

Idaho State 4-H

Prepared Speech Contest Rules

Superintendent:

Grace Wittman
UI Extension, Cassia Co
1013 West 16th Street
Burley, ID 83318
(208) 878-9461
gwittman@uidaho.edu

Carrie Stark
UI Extension 4-H Youth Development
875 Perimeter Dr, MS 3015
Moscow, ID 83844-3015
208-885-2156
cstark@uidaho.edu

Eligibility

- A. A county is allowed three entries in the prepared speech contest.
- B. Entries not officially entered will not be permitted to participate for any reason.
- C. An individual may enter a State 4-H competitive event in a specific program area only once.
- D. The eligibility requirements to enter a State 4-H Competitive Event are:
 - a. Contestant must already have passed his or her 14th birthday, and may not have reached his or her 19th birthday, as of January 1 of the year in which the State 4-H Competitive Event is held. However, the State 4-H Leader may grant a special authorization to compete for youth with developmental disabilities who exceed the upper age limit.
 - b. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the county they are representing during the year in which the State 4-H Competitive Event is held.
 - c. The contestant and his or her county 4-H professional must certify as follows on the application form or an accompanying memo:

“This contestant has not participated in post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the state 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.” Violation of this will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognition, which have been won in the State 4-H Competitive Event.

Contest Rules

1. Contestant can prepare a speech on any topic relative to today's youth.
2. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
3. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
4. Each speech will be timed and must be between 6-8 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit.
5. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
6. A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
7. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced at the morning assembly on Tuesday of 4-H Teen Conference or sent out prior to the contest.
8. The judges will break ties.
9. The initial contest will decide whom the top two speakers are.
10. The top two speakers will present their speeches at a predetermined assembly at 4-H Teen Conference. The winners will be announced at the Clover Banquet Thursday night.
11. Judges will use the Idaho State 4-H Prepared Speech Score Sheet.

Awards

1. Awards will be given to the top three (3) presentations.

Idaho State 4-H Prepared Speech Contest Score Sheet

SPEAKER'S NAME _____

TOPIC _____

BASIS FOR SCORING	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE
General Appearance: Posture, Appropriate Dress, Visible Distractions	5	
Projection to Audience: Eye Contact, Body Control, Gestures, Head Movement, Facial Expressions	10	
Voice Control: Pitch, Tempo, Inflection, Emphasis, Articulation, Volume	15	
Pronunciation and Enunciation	15	
Language Effectiveness: Appropriate Words, Skill in using Meaningful Quotes	10	
Organization of Content: Statement & Coverage of Topic, Sequence of Key Points, Introductory Statements of Key Points, Body-Development of Key Points, Conclusion - Summary of Key Points	25	
Overall Quality: Originality, Appropriate Topic, Skill in Use of Notes, Topic Coverage	20	
Total	100	

Judges Comments to Support Score:

Time of Speech: _____ Minutes _____ Seconds

Deduction for time _____

Final Score _____

Time limit is 6-8 minutes. Participants will be given a 30 second warning before end of time period. Penalty of 2 points for each 30 seconds over or under on time.