



Horse Public Speaking

- Description: A seven to ten minute original talk on any appropriate topic related to the horse industry.
- Entries: Individual only
- State Awards: First place individual and will receive registration assistance towards National Competition. They also receive the right to represent Utah at the Western National Contest in Denver.
- National Awards: Determined at the national level.
- Sponsor: Utah 4-H Horse Council

Special Information:

- Participants will be penalized for going under seven and over ten minutes. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes by each of three judges for three points per minute total deduction.
- A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
- The subject matter must pertain to the horse industry. Speeches not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
- Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
- Three copies of the talks are to be furnished for the judges.
- No visual aids may be used, including the use of handouts such as bibliographies and pamphlets. Contestants will be disqualified for using any visual aid, including handouts, prior to, during and after the speech.
- No contestant will be allowed to enter the same presentation in more than one contest.



Horse Public Speaking Scorecard

Blue Ribbon? (Circle One) Yes No
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Name: _____

County: _____

Title of Talk: _____

Length of Talk _____ minutes

ITEMS TO BE SCORED	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	POINTS EARNED	COMMENTS
Introduction: (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates interest Short and to the point 					
Organization: (15 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main points easy to follow Main points arranged in best order Sentences short, easy to understand Speech interesting 					
Content and Accuracy: (20 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facts and information accurate Enough information concerning the subject Credit given to sources, if appropriate Content related to horse industry 					
Stage Presence: (15 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neat and appropriately dressed Friendly Talked directly to audience/judges Looked at audience/judges Correct posture, not stiff Refrained from leaning on podium Seemed relaxed and at ease 					
Delivery: (20 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate voice control Words pronounced correctly Facial expressions reflect mood of speech If notes used, didn't distract from speech Fluency 					
General: (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conveyed to audience a sense of wanting to communicate Speech reflected thoughts and personality 					
Conclusion: (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short and interesting Properly wrapped up the speech Handled questions easily 					
Total Score: (100 Points)					