

# Horse Public Speaking Contest

County \_\_\_\_\_

Age Category:

Time: Start \_\_\_\_\_ Finish \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_ Int. \_\_\_\_ Sr.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Selection \_\_\_\_\_

## Speech not to exceed 10 minutes

Evaluation Areas	Possible Points	Judges Comments
<b>Introduction</b> (10 possible points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject?</li> <li>• Was the introduction short and to the point?</li> </ul>	1-2-3-4-5 1-2-3-4-5	
<b>Organization</b> (25 possible points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Were the main points easy to follow?</li> <li>• Were the main points arranged in the best order?</li> <li>• Were sentences short and easy to understand?</li> <li>• Was the speech interesting?</li> </ul>	1-2-3-4-5-6-7 1-2-3-4-5-6 1-2-3-4-5-6 1-2-3-4-5-6	
<b>Content and Accuracy</b> (25 possible points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Were facts and information accurate?</li> <li>• Was there enough information concerning the subject?</li> <li>• Was credit given to the sources of information, if appropriate?</li> <li>• Was content appropriately related to the horse industry?</li> </ul>	1-2-3-4-5-6 1-2-3-4-5-6 1-2-3-4-5-6 1-2-3-4-5-6-7	
<b>Stage Presence</b> (10 possible points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was speaker neat and appropriately dressed?</li> <li>• Was speaker friendly?</li> <li>• Did the speaker talk directly to the audience and have good eye contact?</li> <li>• Did the speaker refrain from leaning on the podium?</li> <li>• Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease, posture erect, but not stiff?</li> </ul>	1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2	
<b>Delivery</b> (15 possible points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did the speaker have appropriate voice control?</li> <li>• Were all words pronounced correctly?</li> <li>• Did speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech?</li> <li>• If notes were used, was it done without detracting from the speech?</li> <li>• Did speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken? (Avoid a memorized or read-type delivery)</li> </ul>	1-2-3 1-2-3 1-2-3 1-2-3 1-2-3	
<b>General</b> (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did speaker convey to the audience a sense of wanting to communicate?</li> <li>• Did the speech reflect the thoughts and personality of the speaker?</li> </ul>	1-2 1-2-3	
<b>Conclusion</b> (10 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the conclusion short and interesting?</li> <li>• Did the conclusion properly wrap up the speech?</li> <li>• Could the speaker handle questions easily?</li> </ul>	1-2-3 1-2-3 1-2-3-4	