AMERICAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION
YOUTH EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Rules and Regulations

I. Eligibility

1) To be eligible to compete in the Public Speaking Contest, the contestant must be a junior member of the American Guernsey Association.

The contest is divided into three age divisions:

Senior Division

Born between and including January 1, 1999 – December 31, 2001

Intermediate Division

Born between and including January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2005

Junior Division

Born between and including January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2010

2) All contestants must be registered by June 1, 2020.

3) Contestants will be allowed to participate in their age division until they have won that division twice and then they may move up to an older age category.

II. Subject

A. **This year's contest will be held virtually on an online video meeting format on June 27th**. Contestants will still present their speech live to the judges and must not be coached during their preparation or speaking time.
B. The selection of topics shall be held 30 minutes before the contest. The contestant will be offered three specific topics relating to the dairy industry. The contestant may select one of the three topics to speak on.
C. Contestants will be randomly ordered by the contest director. Contestants remain in the virtual preparation room and may use up to 30 minutes for topic preparation.
D. Reference materials will be used by the contestants and could include printed material such as books or magazines, or clearly referenced articles from the internet (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the contestant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use for this contest).
E. Each speech shall be the result of the contestant's own effort using approved reference material, which the contestant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. The contestant may use papers or note cards during their speech. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30 minute preparation period. A watch may be used to keep record of the speaker's time.
F. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the contest.

III. Time Limit

In the Senior Division , each speech shall be a minimum of four minutes and a maximum of six minutes. In the Intermediate Division, each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. In the Junior Division, each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. Each contestant will be allowed five minutes during which the judging committee will ask questions related to his or her speech. Deductions of 20 points per minute will be made from the score of each judge for speeches that are under or over the time limit in length.

IV. Method of Selecting Winner

1) The Youth Committee will be in charge of the contest. Competent and impartial judges will be selected by the committee to judge the contest.
2) A contestant will be permitted to use notes.
3) A timekeeper will be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
4) Prior to the contest, judges will be furnished copies of the topic drawn.
5) Each judge will ask questions after a speech; and each contestant will be scored on his or her ability to answer all questions by all judges.
6) When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total his or her score on composition and delivery for each speech. Contestants will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge.

V. Awards

Awards will be given to the top three individuals in each division.

Part I. For Scoring the Content

A. Knowledge of subject includes:

Importance and appropriateness of the subject
Suitability of the material used
Accuracy of the statements included
Evidence of purpose

B. Organization of materials includes:

Organization of the content
Unity of thought
Logical development
Language used
Sentence structure
Accomplishment of purpose - conclusions

C. Voice includes:

Quality
Pitch
Articulation
Pronunciation
Force

D. Stage presence includes:

Personal appearance
Poise and body posture
Attitude
Confidence
Personality
Ease before audience

E. Power of expression includes:

Fluency
Emphasis
Directness
Sincerity
Communicative ability
Conveyance of thought and meaning

F. General effect includes:

Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.

G. Response to questions include the ability to answer the questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating: originality, familiarity with subject, and the ability to think quickly.

JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

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ITEMS TO BE SCORED		SPEAKERS:							
		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8
A. Knowledge of Subject	200								
B. Organization of Material	100								
C. Power of Expression	200								
D. Voice	100								
E Stage Presence	100								
F. General Effect	100								
G. Response to Questions	200								

TOTAL POINTS: 1,000								
LESS TIME 20 PT./ DEDUCTIONS MINUTE								
TOTAL SCORE: (NET)								
RANKING:								

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ENTRY FORM

Name_____
Address_____
_____Email Address_____
Date of Birth_____

Age_____ Division_____

Enter By June 1st to:
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