

# New York Junior Holstein Association Prepared Speaking Contest

## Purpose

The New York State Junior Holstein Association Prepared Speaking 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.

## Eligibility

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

Novice Division:	9 and under
Junior Division:	10-13 years of age
Intermediate Division:	14-17 years of age
Senior Division:	18-20 years of age
3. All contestants must be registered to participate in the contest by January 1

## Subjects

Contestants may choose any subject pertaining to Holsteins and the dairy industry. For subject matter we wish to encourage exploration and understanding of all entities of the dairy industry, emphasizing the Holstein's role. Current policies, affairs and trends in the industry are suitable topics.

## Time Limit

1. *Senior Division*: Each presentation should be a minimum of eight minutes and a maximum of ten minutes. (8-10 minutes)
2. *Intermediate Division*: Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. (6-8 minutes)
3. *Junior Division*: Each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. (3-5 minutes)
4. *Novice Division*: Each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. (3-5 minutes)

Each contestant will be allowed five minutes in which the judging committee will ask questions relating to his or her speech. Deductions will be made from the score of each judge for speeches that are under the time limit or over the time limit in length.

## Event Procedures

1. The Junior Executive Committee will be in charge of the contest. Three competent and unbiased Judges will be selected by the Education Committee chairperson to judge the contest.
2. Contestants will be notified of their appointment time. A contestant will be permitted to use notes but excessive reference to notes may result in deduction from his or her score.
3. Senior division contestants **will be allowed** to use visual aids including posters, display boards, PowerPoint, etc. A projector will be provided for contestants.
4. A timekeeper will be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his or her speech, noting under time and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
5. Five minutes will be allotted at the completion of speeches to allow judges to ask questions. Each contestant will be scored on his or her ability to answer the judges' questions.
6. When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total his or her score on their performance. The judges will determine a first, second, and third place for each age division.

## Scoring

When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total their scores for each speech. The three judges' scores combined will determine the final placings.

### Scoring:

Content 30  
Composition 25  
Delivery 20  
Response to Question 25

**Score Sheet:** The contest will be judged on the following criteria — number in parenthesis is maximum points possible for each category.

#### *Content* (30)

- Provides adequate 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 & conclusion with main points and transitions
- Correct sentence structure, proper language and grammar used
- Demonstrates creativity & originality
- Material presented developed by the speaker
- Skillful use of facts engaging the audience with examples, descriptions & analogies

#### *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
- 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 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 to 45 seconds will receive a 10-point deduction. Any time over/under 46 to 60 seconds will receive a 20-point deduction.

## AWARDS

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

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