

Western Region Public Speaking Contest Guidelines

Grade	Topic	Time
9th - 12th	All speeches should relate, in some way, to the member's experiences in 4-H and/or things learned through 4-H. (It should be a promotional speech for 4-H.)	5-7 minutes in length

Senior Division

Prepared Speech:

- (1). There will be a separate division for each grade (9th, 10th, 11th and 12th).
- (2). Members will present a prepared speech not to exceed seven (7) minutes in length and will give an extemporaneous speech not to exceed two (2) minutes in length. For each 30 seconds the speaker exceeds the seven minute time limit, one point will be deducted from the final score; five points will be deducted from the final score if this speech is less than three minutes in length.
- (3). The prepared speech will count 75 percent and the extemporaneous speech will count 25 percent.
- (4). Members may enter the citizenship and leadership awards program in addition to the public speaking contest.

Extemporaneous Speech Procedures:

- (1). The regional staff will select the topics to be used for the event.
- (2). Extemporaneous speeches will be given with only the judges present.
- (3). Judges will provide the speaker with the topic. One minute will be allowed for the 4-H member to make preparation for the speech. Note cards can be used by the speaker in preparation.
- (4). Speeches should not exceed a time limit of two (2) minutes.