UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY College of Agriculture

4-H Speech Score Sheet

NAME: _____ **COUNTY:** _____ **AGE:** _____

CATEGORY: _____ **TITLE:** _____

***NOTE TO JUDGES:** Constructive comments are helpful to participants. **Please** make positive, helpful comments in space provided.

SCORING: 5-4 ABOVE AVERAGE, 3-2 AVERAGE, 1NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

APPEARANCE: 1. Neat, well-groomed, dressed appropriately. *costumes are NOT permitted	**SCORES** **5 4 3 2 1**	**COMMENTS**
AUDIBILITY:		**COMMENTS**
1. Pitch, volume, speed, tone, rhythm.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
2. Clear pronunciation.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
3. Clearly heard and easy to understand.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
4. Enthusiastic, personality shows through.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
5. Speaker captures and retains audience attention.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
EYE CONTACT AND POISE:		**COMMENTS**
1. Eye contact with audience.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
2. Gestures natural (contribute to talk).	**5 4 3 2 1**	
3. Posture (erect but not stiff).	**5 4 3 2 1**	
4. Body language exhibited by contestant desirable.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
5. Effective use of notes (if used; displays confidence & composure).	**5 4 3 2 1**	
ORGANIZATION OF MATERIAL:		**COMMENTS**
1. Introduction gets audience attention & introduces subject.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
2. Main points organized.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
3. Flow of speech (smooth with no unnecessary pauses).	**5 4 3 2 1**	
4. Conclusion (short, interesting and final).	**5 4 3 2 1**	
GENERAL: (25 POINTS MAX.)		**COMMENTS**
1. Originality.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
2. Use of correct grammar and vocabulary.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
3. Information age appropriate.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
4. Speaker understands the content of the speech.	**5 4 3 2 1**	
5. Subject matter accurate and up-to-date.	**5 4 3 2 1**	

SCORE: **TIME:** **TIME PENALTY: -3 IF OVER/UNDER** **FINAL SCORE:**

TIME: SENIOR:5-7 min; JUNIOR: 3-5 min. Participants going over/under time will be assessed a one-time penalty of 3 points from the final, averaged score and WILL BE ELIGIBLE for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing

Total 5's:	___ X5 = ____
Total 4's:	___ X4 = ____
Total 3's:	___ X3 = ____
Total 2's:	___ X2 = ____
Total 1's:	___ X1 = ____
GRAND TOTAL:	20 = ____

SCORING:

BLUE	100 - 80
RED	60-79
WHITE	59 AND BELOW

RIBBONS:

_____ BLUE
_____RED
_____WHITE

PLACE: CHAMPION 1St 2ND 3RD

JUDGES SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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Kentucky 4-H Communication Contest Categories

SPEECH CATEGORIES

- 9 Year Old
- 10 Year Old
- 11 Year Old
- 12 Year Old
- 13 Year Old
- 14 Year Old
- 15 Year Old
- 16 Year Old
- 17-18 Year Old

DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES- Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-18) -Category selection should be based on the primary purpose of the demonstration. It is suggested that demonstrations that do not clearly fit into one category be modified to include information and material relative to the selected category.

CORE: AGRICULTURE

1. Agriculture – to include information on horticulture, and plant and soil sciences (e.g. crops, agronomy).
2. Animal Science – to include information on selection, care and feeding of animals, financial records, operations and animal products for small or large animals. This also includes companion animals. *(Demonstrations on horses or horse related topics can be included in this category, however, it does not qualify the participant for the State Horse Contests; this is a different event).*

CORE: COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

3. Visual Arts --to include drawing, painting, mixed media, decoupage, candle making, macramé, scrap booking, embroidery, quilting, silk screen, batik, block print, corn-shuck flowers, ceramics, jewelry making and similar topics. This category also includes demonstrations related to photography such as picture taking, composition, framing or scrapbooking.
4. Performing Arts -all demonstrations related to the performing arts including theatre, dance, musical instruments and musical performance.

CORE: FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

5. Clothing & Textiles – to include construction, techniques, wardrobe selection and planning (color, design accessories, appropriate dress for various occasions) selection, use or care of clothing related equipment, care of clothing, posture as it relates to fit, fibers, fabrics, and textile related topics.
6. Family & Consumer Sciences – to include information on childcare, consumer and financial education, family life, and home environment. **THIS CATEGORY EXCLUDES CLOTHING & TEXTILES AND FOODS. THESE ARE SEPARATE CATEGORIES.**
7. Foods – to include preparation skills and creativity in using foods for meals and snacks ***(including breads)***. Please submit a copy of the recipe on day of event.

