

**PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION  
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

**Rules and Regulations**

- 1) To be eligible to compete in the Public Speaking Contest: The contestant must be a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association and a Holstein USA Junior Member.

The contest is divided into three age divisions:

Senior Division

18-21 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition.

Intermediate Division

14-17 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition.

Junior Division

9-13 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition.

- 2) The first place winners will be eligible to compete twice in the age division in which they have won as long as they do not win the national contest.
- 3) All contestants must be registered to participate in the contest by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **II. Subject**

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

## **III. Time Limit**

Senior Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes and a maximum of ten minutes. Senior Division competitors will be allowed to use visual aids including posters, display boards, powerpoints etc. A LCD projector and screen will be provided. Contestants must bring their own laptop with HDMI port. Wireless internet will not be provided. Contestants will have two (2) minutes to set up their audio visual needs.

Intermediate Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes.

Junior Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes.

**No visual aids will be allowed in the Junior and Intermediate divisions of this contest - this includes posters and costumes.**

Each contestant in all divisions will be allowed five minutes during 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.

## **IV. Method of Selecting Winner**

- 1) The Youth Committee will be in charge of the contest. Competent and impartial judges will be selected by the Committee to judge the contest.
- 2) A contestant will be permitted to use notes but excessive reference to notes may result in deductions from his or her score.
- 3) A timekeeper will be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
- 4) Each judge can ask questions after a speech and each contestant will be scored on his or her ability to answer all questions by all judges.
- 5) When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total his or her score on composition and delivery for each speech. Contestants will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consulting with each other.

## **V. Awards**

Awards will be given to the top three individuals in each division. The winner of each division will deliver their speech during the Junior Holstein Convention and have the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania at the National Holstein Speech Contest. Pennsylvania can send the National Contest allotted number of entries, per age division, to the national contest.

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**ENTRY FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Topic \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry Due By January 1<sup>st</sup> to:

Pennsylvania Holstein Association  
839 Benner Pike  
State College PA 16801  
E-mail: [contact@paholsteins.com](mailto:contact@paholsteins.com)

## Scoring

Content	30
Composition	25
Delivery	20
Response to Questions	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 an 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 used in good taste
- Personal appearance

#### Response to Questions (25)

- Demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter
- Answers questions accurately and demonstrates originality
- Quickly organizes thoughts & expresses them clearly

#### (20) Time Deductions

- 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.