

# AMERICAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION YOUTH PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

## Rules and Regulations

### I. Eligibility

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

The contest is divided into three age divisions:

#### Senior Division

Born between and including January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007

#### Intermediate Division

Born between and including January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2011

#### Junior Division

Born between and including January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2016

2) All queen contestants must compete in the Senior Division regardless of age.

2) All contestants must be registered to participate in the contest by June 1st.

3) **Contestants in the Public Speaking Contest will be required to submit three copies of their detailed speech outline on the morning of the contest at the National Convention.**

4) 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

Contestants may choose any subject pertaining to Guernsey 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 Guernsey's role. Current policies, affairs and trends in the industry are suitable topics.

### III. Time Limit

In the Senior Division, each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. In the Intermediate Division, each speech shall be a minimum of five minutes and a maximum of seven 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; but excessive reference to notes may result in deductions from his or her score. Contestants in the Junior Division (ages 9-13) will be permitted to use posters or props in order to promote their

speeches. Juniors will be judged on how they present the material and not on creativity and design of the props and posters.

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 with typewritten copies of the contestants' outlines.

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, without consulting with each other.

## **V. Awards**

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

**The winner of each division may be asked to deliver his or her speech at a designated meal during the AGA National Convention.**

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

1) Content Includes: 40 points

Importance and Appropriateness of Subject  
Suitability of the Material  
Accuracy of the Statements  
Evidence of Purpose  
Organization of the Content  
Logical Development  
Language Used  
Accomplishment of Purpose - Conclusions

### **Part II. Scoring Delivery of Presentation**

1) Voice Includes: 10 Points

Quality  
Pitch  
Pronunciation  
Force

2) Stage Presence Includes: 10 Points

Personal Appearance  
Poise and Body Posture  
Confidence  
Personality  
Ease Before Audience

3) Power of Expression Includes:

15 Points

Fluency, Emphasis

Directness

Sincerity

Communication Ability

4) Response to Questions Includes:

15 Points

Ability to satisfactorily answer questions on the speech, which are asked by the judges, indicating originality, familiarity with subject, and ability to think.

5) General Effect Includes:

10 Points

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

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**ENTRY FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Entry Due By June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to:

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