

SHOOTING SPORTS PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Youth Center, Friday, August 6, 2021

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Registration for this contest is due by July 1 or until available time slots are filled. Counties are limited to one entrant per class. One alternate per class may also be registered. If time slots remain open after July 1, alternates may be entered until time slots are filled. Educators must indicate **delegate or alternate** on the registration form. Registrations must be downloaded from the Ohio 4-H web site and signed by the county educator. Mail registrations to: Debbie Endsley, 632 Ridgewood Dr. Coshocton, OH 43812

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Participants must be currently enrolled in a 700-series Shooting Sports project or 630 Safe Use of Guns or 631 Basic Archery. County educator must verify enrollment before signing the registration form. A member can enter only one shooting sports communication class.
2. Winner of any class in 2019 is not eligible to participate in the same class for 2021.
3. Shooting Sports presentations may be speeches OR demonstrations within the time guidelines on a shooting sports topic. Presentations should be informative in nature on subjects relating to shooting sports skills, history, science or culture. This is **not** a contest of persuasive speaking or debate skills. Attire may be appropriate for the topic of the speech or demonstration. Living History presentations may be in character with appropriate period clothing. Demonstrations may involve heritage skills learned while taking the project.
4. **Firearms, bows, arrows, weapons, air pistols or air rifles, paintball guns, gun cases, or any plastic replicas or other reasonable facsimile are not permitted on the fairgrounds and may not be used in a demonstration or presentation.** Speeches should not have props. Props are allowed in demonstrations or illustrated talks. Use of computer technology is not permitted.

Props available at the Ohio State Fair Speaking Contest for illustrated talks or demonstrations: wooden pistol, wooden rifle, wooden shotgun. NO movable parts, no drilled barrels. During demo or talk, muzzles must always be pointed in a safe direction, i.e. ceiling or away from crowds. Please indicate on your entry if you wish to use one of these for your presentation. Props must be handed back to contest coordinator or designated ambassador at the conclusion of the presentation. Participants may NOT bring any firearm replicas of their own.
5. All presentations must be the **original work of the 4-H member** based on project learning. Each contestant must bring to the state event a legibly written (by contestant) or typed **outline** of his/her presentation. If statistics are quoted in the presentation, those statistical sources must be listed on the outline. Contestants must also submit their current shooting project member record book. Shooting Sports projects must have the cover signed by the supervising certified shooting instructor. Safe Use of Guns and Basic Archery books must have the cover signed by the club advisor or project mentor.
6. Presentations must be different from those entered in the State Fair Health & Safety Speaking Contest or Communications Day illustrated talks and demonstrations.
7. Presentations under the minimum length or over the maximum length will be penalized 10 points. Time begins when the contestant begins speaking. Time ends at the conclusion of the primary presentation. If a judge asks a question, the answer will not be included in the time limit.
8. Prompts are discouraged. Participants may use their outlines IF printed on small index cards (not notebook paper.) *Judges may elect to score presentations given without prompts higher.*
9. All contestants will be required to use a microphone when giving their speeches at the state level. Contestants may not leave the stage area during their presentations.
10. Contestants will be introduced by an ambassador or moderator. Do not re-introduce yourself.
11. Verbal profanity or inappropriate words written on clothing or visual aids/props is forbidden.
12. Judges will evaluate all individual participants based upon the following criteria:
30% Content; 30% Organization; and 40% Delivery.
Refer to the sample score sheet for more specific information.

CLASSES: All ages are based on age on January 1st of the current year.

J-20	Shooting Sports Topic – Junior ages 8-13 years	Presentation 3-5 minutes in length.
J-21	Shooting Sports Topic – Senior ages 14-18 years	Presentations 5-8 minutes in length.
J-22	Living History Topic – Junior ages 8-13 years	Presentations 3-5 minutes in length.
J-23	Living History Topic – Senior ages 14-18 years	Presentations 5-8 minutes in length.

AWARDS

1. The top 20% in each class will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes.
2. The top presentation in each class will receive a clock trophy.

OHIO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST Score Sheet

TITLE _____ NAME _____ COUNTY _____

___ Shooting Sports Topic – Junior ages 8-13 years
 ___ Shooting Sports Topic – Senior ages 14-18 years

___ Living History Topic – Junior ages 8-13 years
 ___ Living History Topic – Senior ages 14-18 years

Presentation 3-5 minutes in length.
 Presentation 5-8 minutes in length.

JUDGING GUIDELINES	Excellent Outstanding work that exceeds expectations	Very Good Well done, perhaps with a few minor errors	Good Appropriate for member age and experience	Average Solid grasp of fundamentals	COMMENTS
<p style="text-align: center;">CONTENT: 30%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Central Theme appropriate and informative ◆ Facts with statistics/sources cited; local examples identified. 					
<p style="text-align: center;">ORGANIZATION: 30%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Effective Introduction ◆ Main Points well stated ◆ Logical Sequence of main points ◆ Original Use of information/creativity ◆ Transition ◆ Summary ◆ Concise Ending 					
<p style="text-align: center;">DELIVERY: 40%</p> <p><u>Visual</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dress ◆ Grooming ◆ Posture ◆ Poise ◆ Eye Contact ◆ Enthusiasm / Energy ◆ Facial Expressions ◆ Effective use of varied gestures <p><u>Vocal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Articulation/Diction ◆ Enunciation ◆ Correct word use and grammar ◆ Pleasing and flexible voice ◆ Volume and use of volume ◆ Use of pauses, inflection 					
STRENGTHS -				AREAS TO IMPROVE-	

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