

# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONTEST

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

### I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. 4-H member meeting general eligibility rules.
- B. Any 4-H member currently enrolled in any phase of 4-H project work.
- C. Participants per county:
  - Novice – two (2) for prepared and two (2) for impromptu
  - Junior – two (2) for prepared and two (2) for impromptu

### II. PROCEDURES

#### A. Prepared speeches

1. No longer than seven (7) minutes
2. Contestant may be scored down for excessive use of notes at the judge's discretion.
3. Topic is determined by the participant.
4. No visual aids may be used.

#### B. Impromptu Speeches

1. Topic will be selected on the morning of the contest from no less than three given topics. Assigned topics to be 4-H related.
2. Five (5) minutes will be given to prepare for speech.
3. At the judge's discretion, contestant may be scored down for the excessive use of notes.
4. Length:
  - Novice – minimum of one (1) minute long to 3 minutes
  - Junior – minimum of two (2) minutes long to 4 minutes

- C. Speeches (Prepared and Impromptu) will be judged on validity of information, natural gestures, awareness, motivated actions, volume of voice, grammar and personal appearance.

### III. REFERENCES

Simply Speaking – 100.F-4

The Organized Speaker, You – 100.F-4A

Speak up Young People – 100.F-4B

Scorecard - 300.F-7