

WISCONSIN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR 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 Wisconsin Junior Guernsey Breeders Assn.

The contest is divided into three age divisions:

Senior Division

Born between and including Jan. 1, 2006 – Dec. 31, 2008.

Intermediate Division

Born between and including Jan. 1, 2009 – Dec. 31, 2012.

Junior Division

Born between and including Jan. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2015.

- 2) Contestants in the Public Speaking Contest will be required to submit a copy of their speech outline to the judges by the designated deadline.
- 3) All contestants must be registered to participate.

II. Subject

Contestants may choose any subject pertaining to Guernsey cattle and the Dairy Industry. For subject matter we wish to encourage exploration and understanding of any and all entities of the dairy industries, emphasizing the Guernsey's role. Current policies, affairs, and trends in the industry are suitable topics.

III. Time Limit

In the ***Senior Division***, each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes.

In the ***Intermediate Division***, each speech shall be a minimum of five minutes and a maximum of seven 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) An appointed Committee will oversee 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; but excessive reference to notes may result in deductions from his or her score. Contestants in the Junior Division will be permitted to use posters or props in order to promote their speeches. Juniors will be judged on how they present the material and not on creativity and design of the props and posters.
- 3) A timekeeper will be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his or her speech, noting under time and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
- 4) Prior to the contest, judges will be furnished with typewritten copies of the contestants' outlines.
- 5) Each judge will ask questions after each speech, and contestants 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, without consulting with each other.

V. Awards

Awards will be given to the top individual in each division.

Scoring Prepared Speech Contest

Part I For Scoring the Contest

1) Contest Includes:	Value of 40 points
Importance and Appropriateness of subject	
Suitability of the material	
Accuracy of the statements	
Evidence of Purpose	
Organization of the content	
Logical Development	
Language Used	
Accomplishment of Purpose – conclusions	

Part II, Scoring Delivery of Presentation

1) Voice Includes:	Value of 10 points
Quality	
Pitch	
Pronunciation	
Force	
2) Stage Presence Includes:	Value of 10 Points
Personal Appearance	
Poise ad Body Posture	
Confidence	
Personality	
Ease before Audience	
3) Power of Expression Includes:	Value of 15 Points
Fluency, Emphasis	
Directness	
Sincerity	
Communication Ability	
4) Response to Questions Includes:	Value of 15 Points
Ability to satisfactorily answer questions on the speech, which are asked by the judges, indication originality, familiarity with subject, and ability to think.	
5) General Effect Includes:	Value of 10 Points
Extent to which speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention.	

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Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____ E-Mail address _____

Telephone _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Division _____

Speech Topic _____

Completed applications and a completed Copy of the Outline should be returned by February 20th, 2026

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