

Guidelines for 4-H Day

Event: Solo or Duo Novelty Performances

Objective(s): This is a miscellaneous grouping that may include novelty acts such as musical freestyle with dog(s), stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, magic routines, ventriloquist acts, baton routines, gymnastic routines, folk music without a score, stand-up comedy, or other types of talent or original material.

Time Limit:

1. 10 minutes maximum, including set up, tear down, and introduction.
2. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded; 30-second grace period.
3. Judge will serve as time keeper.

Equipment and/or Facilities Provided by Event Monitors:

1. Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor. Not all performances will be on stages.
2. Participant will be provided a table and two chairs which can be used as a set.

Equipment Provided by Participants:

1. Each individual doing the other theatrical performances will be responsible for all props and effects.
2. Performers should bring any necessary props for their performance.

Guidelines:

1. Individual performance only.
2. Animals do not count toward number of performers: one youth and one dog equals one performer.
3. There will be the following divisions:
 - Junior: ages 7-9
 - Intermediate: ages 10-13
 - Senior: ages 14-18
4. Performer should introduce themselves and their 4-H club and include a brief description of the performance.
5. Costumes are optional.
6. This area is for all other theatrical performances that are not included in another category including performing with animals.
7. **Performers should recognize this is a family event and choose costumes, themes, and performances that show respect for both the performers and the audience.**

Resources: Resources that may be used in planning this event include:

Your talent coach
Internet search using the name of your talent
Older youth who share your talent

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Solo or Duo Novelty Performances Score Sheet

County (circle one):

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Name: _____		4-H Club: _____				
4-H Age(s):		Years in 4-H:			Event Time Limit: 10 Minutes	
Junior (7-9) _____		Intermediate (10-13) _____		Senior(14-18) _____		
Selection Title: _____			Event Actual Time: _____			
Type of Talent: _____						
Weight	The performer(s)	P	B	R	W	Comments
40	Talent Demonstrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Words easy to understand ▪ Shows skill in talent area 					
25	Showmanship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appearance ▪ Style, carriage, enjoyment 					
25	Choice Of Material or Idea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interesting to watch ▪ Shows respect for self and audience 					
10	Costumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appropriate ▪ Original ▪ Shows respect for self and audience 					
Penalty: ___ Exceeds time (30-second grace period) = reduction by one ribbon						
Circle ONE Top Purple* Alternate Top Purple* Purple Blue Red White						
<small>*Top Purple and Alternate Top Purple are only used at County or District 4-H Day.</small>						

Reason for Ranking and other Comments: (Use back of sheet for additional comments.)

Judges initials: _____