

Middle School Prepared Public Speaking

Event Rules

All members participating in this event must meet the eligibility requirements and adhere to the rules of the Kentucky FFA Association as outlined in the Kentucky FFA Middle School General Rules.

One member per chapter may participate in the Middle School Prepared Public Speaking Event.

Official Dress Appropriate: Yes

State Event: Monday prior to the State FFA Convention

Pre-registration is required by May 1.

Event Procedures

The speech of each contestant is to be the result of his/her own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities and faculty of the school from which the contestant comes. Facts and working data may be secured from any source but must be appropriately documented.

Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subjects of agricultural character and of general interest to the public are acceptable.

Each speech shall be a minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of six (6) minutes. To prevent being penalized, a contestant must speak over 3 minutes 30 seconds or under 6 minutes 30 seconds.

Three (3) copies of the contestant's manuscript that includes a copy of the advisor certification sheet will be required. The certification sheet shall follow the bibliography. A bibliography must be included as a part of the manuscript and direct quotes from any source of information must be marked in "quotes" on the manuscript and be identified with the bibliography. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify a contestant. The contestant will present manuscripts to the chairperson of the state contest before speaking.

Students are permitted to use note cards during delivery of the speech.

Speaking order will be determined randomly and announced 2 weeks prior to the State FFA Convention. Each contestant shall be introduced by the chairperson.

A timekeeper will record the overtime, if any. Deductions will be made as provided by the score sheet. The timekeeper will not stand. Under time will also be recorded by the timekeeper.

The judges will be expected to select the winner of the contest using the official score sheet only to supplement their combined opinion.



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Items to be Scored

Voice- 10 points

Stage Presence- 10 points

Power of Expression- 20 points

Content of Speech- 20 points

Composition of Speech- 10 points

General Effect- 10 points

Response to Questions- 10

