



SPEECH CONTEST

The purpose of the Speech Contest is to encourage public speaking in American Junior Shorthorn Association members. This contest can develop speaking skills, character and leadership while promoting the beef industry.

- 1) No limit to the number of entrants per state.
- 2) Prospector Division I (5 to 9 years) and Prospector Division II (10 to 12 years)
 - a) Duplication of Speech from previous years is not permitted. See topic below.
 - b) Time limit: 2-4 minutes. For speech time limit, 1 point for every 20 seconds over/under will be taken off the speaker's score. For example: speech lasts 4 minutes and 20 seconds, deduction of 1 point. Maximum time limit deduction will be 5 points.
 - c) Dress: School clothes
 - d) Judges may ask questions of the speakers; no points will be allotted for questions.
 - e) Doors will be barred during each speech
 - f) No props will be allowed during the speech – only note cards may be used to aid while giving the speech
- 3) Intermediate Division (13 to 16 years) and Senior Division (17 to 21 years)
 - a) Time limit: 4-6 minutes. For Speech time limit, 1 point will be taken off the speaker's score for every 10 seconds under/over. For example: speech lasts 6 minutes and 20 seconds, deduction of 2 points. Maximum time limit deduction will be 15 points.
 - b) Dress: Business Casual
 - c) Judges will ask questions of the speakers; limited to 2-3 minutes.
 - e) Doors will be barred during each speech
 - f) No props will be allowed during the speech – only note cards may be used to aid while giving the speech
- 4) Speaking Topics:
 - a) PI Topic: Why are you 'Wild' about Shorthorns?
 - b) PII Topic: What are some good qualities of Shorthorn beef?
 - c) Intermediate Topic: Why should Americans consume US beef instead of imported beef?
 - d) Senior Topic: Explain the importance of exporting beef for the American cattlemen.

*All age divisions will have the same scoring criteria.
You can find a sample scoresheet and rubric at juniorshorthorn.com*