

Western National Roundup 4-H Prepared Speech Contest Rules

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ELIGIBILITY

- A. A State/territory/District of Columbia is allowed three entries in the prepared speech contest.
- B. Entries not officially entered will not be permitted to participate for any reason.
- C. An individual may enter a National 4-H competitive event in a specific program area only once.
- D. The eligibility requirements to enter a National 4-H Competitive Event are:
 1. Contestant must already have passed his or her 14th birthday, and may not have reached his or her 19th birthday, as of January 1 of the year in which the National 4-H Competitive Event is held*. However, the State 4-H Leader may grant a special authorization to compete, for youth with developmental disabilities who exceed the upper age limit.
 2. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H Competitive Event is held.
 3. The contestant(s) must be certified as the official state entry by the State 4-H Leader or by a person designated by the State 4-H Leader. The individual(s) may be selected by any procedure the State 4-H Leader believes is appropriate.
 4. The contestant, his or her county 4-H staff member, and the State 4-H Leader must certify as follows on the application form or an accompanying memo:

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“This contestant has not participated in post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the national 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the national 4-H competition.” *Violation of this will result in forfeiture of any*

*awards or recognition which have been won in the National 4-H
Competitive Event.*

- E. All participants must first qualify through the represented state and meet all the state eligibility rules.

CONTEST RULES

1. Contestant can prepare a speech on any topic relative to today's youth.
2. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
3. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
4. Each speech will be timed and must be between 6-8 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit.
5. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
6. A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
7. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced at the coaches meeting.
8. Ties will be broken by the judges.
9. Judges will use the Western National Roundup Prepared Speech Score Sheet.

AWARDS

1. Awards will be announced and ribbons will go to the top five (5) presentations.

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Western National Roundup 4-H Prepared Speech Contest Score Sheet

SPEAKER'S NAME _____

TOPIC _____

BASIS FOR SCORING	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE
General Appearance: Posture, Appropriate Dress, Visible Distractions	5	
Projection to Audience: Eye Contact, Body Control, Gestures, Head Movement, Facial Expressions	10	
Voice Control: Pitch, Tempo, Inflection, Emphasis, Articulation, Volume	15	
Pronunciation and Enunciation	15	
Language Effectiveness: Appropriate Words, Skill in using Meaningful Quotes	10	
Organization of Contents: Statement & Coverage of Topic, Sequence of Key Points, Introductory Statements of Key Points, Body – Development of Key Points, Conclusion – Summary of Key Points	25	
Overall Quality: Originality, Appropriate Topic, Skill in Use of Notes, Topic Coverage	20	
Total	100	

Judges Comments to Support Score:

Time of Speech: _____ minutes _____ seconds

Deduction for time _____

Final Score _____

Time limit is 6-8 minutes. Participants will be given a 30 second warning before end of time period. Penalty of 2 points for each 30 seconds over or under on time.

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CONTEST RULES

1. Contestant will select a topic for their speech by randomly drawing three questions from a pool of questions. They will select one question and return the other two. A maximum of one minute will be allowed for this process. Questions will be relative to today's youth and may include current events, 4-H, and/or social issues. Examples of the type of questions include:
 - a. If I were an author, I would write about...
 - b. One issue facing teenagers today is...
 - c. If I could describe my personality as a tree, which tree would I be...
 - d. What has being involved in 4-H taught me?
2. Questions will be at the discretion of the superintendent. Only the superintendent will know the questions prior to the contest. No two contestants will speak on the same topic.
3. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
4. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
5. Contestants will be allowed 3 minutes to organize their thoughts before beginning their presentation. Time will begin when they select their question.
6. Each speech will be timed and must be between 3-5 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit.
7. Contestants will be allowed to organize their thoughts on a 5x7 blank note card (supplied). However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges.
8. A public address system will not be used, but a podium will be provided.
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HEADQUARTERS AND LODGING

The headquarters hotel for this event will be the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207; (303) 399-7500. Special rates are available for all participants. Please refer to the hotel link (<http://www.westernnationalroundup.org/hotel.asp>) on the website for hotel information, rates and reservation form (which must be used to make hotel reservations). Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by December 10.

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Body: Main points logically arranged and relevant, important points were easy to follow, appropriate supporting information	25	
Projection to Audience: Eye Contact, Body Control, Gestures, Head Movement, Facial Expressions	10	
Voice Control: Pitch, Tempo, Inflection, Emphasis, Articulation, Volume	10	
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Language Effectiveness: Appropriate Words, Skill in using Meaningful Quotes	10	
Summary: Stresses important points, has definite closing	10	
Overall Quality: Originality, Skill in Use of Notes, Topic Coverage	5	
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