

## All American Quarter Horse Congress Communications Contests 2024

### GENERAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility** – Each contestant must be currently enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or Breed Association club in the state they represent. Eligibility and entry must be certified by the State 4-H or FFA Leader, Breed Association Representative or Extension Specialist. Youth may only participate in one aspect of these contests (Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, or Team Presentation). Contestants may also participate in either Hippology or Horse Judging at the Congress Youth Event in the same year. Contestants are eligible to compete in this contest in subsequent years as long as they were not the high individual overall (Public Speaking or Individual Presentation) or on the high team overall (Team Presentation).
2. **Age** - Contestants must be 14 years of age, but not yet have achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, or until FFA eligibility has expired after high school graduation.
3. **Division** – Public Speaking; Individual Presentation; Team Presentation. A team will consist of two members.
4. **Speeches** – Topics must pertain to the horse industry, be horse-related, and be original and factual. Visual aids of any kind will not be allowed (posters, equipment, etc.). A podium will be available.
5. **Individual & Team Presentations** – A podium, two tables, and two easels will be available. All presentation subjects must pertain to the horse industry, be horse related, and be original and factual. Because of the indoor facilities, presentations must not involve the use of live animals; however, model animals may be used. A laptop computer (PC) and LCD projector will be available. Contestants must bring a USB drive with their presentation already loaded. Internet access via Wifi is not available. Contestants must provide their own wireless slide advancer.
6. **General Rules** – Brief notes may be used if desired; however, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant/team at the discretion of the judges. A public address system will not be used during the contest.
7. **Time** – Speeches should be at least seven (7) minutes and no more than ten (10) minutes in length. Individual Presentations should be at least nine (9) minutes and no more than twelve (12) minutes in length. Team Presentations should be at least ten (10) minutes and no more than fifteen (15) minutes in length. A three (3) point penalty will be imposed for being under the minimum time allowed or over the maximum time allowed per division.
8. **References** – Contestants should cite their major references at the conclusion of the speech or Individual/Team presentation. Reference time will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. **Questions** – Only the judges may ask questions.
10. **Scoring** – Judges will consider applicable questions listed under each section of the score sheet. Ties between contestants will be broken by: 1) the accumulated deliver score, 2) the accumulated organization score, or 3) the accumulated content and accuracy scores.
11. **Schedule** – Check-in will begin at 8:30am. A brief meeting will be held at 8:45am to answer questions. The order of go for each division will be posted and announced at the meeting. The contest will begin at 9:00am with the awards presentation at 6:00pm.