

SRHC 4-H Score Card for Horse Public Speaking

Name of Participant: _____ State: _____

Title: _____ *Time (limit: 7-10 min): _____

**Each judge will deduct one point from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.*

| Criteria | Max | Score | Comments |
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| A. INTRODUCTION - 10 Points 1. Did introduction serve to create interest in the subject? 2. Was the introduction short and to the point? | 10 | | |
| 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? | 15 | | |
| C. CONTENT AND ACCURACY - 20 Points 1. Were the facts and information presented accurate? 2. Was enough information presented about the subject? 3. Was credit given to the sources of information, if appropriate? 4. Content appropriately related to the horse industry? | 20 | | |
| 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 lectern? 5. Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease? | 15 | | |
| E. DELIVERY - 20 Points 1. Did the speaker have appropriate voice control? 2. Were all words pronounced correctly? 3. Did the speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech? 4. If notes were used, was it done without detracting from the speech? 5. Did the speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken instead of memorizing or reading the speech? | 20 | | |
| 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? | 10 | | |
| 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? | 10 | | |
| TOTAL <i>(time penalty: - ____)</i> | 100 | | |

- Subject of speech must pertain to the horse industry.
- Contestant may use notes; however, excessive use of notes or distraction from speech may be counted against the contestant at the discretion of the judge(s).
- Judges may ask every contestant one or more questions concerning knowledge of subject, source of material or other points.
- **Only judges may ask questions after speech.**