

## **Junior Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event**

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### **Purpose:**

*The PA FFA Junior Prepared Public Speaking LDE is designed to develop agricultural leadership, communication skills, and promote interest in leadership and citizenship by providing young members participation in agriculture public speaking activities*

### **Rules and Regulations:**

- Participants must wear FFA official dress while competing in the contest.
- Participants must be currently enrolled in an Agricultural Education course and current FFA members.
  - Junior Prepared contestants:
    - Must be in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - May compete in the Junior Prepared LDE multiple times unless they won the state level event.
    - May NOT have competed in the Senior Prepared or Conservation Public Speaking CLE.
- Junior Prepared participants may choose any current subject for their speeches, which is of an agricultural nature. This may include:
  - Agribusiness
  - Animal Systems
  - Plant Systems
  - Environmental Services
  - Food Products and Processing
  - Natural Resource Systems
  - Power Structural and Technical Systems
- The manuscript judge will disqualify a participant if he or she speaks on a topic that is outside the subject areas described in the previous two bullet points above. The final determination will be made by the contest chairman.

### **Contest Format:**

- Junior Prepared Public Speaking is a one day contest with all participants only speaking one time.

- Contestants may not participate in another CDE at the state level if participating in the Junior Prepared Public Speaking event.
- Only three participants from each of the four regions may compete. This will only allow twelve participants to compete in the state contest.
- Guests may choose to sit in the contest room to watch the speaking event. NO PARTICIPANTS will be allowed to sit in the room during the event.
  - The chairman has the right to excuse any guest from the event.
  - Applause is not permitted.
  - Guest may only enter or exit during breaks between speakers.
- Event officials will randomly determine the speaking order. The contest participants may choose to introduce themselves prior to the start of the speech. However, the timer will start when the participant starts to speak. This would include the statement of speech title and/or introductions.
- Contestants will speak to two different panels of judges. The judges will not duplicate from the first day to the next.
- A participant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation. No props may be used.
- Emphasis will be placed on presentation and content, not on memorization or accuracy.

**Manuscript Requirements:**

- All manuscripts must be double-spaced and typed on 8 ½" x 11" white bond paper.
- Manuscripts may be sent electronically to the chair. Only a pdf file will be accepted by the chair, and all manuscripts must be received by the due date set by the state. Please note, if you choose to send the manuscript electronically, you assume the risk of the document being printed the exact way it was sent. If the printed document looks different than its original intent, the chairman will not be held responsible.
- The font of the manuscripts must 12 characters per inch using serif (Times New Roman, Cambria, etc.) or sans serif font (Ariel, Calibri, etc.) with a 1" margin.
- Do not bind the speech, but place a staple in the upper left corner.
- Manuscripts must include a cover page. Please refer to the sample cover page on the "General Guidelines for Prepared Speaking Contests" page.

- Failure to meet these guidelines will result in penalty points.
- Any late manuscripts will receive a 10% deduction from their manuscript score (20pts).
- Running headers are not required for the manuscript.
- All manuscripts must include a bibliography written in American Psychological Association (APA) style.
  - Plagiarism will not be allowed in any manuscript. If a student plagiarizes someone's work, the student's manuscript score may be disqualified or the student may be disqualified from the contest.
  - APA style must be used in all citations and on the reference page. Therefore, a running header is not required.
  - A complete, accurate, and up-to-date bibliography must be included with the manuscript.
    - Only use reputable, proven sources
    - Useful resources:
      - National FFA Core Catalog: Developing Great Speeches Guide
      - APA Style Guide (most current edition)-[www.apastyle.org](http://www.apastyle.org)
      - Speak Well, latest edition, Liz O'Brien, McGraw-Hill Higher Education
      - Purdue's Online Writing Lab-APA Formatting Guide
  - (In-text Citations) All participants are expected to give credit to others where any direct quotes, phrases, or special dates are used in the manuscripts. Failure to use in-text citations for the previous criteria may result in a deduction of the score.
- Each participant's manuscript will be the result of his or her own efforts. It is expected that the participant will take advantage of all available training facilities at their local school in developing their speaking ability. Facts and working data may be secured from any source, but must be appropriately documented.
- All manuscripts will be judged and scored on content and composition prior to the day of the contest.
  - Manuscript scores will be given to presentation judges after they have scored the oral presentation.
  - The chairman cannot use the same judge for both the manuscript and presentation components.

**Manuscripts not meeting these guidelines will be penalized**

### **Delivery of Speech/Presentation:**

- All Junior Prepared speeches must be 3 to 5 minutes in length.
- Participants are to be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being under or over the time. No time warnings will be given.
- A timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time of each participant's speech, noting under or over time, if any, for which deductions will be made.
- The presentation judges will score each participant on the delivery of their speech using the provided rubric.
- Upon conclusion of the participant delivering their speech, judges for the Junior Prepared event will have 3 minutes to ask any questions that pertain to the speech topic.
- Judges shall formulate and ask questions for the allotted time.
  - Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject.
  - Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by all judges.
  - Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided.
  - Upon the conclusion of three minutes, time will be called and the participant and judges must immediately stop the question and answer component.
- Refer to the attached rubric to identify each scoring area and their corresponding point value.

### **Tiebreakers:**

- Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participant's low ranks will be counted and the participant with the greatest number of low ranks will be declared the winner.
- If a tie still exists, then the participant with the lowest rank from the response to the questions will be declared the winner.
- If a tie still exists, then the participant's scores will be totaled. The participant with the greatest total of points will be declared the winner.

**Scoring:** *(Refer to the attached rubrics for a detailed explanation of scoring components.)*

- *Manuscript Scorecard (200pts)*
- *Presentation Scorecard (500pts)*
- *Response to Questions Scorecard (300pts)*
- **TOTAL POINTS (1000pts)**
- **Please note-Deductions will be utilized in the following areas:**
  - Late manuscripts
  - Official Dress Violations
  - Under and Over Time