



## New Hampshire 4-H Horse Communications Contest Score Sheet

### Public Speaking

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate (11-13) \_\_\_ Senior (14-18)\_\_\_

Title of Speech \_\_\_\_\_ Club/County \_\_\_\_\_

Each item must be scored by checking the box that best describes the presentation. The numerical value of each x appears at the head of its column. Key: O = Outstanding, S = Satisfactory, NI = Needs Improvement

CRITERIA	O 5	4	S 3	2	NI 1	COMMENTS	
<b>INTRODUCTION – 10 points</b>							
Introduction creative, aroused interest							
Introduction was short and to the point.							
<b>ORGANIZATION – 15 points</b>							
Main points were easy to follow & arranged in logical order?							
Sentences short and easy to understand							
Speech was interesting.							
<b>CONTENT AND ACCURACY – 20 points</b>							
Facts and information were accurate.							
Enough information was presented about the subject.							
Appropriate credit was given to sources of information							
Content was appropriately related to the horse industry.							
<b>STAGE PRESENCE – 15 points</b>							
Speaker was neat and appropriately dressed.							
Speaker talked directly to and looked at the audience.							
Speaker's posture was erect, but not stiff. Speaker refrained from leaning on the podium and seemed relaxed and at ease.							
<b>DELIVERY – 20 points</b>							
Speaker used appropriate voice control.							
All the words were pronounced correctly.							
If notes were used, it was done without detracting from the presentation.							
The speaker chose words at the time they were spoken (preferred) as opposed to a memorized or ready-type delivery.							
<b>GENERAL – 10 points</b>							
The speaker conveyed a sense of wanting to communicate?							
The speech reflected the thoughts and personality of the speaker?							
<b>CONCLUSION – 10 points</b>							
The conclusion was short, interesting and properly wrapped up the speech							
Presenter handled questions easily							
<b>TOTAL FOR EACH COLUMN</b>						Time: _____ Points deducted _____	

<b>Evaluator's overall comments</b>		<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	
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Time Guidelines: Juniors 5-8 Minutes Seniors 7-10 Minutes

Time Deduction: Deduct 1 point from the total score of each judge for each minute or fraction of a minute under 5 or 7 minutes or over 8 or 10 minutes (depending on division).

Introduction -- 10 point range (O) aroused interested and added to presentation (S) appropriate (NI) needs improvement
Introduction was creative and interesting without being overly dramatic and detracting from the topic.
Introduction was short and to the point without being too brief.
Organization -- 15 pts. range (O) Organized, logical & skillfully added to the presentation (S) - acceptable (NI) needs improvement
The main points were easy to follow, engaging and told in a logical order. A story was told.
The sentences were short and easy to understand. A large word was not used if a small word was appropriate.
The speech was interesting and informative.
Content and Accuracy -- 20 points (O) extremely accurate and thorough (S) effective (NI) needs improvement
Facts and information were all accurate. Opinion or speculation was not presented as fact.
The topic was covered thoroughly and enough information was presented.
Appropriate credit was given to information sources including publications, websites and individuals.
Content was appropriately related to the horse industry. Unrelated topics should be penalized or disqualified (see rules)
Stage presence --15 points range (O) style and demeanor added to presentation (S) appropriate (NI) needs improvement
The speaker was neat & appropriately dressed in apparel suited to the topic. Business attire is appropriate for most speeches.
The speaker directed his or her speech directly to the audience using eye contact and voice projection
The speaker had good posture without being stiff. Gestures were appropriate and not overdone.
Delivery -- 20 points range (O) delivery expertly added to the presentation (S) satisfactory (NI) needs improvement
Speaker used appropriate voice control, inserting emphasis and pauses to add impact.
All words were pronounced correctly and used appropriately.
Note were used sparingly, if at all. Reading of notes or script should be heavily penalized.
The words appeared to be chosen at the time of the speech; rigid memorization should be avoided.
General -- 10 pts range (O) speaker's skill and enjoyment added to the presentation (S) -- satisfactory (NI) needs improvement
The speaker conveyed a sense of wanting to communicate and deep interest in the topic.
The speech was suited to the personality, thoughts and body language s of the speaker.
Conclusion -- 10 pts range (O) the conclusion added to the presentation, reinforcing ideas (S) satisfactory (NI) needs improvement
The conclusion was short, interesting and wrapped up the speech; key points and areas of interest were overviewed creatively.
The presenter answered questions easily; the content of the question was implied in the answer or the question was repeated.

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