaker handle questions easily?
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Time: _____

Total awarded points: _____ (100)

Minus time penalty: _____

Total points: _____

Judge's Comments: