

EASTERN NATIONAL 4-H HORSE ROUNDUP

<p>PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST</p>

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Each state is invited to enter one contestant in this contest.
2. Individuals may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. Contestants must be at least 14 years of age, but not have reached his or her 19th birthday as of January 1 of the year in which this event is held.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and participation eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H Leader.
5. Certification of participation eligibility should consider the following: “This contestant has not participated in post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the national 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the national 4-H competition.” See details below.

- A. Post-secondary undergraduate students may participate in and/or complete freshman and sophomore level equine management or communications courses. Students completing a junior, senior or graduate level equine and/or communications course are ineligible to participate in the National 4-H Horse Competition.
- B. Students are ineligible to participate in a National 4-H Horse Competition if they are currently enrolled in courses that provide specific training for the competitive event in which they are participating. For example, student participation in collegiate horse judging events, on intercollegiate horse judging teams and in intercollegiate communication events would eliminate a 4-Her's eligibility to participate in the National 4-H Horse Competition.

6. Contestants (including team alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the Roundup. After competing in this contest, they are ineligible to compete in the same specific contest again. Contestants must not have competed previously in this contest in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville or the Western National 4-H Horse Classic in Denver.

THE CONTEST

1. The subject must pertain to the horse industry. Speeches, not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
2. No visual aids may be used.
3. No coaching from parents or coaches during the speech.
4. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
5. A public address system will not be used during the contest, but a podium will be provided.
6. During the event, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state and speech topic.
7. Speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score on each judge's score sheet for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.
8. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their speech. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question then answer it.
10. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and will be announced at the Coaches meeting.

11. Three judges will be used and judges will score each entry independently and assign scores. After all presentations are presented and scores are tabulated, judges may confer and discuss evaluations. Each judge assigns his or her final scores and then cumulative final scores are tabulated to determine the final placings. Contest superintendents may review and check tabulation of scores for mathematical accuracy.

12. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated delivery score, second by the judges' accumulated organization score and third on content and accuracy score.

13. Improper attire will be a violation and appropriate points deducted on the scorecard. Improper attire will be determined at the discretion of the judges.

14. The judges will consider the questions listed under each section. The points on the score card will be as follows:

A. INTRODUCTION **10 points**

1. Did the introduction serve to create interest in the subject?
2. Was the introduction short and to the point?

B. ORGANIZATION **15 points**

1. Were the main points easy to follow?
2. Were the main points arranged in the best order?
3. Were the sentences short and easy to understand?
4. Was the speech interesting?

C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY **20 points**

1. Were the facts and information accurate?
2. Was there enough information concerning the subject?
3. Was credit given to the sources of information, if it was appropriate?
4. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?

D. STAGE PRESENCE **15 points**

1. Was the speaker neat and appropriately dressed?
2. Did the speaker talk directly to and look at the audience?
3. Was the speaker's posture erect, but not stiff?
4. Did the speaker refrain from leaning on the podium?
5. Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease?

E. DELIVERY **20 points**

1. Did the speaker have appropriate voice control?
2. Were all words pronounced correctly?
3. If notes were used, was it done without detracting from the speech?
4. Did the speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken as opposed to a memorized or ready-type delivery?

F. GENERAL **10 points**

1. Did the speaker convey to the audience a sense of wanting to communicate?
2. Did the speech reflect the thoughts and personality of the speaker?

G. CONCLUSION

10 points

1. Was the conclusion short and interesting?
2. Did the conclusion properly wrap up the speech?
3. Could the speaker handle questions easily?

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Awards will be announced and presented to the top ten individuals.
2. A Coaches' Meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night, in East Hall A of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Contest registration will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by the coaches meeting.
3. For further details or information, contact the Superintendents.
4. **Entry Deadline: September 15** of the current year. Entry must be made on special form (OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM-EASTERN NATIONAL 4-H HORSE ROUNDUP) and signed by the respective State 4-H Leader or Extension Horse Specialist and mailed to the North American International Livestock Exposition, PO Box 36367, Louisville, KY 40233-6367. Contestant entry and registration fee must accompany the entry and checks made payable to North American International Livestock Exposition. Credit card payment is available.
5. Headquarters and Lodging-Executive Inn, Watterson Expressway at Fairgrounds (978 Phillips Lane), Louisville, Kentucky 40213(502-367-6161). Special rates are available for all participants in the Roundup. Reservations must be made on the reservation form that is available from the North American International Livestock Exposition and this entry packet.
6. Each state is totally responsible for lodging, meals, and travel arrangements for its contestants.