

**NEW YORK STATE JUNIOR HOLSTEIN
ASSOCIATION
Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest**

PURPOSE

The New York State Junior Holstein Association Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop the ability of all members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance, therefore causing members to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time. The event will be held in connection with the New York Junior Holstein Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Participants must be a member of the New York Junior Holstein Association
2. Age division breakdown as of January 1 of the Convention year.

Junior Division:	9 to 13 years of age
Intermediate Division:	14 to 17 years of age
Senior Division:	18 to 20 years of age

3. All contestants must be registered to participate in the contest by January 1

SUBJECTS

1. Six topics relating to the Holstein or dairy industries will be prepared by the Junior Executive Committee.
2. The participant will draw three speech topics at random. They have one minute to decide which topic they choose. After selecting the topic they desire to speak on, all three topics will be returned for the next drawing.
3. Participants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15 - minute intervals and given exactly 30 minutes for preparation.
4. Reference material is allowed in the preparation room. They will be screened by the officials in charge of the event on the following basis:
 - a. Shall be limited to five items.
 - b. Must be printed material such as books or magazines and/or a 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 side (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use for this event). (Copies must reference the origination point).
5. Each speech shall be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material. 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.

SPEECH TIME LIMIT

1. Senior 4-6 minutes (Not less than four nor more than six)
2. Intermediate 4-6 minutes (Not less than four nor more than six)
3. Junior 3-5 minutes (Not less than three nor more than five) with five minutes
4. The chairman of the event shall introduce the participant by name and county, and the participant may introduce his or her speech by title only. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time. There will be a warning given by event officials at the minimum time requirement.

QUESTION TIME LIMIT

1. 5 minutes additional time allowed for related questions by the judges.

EVENT PROCEDURES

1. The New York State Junior Holstein Association shall be in charge of this event.
2. Speaking order will be set by event officials. The chairperson shall introduce each participant by name. A participant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be 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. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided. Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by all 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 ratings 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 that participant whose total of rankings is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection). In case of a tie, that individual who has the highest grand total score shall have a higher rating.

AWARDS

The following checks will be sent following the Convention. Be sure to cash checks within thirty (30) days.

1st Place	\$25.00
2nd Place	\$15.00
3rd Place	\$10.00

Score Sheet Explanation

The contest will be judged on the following criteria -- number in parenthesis is maximum points possible for each category --

Content (30)

- Provides amount of information relating to topic with substantial message
- Material and information presented is factual, understood and well-researched.
- Presented with a purpose to entertain, inform, persuade, or obtain action.

Composition (25)

- Speech is organized containing an introduction, body, and conclusion with main points and transitions
- correct sentence structure, proper language, and grammar used
- demonstrates creativity and originality
- material presented developed by the speaker
- skillful use of facts engaging the audience with examples, descriptions and analogies

Delivery (20)

- style
- develops rapport with audience
- easy to listen to and appealing presentation style
- conveyance of thought and meaning
- enthusiasm and conversational attitude
- articulate, good use of emphasis and volume
- confident poise and posture, makes eye contact and hand gestures
- personal appearance

Response to Questions (25)

- demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter
- answers questions accurately and demonstrates originality

Time Deductions (20)

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