

# SHOOTING SPORTS & DEMONSTRATION PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Participants must be currently enrolled in a 700-series Shooting Sports project or 630 Safe Use of Guns or 631 Basic Archery. County educator must verify enrollment before signing the registration form. A member can enter only one shooting sports communication class.
2. Shooting Sports presentations may be speeches OR demonstrations within the time guidelines on a shooting sports topic. Presentations should be informative in nature on subjects relating to shooting sports skills, history, science or culture. This is **not** a contest of persuasive speaking or debate skills. Attire may be appropriate for the topic of the speech or demonstration. Living History presentations may be in character with appropriate period clothing. Demonstrations may involve heritage skills learned while taking the project.
3. **Firearms, bows, arrows, weapons, air pistols or air rifles, paintball guns, gun cases, or any plastic replicas or other reasonable facsimile are not permitted on the fairgrounds and may not be used in a demonstration or presentation.** Speeches should not have props. Props are allowed in demonstrations or illustrated talks. Use of computer technology is not permitted.
4. All presentations must be the **original work of the 4-H member** based on project learning. Each contestant must bring to the event a legibly written (by contestant) or typed **outline** of his/her presentation. If statistics are quoted in the presentation, those statistical sources must be listed on the outline. Contestants must also submit their current shooting project member record book. Shooting Sports projects must have the cover signed by the supervising certified shooting instructor. Safe Use of Guns and Basic Archery books must have the cover signed by the club advisor or project mentor.
5. Presentations under the minimum length or over the maximum length will be penalized 10 points. Time begins when the contestant begins speaking. Time ends at the conclusion of the primary presentation. If a judge asks a question, the answer will not be included in the time limit.
6. Prompts are discouraged. Participants may use their outlines IF printed on small index cards (not notebook paper.) Judges may elect to score presentations given without prompts higher.
7. All contestants will be required to use a microphone when giving their speeches. Contestants may not leave the stage area during their presentations.
8. Verbal profanity or inappropriate words written on clothing or visual aids/props is forbidden.

9. Judges will evaluate all individual participants based upon the following criteria: 30% Content; 30% Organization; and 40% Delivery.

Refer to the sample score sheet for more specific information.

CLASSES : All ages are based on age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

Shooting Sports Topic – Junior ages 8-13 years	Presentation 3-5 minutes length
Shooting Sports Topic – Senior ages 14-18	Presentations 5-8 minutes length.
Living History Topic – Junior ages 8-13 years	Presentations 3-5 minutes length.
Living History Topic – Senior ages 14-18 years	Presentations 5-8 minutes length.

**OHIO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS  
PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST  
Score Sheet**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

SPEAKER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Sports Topic – Junior ages 8-13 years  | Presentation 3-5 minutes in length. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Sports Topic – Senior ages 14-18 years | Presentation 5-8 minutes in length. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living History Topic – Junior ages 8-13 years   | Presentation 3-5 minutes in length. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living History Topic – Senior ages 14-18 years  | Presentation 5-8 minutes in length. |

COMMENTS	SCORE
<p><b>CONTENT:</b> 30 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Central Theme Appropriate and Informative</li> <li>◆ Factual Information with statistics and sources cited; local examples identified.</li> </ul>	/30
<p><b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 30 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Effective Introduction</li> <li>◆ Main Points Well Stated</li> <li>◆ Logical sequence Of Main Points</li> <li>◆ Original Use of Information/creativity</li> <li>◆ Transition</li> <li>◆ Summary</li> <li>◆ Concise Ending</li> </ul>	/30
<p><b>DELIVERY:</b> 40 Points</p> <p><u>20 pts. - Visual</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Dress</li> <li>◆ Grooming</li> <li>◆ Poise</li> <li>◆ Posture</li> <li>◆ Enthusiasm/Energy</li> <li>◆ Eye Contact</li> <li>◆ Facial Expressions</li> <li>◆ Effective Use of Varied Gestures</li> </ul> <p><u>20 pts. - Vocal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Articulation/Diction</li> <li>◆ Enunciation</li> <li>◆ Correct Word Use and Grammar</li> <li>◆ Pleasing and Flexible Voice</li> <li>◆ Volume and Use of Volume</li> <li>◆ Use of Pauses, Inflection</li> <li>◆ Sincerity</li> </ul>	/20

Presentations under the minimum length or over the maximum length will be penalized 10 points. Time begins when the contestant begins speaking. Time ends at the conclusion of the primary presentation. If a judge asks a question, the answer will not be included in the time limit.

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_