

TEXAS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST

The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest is designed to encourage interest in promoting the beef industry and projecting Herefords in a positive image through public speaking. The Texas Pollettes Sponsor the contest.

Rules:

1. The contestants must be a member of TJPFA or TJHA.
2. The intermediate division is for youth 14-17 as of Jan 1
3. The senior division is for youth 18-21 as of Jan 1
4. Contestant's times will be selected in a random drawing at the beginning of the Illustrated Speech Contest.
5. Subject areas will include, but are not limited to the History and Development of Hereford Cattle. Principals of Breeding, Selling, and Management Marketing of Beef Cattle.
6. Contestants will report to a preparation room 35 minutes prior to their scheduled speaking time to draw their topic. Contestants will draw topics and select one on which to speak. Actual preparation time will be limited to 30 minutes.
7. Contestants will receive a specially prepared information packet on the topic and two 3 X 5 index cards. No other reference materials will be allowed.
8. Speeches will be 3 to 7 minutes in length. Time elapsed will be posted during the speech so that the contestants are aware of timing. Speakers who finish before the 3 minutes have elapsed or who run past 7 minutes will be penalized 1 point for each second over/under. Following the speech, time will be allowed for questions from the judges.
9. Contestants will be judged on subject knowledge (20%), organization (10%), presentation (40%), response to questions (20%), and general effectiveness (10%).
10. There will be different topics for intermediate and senior divisions.
11. Sign up at the State Show on the contest signup sheets by Noon on Wed. June 14 .