

## Guidelines for 4-H Day

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### **Event: Public Speaking**

**Objective(s):** Public Speaking is an original speech given on any topic the speaker chooses. Public Speaking is intended to assist older, more experienced members to further develop confidence and skill in speaking before an audience. Many speeches will include an element of persuasion.

**Time:**

1. Time limit is 15 minutes maximum.
2. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded; 30-second grace period.

**Equipment and/or Facilities Provided by Event Monitors:**

1. Lectern may or may not be available.

**Equipment Provided by Participants:**

Note cards if used.

**Guidelines:**

1. There is only one division for this event: Seniors: ages 14-18.
2. Topic selection is unlimited. The speech may pose a problem, offer a solution, strengthen devotion to a cause, eulogize a person, entertain, or inform.
3. Planned movement during presentation is encouraged. Lectern may or may not be available, but speakers should avoid using a lectern whenever possible.
4. Note cards are recommended over sheets of paper, if necessary, for speaking.
5. No visuals or props. The emphasis is the speech.
6. Judge will serve as the timekeeper
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:

**Public Speaking, 4-H Style** <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/COM12050.pdf>

**4-H Presentations** <http://www.nc4h.org/publications/forms/presentation-hdbk.pdf>

**Tools For Public Speaking** Villard, J .A. & Weber, E. Ohio State University Extension

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**Public Speaking Score Sheet**

County (circle one):

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<b>Name:</b> _____		<b>Club:</b> _____				
<b>4-H Age:</b> _____		<b>Years in 4-H:</b> _____		<b>Event Time Limit:</b> 15 Minutes		
<b>Title of Presentation:</b> _____				<b>Event Actual Time:</b> _____		
Weight	The speaker	P	B	R	W	Comments
<b>20</b>	<b>Content Selection:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses topic significantly</li> <li>Demonstrates style, originality, and creativity meets time requirement</li> <li>Uses outside evidence and/or appropriate and varied use of illustrations and examples</li> </ul>					
<b>30</b>	<b>Organization and Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relates a clear thesis statement</li> <li>Discusses the topic using appropriate analysis and reasoning</li> <li>Incorporates a strong introduction and conclusion</li> <li>Demonstrates a logical, well-reasoned flow of ideas</li> <li>Balances the development of each point and incorporated fluid transitions</li> </ul>					
<b>50</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicates directly and sincerely</li> <li>Holds audience's attention</li> <li>Good eye contact and gestures</li> <li>Speaks clearly and conversationally</li> <li>Incorporates proper vocal techniques including projection, articulation, tone/pitch, rate/fluency, and inflection</li> <li>Demonstrates accurate pronunciation</li> <li>Displays appropriate gestures and facial expressions</li> <li>Exhibits good energy level, passion, movement, and posture</li> </ul>					
<b>Penalty:</b> ___ <b>Exceeds time (30-second grace period) = reduction by one ribbon</b>						
<b>Circle ONE    Top Purple*    Alternate Top Purple*    Purple    Blue    Red    White</b>						
<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.)

Judge's initials: \_\_\_\_\_