

New York Junior Holstein Association
Extemporaneous 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)**

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

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

Subjects

- 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,
- Participants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15 minute intervals and given exactly 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation.
- Reference material will be screened by the officials in charge of the event on the following basis
 - Shall be limited to five items
 - Must be printed material such as books or magazines and/or 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 sided (can't be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or another person for the purpose of use for this event). (Copies must reference the origination point).
- Each speech shall be the result of the participants 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.
- A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the event.

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.

Juniors: 3-5 minutes

Intermediate: 4-6 minutes

Seniors: 4-6 minutes

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

Event Procedures

1. The New York 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 maybe 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. Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by the 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 rating 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 the participant whose total ranking is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner. 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 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)

- Provides an adequate amount of information relating to topic with substantial message
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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