Guidelines for Kootenai/Shoshone County Oral Presentations and Speech Contests

General Oral Presentation Contest Guidelines

A. Eligibility
   1. Must be a current Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H member.
   2. Age divisions will be determined by contestant's age as of January 1st (by oldest contestant's age in team/ensemble presentations):
      
      | Division   | Age Range |
      |------------|-----------|
      | Juniors    | 8 - 11 years |
      | Intermediates | 12 - 14 years |
      | Seniors   | 15 - 18 years |

B. Contest Rules
   1. Contestants may enter no more than 3 presentations. Each presentation must be unique.
   2. Contest categories are:
      - Demonstrations / Illustrated Talks
      - Speeches
      - Dramatic Presentations
   3. Blue, red or white ribbons will be awarded to each contestant for each presentation given.
   4. Top 4 awards will be presented in each age division of the contest categories listed above. Awards will be given at the judges’ discretion.
   5. Trophies will be awarded to the top overall presenter in each age group.
      Trophies will be presented during the North Idaho Fair 4-H Awards presentation.

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks

1. Presentations may be on any topic related to a 4-H project.
2. Presentations in this category may be individual (1 person) or team (2 people).
3. Team presentations will be placed in the division of the oldest team member; both members must present information.
4. The use of props and/or visual aids are required for Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks.
5. A table and easel will be provided.
6. Time Limits:
   - Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks - Juniors 5-8 minutes
   - Intermediates 5-8 minutes
   - Seniors 10-15 minutes
   - Teams 10-15 minutes

Speech Contest

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1. The Public Speaking topics are: *4-H Topics, Timely Topics* (any topic of concern to our nation's youth) or some topic related to the Horse industry.
2. This category is for individual presentations only.
3. The use of props and/or visual aids is *not* permitted.
4. A podium will be provided.
5. Time limits:
   - Public Speaking/Speeches - Juniors 5-8 minutes
   - Intermediates 5-8 minutes
   - Seniors 7-10 minutes

**Dramatic Presentation**

1. Member's presentation may be from an original or recited piece.
2. Members will need to supply 3 copies of the piece being presented.
3. This category is for individuals or ensembles (groups of 2-5).
4. Ensemble presentations will be placed in the division of the oldest team member; all members must have a speaking role.
5. The use of props are permitted for Dramatic Presentations.
6. Members will have a 15’ x 15’ space for their presentation.
7. Time Limits:
   - Individual 1-5 minutes (regardless of age group)
   - Ensemble 1-12 minutes (regardless of age group)
8. Any 4-H member can participate in this category, regardless of what 4-H project they are enrolled in.

*Ideas for Dramatic Presentations may include recited poems or pieces of literature, monologues from plays, short skits, or other creative dramatic presentations.*

**Idaho Youth Horse Contests**

Those members who place well in the Demonstration/Illustrated Talk and/or the Speech categories and have a horse related topic may qualify to participate in the Idaho Youth Horse Contests. Please be aware that our age divisions and time limits are not identical to those used during the Idaho Youth Horse Contests. Those members who do qualify are responsible for knowing the State Contest time limits and adjusting their presentation if needed.