

## **NJAA EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

The National Junior Angus Association and the 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 and cash awards will be presented to the top 3 contestants in each age division. Prize money will be paid as follows: 1-\$75; 2nd-\$50; 3rd-\$25. 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. Participants will be divided into four age divisions: 9 to 13, 14 & 15, 16 & 17, and 18 to 21 as of Jan.1 of the current year. 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 during the contest sign-up time designated in the NJAS schedule.

### 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 for the next drawing.
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.
7. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the event.

### 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. A NJAA Board member shall introduce the participant by name, state and the topic selected, however, the participant may introduce their speech by title.
3. Participants will be penalized 1/2 point per ten seconds on each judge's score sheet for being over six minutes or under two minutes. The time commences when the speaker begins talking. The speaker may use a watch to keep record of their time. A 1 minute warning will be given by event officials.

### Event Procedures

1. The NJAA Board and junior activities director will be in charge of the event.
2. Speaking order will be randomly drawn by the event officials and posted prior to the event at the show office and in the contest area.
3. 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.
4. Applause should be withheld until the end of each presentation.
5. It is the responsibility of the participant to contact the contest official with any time conflicts or order changes. This must be done before their scheduled time or the contestant will be disqualified.
6. 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.
7. Three competent and impartial judges will be selected to judge the event.
8. At the time of the event, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant on the delivery of the production, using the score sheet provided.
9. 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.
10. 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.