

## 2022 AJSA Public Speaking Contest Rules and Scoring

Contestants are all expected to dress in show ring attire. Contestants in the youngest 3 divisions are to prepare a speech between 3 and 5 minutes in length about the topic specific to their age division. Notecards are allowed and will not cause a deduction in points unless they are distracting from presentation. Time deductions will be given if the speech is greater than 30 seconds outside the time range, starting at 25 points and will increase by 25 points at each 30 seconds outside the time range (ex. 1 min outside time range = -50pts).

For the oldest division, each participant will be given the topic at the sight of the contest. The participant will then have 20 minutes to prepare a speech 3-5 minutes in length. Resources for information to support your speech will be provided as well as note cards. Time deductions will be the same as the other 3 divisions.

At the conclusion of the speech judges are permitted to ask questions for clarification about the speech as well as to test the contestant's knowledge of the topic. The questions portion of the contest will not be timed and will not count towards the overall time limit of the speech.

The scoring rubric is below, note that the creation of the rubric has been inspired by the National FFA Public Speaking CDE rubric.

Regions of Scoring	Points
Poise	75
Pace	75
Command of Audience	100
Mannerisms and Gestures	50
Supporting	
Facts/Information	50
Knowledge of Topic	200
Passion for the Breed	100
Response to Judge's	
Questions	150
Total Points Possible	800