

New York Junior Holstein Association  
Prepared Speech Contest

**Purpose**

The New York State Junior Holstein Association Speech Contest is designed to develop the ability of all members to express themselves. The event will be held in conjunction 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 Holstein Association
2. Age division breakdown is as follows: **(as of January 1, 2019)**

<b>Novice Division:</b>	<b>9 and under</b>
<b>Junior Division:</b>	<b>10-13 years of age</b>
<b>Intermediate Division:</b>	<b>14-17 years of age</b>
<b>Senior Division:</b>	<b>18-21 years of age</b>

**All contestants must be registered to participate in the contest by January 2, 2019 prior to the competition.**

**Subjects**

Contestants may choose any subject pertaining to Holsteins and the dairy industry. For subject matter we wish to encourage exploration and understanding of any and all entities of the dairy industry, emphasizing the Holstein's role. Current policies, affairs and trends in the industry are suitable topics.

**Time Limit**

Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep track of their own time, however, time warnings will be given to you.

**Novice: 3-5 minutes**

**Juniors: 3-5 minutes**

**Intermediate: 6-8 minutes**

**Seniors: 6-8 minutes**

This allows for 5 minutes of additional time for the judges to ask questions.

**Event Procedures**

1. The Education Committee will be in charge of the contest. Three competent and unbiased judges will be selected by the Committee chairperson to judge the contest.
2. Contestants will be notified of their appointment time. A contestant will be permitted to use notes but excessive reference to notes may result in deduction from his or her score. Contestants in the novice and junior divisions will be permitted to use posters or props in order to present their speeches. Contestants will be judged on how they present the information and not on creativity and design of the props and posters.

3. A timekeeper will be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
4. Five minutes will be allotted at the completion of speeches to allow judges to ask questions. Each contestant will be scored on his or her ability to answer the judges questions.
5. When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total his or her score on their performance. The judges will determine a first, second, and third place for each age division.

### **Awards**

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

1st place - \$25

2nd place - \$15

3rd place - \$10

### **Score Sheet Explanation**

#### **Content (30)**

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#### **Delivery (20)**

##### Style

- Develops a rapport with audience
- Easy to listen to and appealing presentation style
- Conveyance of thought & meaning
- Enthusiasm & conversational attitude
- Articulate, good use of emphasis & volume
- Confident poise & posture, makes eye contact and hand gestures used in good taste
- Personal appearance
- Appropriate use of visual aids (*Senior division only*)

#### **Response to Questions (25)**

- Demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter
- Answers questions accurately and demonstrates originality
- Quickly organizes thoughts & expresses them clearly

#### **Time Deduction (-20)**

- Contestants will receive a 30 second grace period over or under the allotted time before deductions are taken. Any time over/under 31 to 45 seconds will receive a 10 point deduction. Any time over/under 46 to 60 seconds will receive a 20 point deduction