



PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
SCORE SHEET

1. Introduction (10 points) _____
 - a. Did the introduction create interest in the subject?
 - b. Was the introduction short and to the point?

2. Organization (15 points) _____
 - a. Were the main points easy to follow?
 - b. Were the main points arranged in the best order?
 - c. Were the sentences short and easy to understand?
 - d. Was the speech interesting?

3. Content and Accuracy (20 points) _____
 - a. Were facts and information presented accurately?
 - b. Was there enough information concerning the subject?
 - c. Was credit given to the sources of information if it was appropriate?
 - d. Was the content appropriately related to the horse industry?

4. Stage Presence (15 points) _____
 - a. Was the speaker neat and appropriately dressed?
 - b. Did the speaker talk directly to and look at the audience?
 - c. Was the speaker's posture erect, but not stiff?
 - d. Did the speaker refrain from leaning on the lectern?
 - e. Did the speaker seem relaxed and at ease?

5. Delivery (20 points) _____
- a. Did the speaker have appropriate voice control?
 - b. Were all the words pronounced correctly?
 - c. Did the speaker's facial expressions reflect the mood of the speech?
 - d. If notes were used, was it done without distracting from the speech?
 - e. Did the speaker seem to choose words at the time they were spoken instead of memorizing or reading the speech?

6. General (10 points) _____
- a. Did the speaker convey to the audience a sense of wanting to communicate?
 - b. Did the speech reflect the thoughts and personality of the speaker?

7. Conclusion (10 points) _____
- a. Was the conclusion short and interesting?
 - b. Did the conclusion properly wrap up the speech?
 - c. Could the speaker handle questions easily?

SUBTOTAL _____
(3 points subtracted for each minute or fraction of a minute over or under the time limits)

TOTAL _____

❖ NOTE: 7 to 10 minutes will be allowed each speaker.

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