

HORSE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

OBJECTIVES

1. Acquire skills, confidence and poise in speaking to groups regarding an interesting horse related topic.
2. Expand your horse knowledge and increase your research and study techniques.
3. Learn how to organize your thoughts and express these ideas in a logical and concise manner.
4. Gain increased knowledge and control of the English language in expressing your ideas.

IOWA CONTEST RULES

1. **All Equine Extravaganza entries are to be made online by March 1, 11:59 PM.**
2. Event will be held at the Equestrian Center of Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls on Saturday.
3. This is an individual contest.
4. The contest will be divided into junior and senior divisions. Junior members may not have reached their 14th birthday as of January 1st of the current year. All senior members must have reached their 14th birthday as of January 1st of the current year. Age divisions for this contest are based on the national rules.
5. 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).
6. The presentation must be 4-6 minutes in length for junior participants and 7-10 minutes in length for seniors.
7. Only the Judge(s) may ask questions of the participants, including references, immediately following the presentation. Question time will not be counted as part of the allotted time.
8. Judges will consider introduction, organization, content and accuracy, state presence, delivery, general, conclusion and answers to questions.
9. No visual/audio aids may be used. Use of these aids qualifies this speech as an illustrated talk and will disqualify the participant in public speaking. (Visual/audio aids include but are not limited to: posters, pamphlets, tape players/recorders, videos, etc.).
10. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
11. A public address system will not be used, but a podium may be provided.
12. Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the competition. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
13. **Speaking order will be determined at check-in time on Saturday (see main schedule).**
14. The highest scoring senior 4-H'er is eligible to participate in the national event in Denver, Colorado in January. The second and third highest scoring senior 4-H'er is eligible to participate in the Invitational Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus Ohio in October. Ties will be broken by first the judges accumulated delivery score. Second by the judges accumulated organization score and third on content and accuracy scores.
15. For educational purposes the management may videotape all speeches with individual consent.

NATIONAL 4-H DIVISION RULES – WESTERN DIVISION

1. These apply to horse judging, hippology, quiz bowl, public speaking, individual and team demonstration.
2. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H competitive event is held.
3. Contestants must be at least 14 years of age and not reached his or her 19th birthday as of January 1st of the year in which they qualified for the National 4-H Horse Classic-Western Division.
4. Contestants (including team alternatives) may participate in only one contest per year at the Classic. After competing in this contest, they are ineligible to compete in the same specific contest again. Previous representatives may not compete in the same contest area, but may compete in another contest area.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. **Online entry DEADLINE is March 1, 11:59 PM.**
2. **Entries must be made online. Access the online registration at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza**
3. **An entry fee of \$8 per entry is required. See the online entry process for payment options.**
4. **All payments MUST be received by March 15.**

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