

# AMERICAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION YOUTH EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

## Rules and Regulations

### **I. Eligibility**

1) To be eligible to compete in the Public Speaking Contest, the contestant must be a junior member of the American Guernsey Association.

The contest is divided into three age divisions:

#### *Senior Division*

18-21 years of age as of January 1st in the year of the competition.

#### *Intermediate Division*

14-17 years of age as of January 1st in the year of the competition.

#### *Junior Division*

9-13 years of age as of January 1st in the year of the competition.

2) All contestants must be registered by June 1, 2012

3) Contestants will be allowed to participate in their age division until they have won that division twice and then they may move up to an older age category.

### **II. Subject**

- A. The selection of topics shall be held 30 minutes before the contest. The contestant will draw three specific topics relating to the dairy industry. After selecting the topic, on which he/she desires to speak, all three topics will be returned to the original group of topic areas, prior to the next drawing.
- B. Contestants will draw to determine the order of speaking. Contestants remain in the preparation room and may use up to 30 minutes for topic preparation.
- C. Reference materials will be used by the contestants and could include:
  - 1. Printed material such as books or magazines or clearly referenced articles from the internet (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the contestant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use for this contest). References will be screened by the youth committee members running the contest.
- D. Each speech shall be the result of the contestant's own effort using approved reference material, which the contestant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Uniform note cards will be provided each contestant. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30 minute preparation period. A watch may be used to keep record of the speaker's time.
- E. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the contest.

### **III. Time Limit**

In the Senior Division, each speech shall be a minimum of four minutes and a maximum of six minutes. In the Intermediate Division, each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. In the Junior Division, each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. Each contestant will be allowed five minutes during which the judging committee will ask questions related to his or her speech. Deductions of 20 points per minute will be made from the score of each judge for speeches that are under 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.
- 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) Prior to the contest, judges will be furnished copies of the topic drawn.
- 5) Each judge will ask questions after a speech; and each contestant will be scored on his or her ability to answer all questions by all judges.
- 6) 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.

#### **V. Awards**

Awards will be given to the top three individuals in each division.

#### **Part I. For Scoring the Content**

A. Knowledge of subject includes:

- Importance and appropriateness of the subject
- Suitability of the material used
- Accuracy of the statements included
- Evidence of purpose

B. Organization of materials includes:

- Organization of the content
- Unity of thought
- Logical development
- Language used
- Sentence structure
- Accomplishment of purpose - conclusions

C. Voice includes:

- Quality
- Pitch
- Articulation
- Pronunciation
- Force

D. Stage presence includes:

- Personal appearance
- Poise and body posture
- Attitude
- Confidence
- Personality
- Ease before audience

E. Power of expression includes:

- Fluency
- Emphasis
- Directness
- Sincerity
- Communicative ability
- Conveyance of thought and meaning

F. General effect includes:

Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.

G. Response to questions include the ability to answer the questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating: originality, familiarity with subject, and the ability to think quickly.

**AMERICAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION  
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ENTRY FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

Social Security Number (used for awards) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry due by June 1 to:

American Guernsey Association  
c/o Brian Schnebly  
10111 Melody Lane  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

# **JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET**

## **EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS**

**CONTESTANT'S NAME:**

### **ITEMS TO BE SCORED**

- A. Knowledge of Subject (200 possible points)
- B. Organization of Material (100 possible points)
- C. Power of Expression (200 possible points)
- D. Voice (100 possible points)
- E. Stage Presence (100 possible points)
- F. General Effect (100 possible points)
- G. Response to Questions (200 possible points)

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 1,000**

**LESS TIME DEDUCTION (20 POINTS PER MINUTE):**

**TOTAL SCORE:**