CORE: HEALTH

8. Health – to include information on physical activity, bullying, substance abuse, personal development, and safety.

CORE: LEADERSHIP

9. Team Demonstrations – any demonstration (regardless of topic) conducted by two (2) 4-H members of the same age category (i.e. either juniors or both seniors). Each participant must have a significant speaking AND presentation role in the demonstration. **Youth may participate in either the individual demonstrations OR the team demonstration category. They may NOT do both.**

CORE: NATURAL RESOURCES

10. Natural Resources– includes Entomology, Environment, Geology, Forestry, Soils, Water and Wildlife. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.
11. Shooting Sports – includes proper care and cleaning of equipment, safety, sighting alignment and shooting techniques, selecting equipment and ammunition. Weapons of any sort cannot be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockups, models and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual gun, bow or other firearm.

CORE: SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

12. Science, Engineering and Technology – to include information on ATV safety, aerospace/rocketry, biotechnology, bicycle, energy, GPS/GIS, robotics, general science, and computer sciences [may NOT use computer projection equipment in place of posters]. This category can include science-fair type experiments related to these topics.
13. Digital Media Presentation – to include demonstrations using presentation software (i.e. PowerPoint, Prezi) regardless of topic. Slides are used in lieu of poster boards. Please bring the presentation on media that can be transferred to another computer (i.e. CD or portable drive).

MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS -Seniors (14-18) only. Resumes are required. See additional rules for more information.

- 14-15 year old
- 16-18 year old

RULES FOR KENTUCKY 4-H TALK PROGRAM

1. Any boy or girl age 9-19 (must have passed their 9th birthday but have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current program year) may participate in the 4-H Public Speaking (Talk Program) on a county basis. SENIORS must have passed their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.

   NOTE: AGE REQUIREMENTS: We understand that districts may host their event in the Fall which falls before January 1st of the current year for the State Communication's event. Please keep this in mind when certifying age on the registration form for the State Event. (i.e. youth may be age 15 in November, however, state event is not until Spring of next year, youth has a birthday Dec. 1, and is now age 16 for the state event, he/she cannot be the area representative for the 15 age category).

2. Each District may send two (2) participants per category. Exception: District 3, may have three youth per category.

3. State standard is that state communication day event participants earn a blue ribbon at the district level to qualify for the state communications day event.

4. Registration may be from county or district level and must be completed online for the state event.

5. Speeches by Senior youth (14-19 age youth) must be between 5 to 7 minutes long. Speeches by Junior youth (9-13 age youth) must be between 3 to 5 minutes.

6. **Senior Level:** Because this is an educational learning experience, the Senior 4-Her is expected to choose a topic, research and write their own speech. A participant may have help with practicing the speech.
   Junior Level: The 4-Her may have assistance in writing and preparation based on age level.

7. A penalty of three points will be subtracted from the speaker's **total overall score** for time errors (under/over time). The time requirement penalty will apply to the State Public Speaking, but not necessarily to county or district events. Participants will be eligable for champion placement.

8. No visual aids will be used in the Kentucky 4-H Public Speaking (Talk Meet). **Costumes (special outfits)** and/or electronic equipment are considered visual aids. Speakers using visual aids will receive a ribbon, but will not be considered for champion placement.

9. The use of note cards is optional. Points will not be added or subtracted for the use of note cards unless the speaker uses them in a distracting manner.

10. Dramatic readings, dramatic monologues and recitation of poems (as the entire speech) including web based information will not be accepted in the Public Speaking (4-H Talk Meet). Excessive or distracting body or hand gestures are unacceptable. These distractions will be counted against participant in the scoring section.

11. The contestant will be introduced by name, and subject (title) by the room host when s/he will present their talk. Talk should not include the speaker's name or residence; however there will be no penalty if name, county, and subject (title) are used during the talk.

12. Previous State Public Speaking (Talk Meet) champions are **not eligible** to compete in the same age category.

13. These rules supersede all previous published rules on the Kentucky 4-H Public Speaking (Talk Meet).

14. The decisions of the judges are FINAL!

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