

NJAA EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The National Junior Angus Association and the Events & Junior Activities Department of the American Angus Association will co-sponsor an extemporaneous public speaking contest during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The contest is designed to develop the ability of all NJAA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance; therefore, causing NJAA members to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited time.

Prizes will be presented to the top 3 contestants in each age division (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place). The winner of the senior division will receive an award from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Richard L. Spader. The winners of the intermediate divisions will also receive an award from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Pat Grote.

Eligibility of Participants

1. Participants must be junior, regular, or life members of the American Angus Association.
2. This contest is available to the following age divisions, as of Jan. 1 of the current year: Junior A (8-10), Junior B (11-13), Intermediate A (14-15), Intermediate B (16-17) and Senior (18-20). Prizes will be awarded in each division.
3. Multiple entries from a state shall be allowed in this event's formative years. In time, each state may be eligible to designate only one representative to the event per age division.
4. The participants will be required to register for the event through the AAA Login Online Contest Portal or during contest sign-up.

Subjects

1. The selection of the topics shall be held prior to entering the preparation room. The participant will draw three specific topics, selected at random, relating to the industry of agriculture and/or the Angus breed of cattle. After selecting the topic, they desire to speak on, all three topics will be returned to the pool.
2. The topics will be prepared by the NJAA Board.
3. The junior division will be limited to **20** minutes of preparation time. Intermediate and senior divisions will be limited to **30** minutes of preparation time.
4. Reference materials will be screened by the NJAA board in charge of the event on the following basis:
 - a. Shall be limited to five items.
 - b. Must be printed materials such as books, magazines, and/or a compilation of collected materials. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain no more than 100 pages, single-sided (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of this event.) Copies must reference the origination point.
5. Each speech must be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material, which the participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided.
6. Participants must use the uniform note cards provided. Any notes for speaking must be made during the preparation time.

Time Limit

1. Each speech will be not less than two minutes and not more than six minutes in length with three minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.
2. Deductions of a half a point per ten seconds will be made from the score by each judge for speeches under or over the specified length. A 1-minute warning will be given by event officials.

3. A NJAA Board member shall introduce the participant by name, state and the topic selected, however, the participant may introduce their speech by title.
4. Each contestant will be allowed up to three minutes to answer questions from the judges.

Event Procedures

1. The NJAA Board and Events and Junior Activities Department will be in charge of the event.
2. Speaking order will be determined upon arrival to the contest. Participants will be checked in within ten minutes of each other, per division. Once given a check – in time, the participant will draw their topic, and be escorted to the holding room to begin preparation time.
3. Audience members are allowed in the contest room. However, we ask that audience members enter before the contestant begins their speech. No entry allowed once the speech begins.
4. The room will be setup the following way: there will be seating for audience members, a table for the three judges, then the contestant should stand in front of the audience and judge's table. Thus, the order will be audience, judges table, with the judge's back to the audience, and the contestant standing at the front of the room facing both the judges, and audience members.
5. The participant may use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation.
6. Applause should be withheld until the end of each presentation.
7. If a participant does not show during the scheduled contest time, it is assumed the contestant is a no show and will be disqualified from the contest. See NJAS schedule for contest time.
8. A timekeeper will be designated to record the time by each participant in delivering their speech, noting under time and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
9. Three competent and impartial judges will be selected to judge the event.
10. Judges will score each participant on the delivery of the production, using the score sheet provided.
11. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided. Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by all judges. The full three minutes should be used.
12. Upon completion of all speeches each judge shall total his/her score for each speaker. Contest officials will inform the judges if any points need to be deducted for time violations and then the judges will rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of each judge's scores. (Highest score first, lowest score last.)

The rankings (not the score) of the three judges shall be added for each speaker, and the final placings determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties. In the event the participants are still tied, they shall be named co-winners and two awards will be given for that placing and none given for the following placing.

Holding Room Rules:

1. No cell phones allowed in the contest holding room.
2. No talking is allowed in the contest holding room.