

NEW YORK STATE JUNIOR HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest

PURPOSE

The New York State Junior Holstein Association Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop the ability of all members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance, therefore causing members to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time. The event will be held in connection with the New York Junior Holstein Convention.

Copies of the rules and score sheet will be supplied to participants in advance of the event.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Participants must be a member of the New York Junior Holstein Association.
2. Age division breakdown is as follows: (as of January 1, 2018)

Junior Division:	9 to 13 years of age
Intermediate Division:	14 to 17 years of age
Senior Division:	18 to 21 years of age

3. All contestants must be registered to participate in the contest by December 31st, prior to competition.

SUBJECTS

1. The selection of topics shall be held prior to the event. The participants will draw three specific topics, selected at random from one pool of 6, relating to the Holstein or dairy industries. After selecting the topic they desire to speak on, all three topics will be returned for the next drawing.
2. Six topics will be prepared by the Junior Executive Committee.
3. Participants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15 - minute intervals and given exactly 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation.
4. Reference material will be screened by the officials in charge of the event on the following basis:
 - a. Shall be limited to five items.
 - b. Must be printed material such as books or magazines and/or a compilation of collected materials. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain no more than 100 pages, single side (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use for this event). (Copies must reference the origination point).
5. Each speech shall be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material, which the participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Participants must use the note cards provided. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30-minute preparation period.
6. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the event.

TIME LIMIT

Each speech shall be not less than four nor more than six minutes in length for senior and intermediate contestants and not less than three nor more than five minutes in length for junior contestants, with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges. The program chairman of the event shall introduce the participant by name and county, and the participant may introduce his or her speech by title only. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time. No time warnings will be given by event officials or observers.

EVENT PROCEDURES

1. The New York State Junior Holstein Association shall be in charge of this event.
2. Speaking order will be randomly drawn by event officials. The chairperson shall introduce each participant by name and in order of the drawing. A participant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation.
3. A timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time by each participant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime or overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
4. Three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have a Holstein/dairy background.
5. Judges will score each participant on the delivery of the speech, using the score sheet provided.
6. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided. Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by all judges. The full five minutes should be used.
7. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score on each speaker. The timekeeper's record will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine final ratings of participants.
8. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges' ranking of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be that participant whose total of rankings is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection). In case of a tie, that individual who has the highest grand total score shall have higher rating.

AWARDS

The following checks will be sent within two (2) weeks following Convention. Be sure to cash checks within thirty (30) days.

1st Place	\$25.00
2nd Place	\$15.00
3rd Place	\$10.00

Score Sheet Explanation

The contest will be judged on the following criteria -- number in parenthesis is maximum points possible for each category --

Content Related to Topic (30)

- Appropriateness of total speech content to topic selected
- Extent to which speaker addressed the selected topic
- Suitability of material used
- Accuracy of statements included in speech
- Relationship of the content to Holstein/dairy industries

Organization of Material (10)

- Organization of content
- Unity of thought
- Logical development
- Language used
- Sentence structure
- Accomplishment of purpose/conclusions
- Material related to subtopic

Power of Expression (10)

- Fluency
- Emphasis
- Communicative Ability
- Directness
- Sincerity
- Conveyance of thought and meaning

Voice (10)

- Quality
- Pronunciation
- Pitch
- Articulation
- Force

Stage Presence (10)

- Personal appearance
- Poise and body posture
- Attitude
- Confidence
- Personality
- Ease before audience

General Effect (10)

- Extent to which speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention
- Evidence of purpose

Response to Questions (20)

Ability to answer questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly

Time Deductions (20)

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