



2021 AQHYA World Championship Show Impromptu Speech Contest

Registration: Online

Registration deadline: July 1, 2021

Registration fee: \$25 per contestant, due at time of registration

PLEASE NOTE:

- If four entries for the impromptu speech contest have not been received by the deadline, July 1, the impromptu speech contest will be canceled.
- Withdrawal from the contest after the registration deadline will result in forfeiture of the registration fee.

Location: TBD

Date: Tuesday, August 3

Time: The Impromptu Speech Contest will be immediately following the Prepared Speech Contest, at approximately 10:00 a.m. Please contact the AQHA Youth Department after the close of entries for an exact time.

Impromptu Speech Contest Rules

1. All contestants must be AQHYA members in good standing.
2. Contestants may enter all divisions of the speech contests (prepared and impromptu) but may not enter a division he or she has previously won.
3. Contestants should dress in proper attire. (AQHYA members may wear a suit and tie, or a buttoned and collared shirt with a tie and dress slacks or skirt/dress of appropriate length.)

Impromptu Speech Contest Process

Objective: The impromptu speech contest is designed to assist in the development of skills in organization, impromptu thinking and effective communication. This contest gives the participant experience in speaking before a group, formulating clear thoughts and delivering those thoughts to an audience in an effective manner.

1. Topics for the contest will be furnished by AQHYA. Topics, will vary and will be announced at the contest. Topics will be designed to include subjects familiar to youth. Examples of topics are:
 - a. Ideas for membership recruitment.
 - b. Ways to use technology in the horse industry.
 - c. Topics related to the current AQHYA theme, "Make Your Mark."
2. Speaking order will be determined prior to the contest by random drawing.
3. The process for the impromptu speech contest is as follows:
 - a. Contestants will be called one at a time according to their arranged speaking order.
 - b. Each contestant will draw three topics, select one, and return the remaining two to the contest supervisor.
 - c. Each contestant will be given five minutes to prepare immediately prior to delivering his or her speech. Notes may not be used during the speech.

4. The maximum time limit for each impromptu speech is five minutes; there is no time minimum.
 - a. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute over five minutes. Time point deductions are as follows:
 - i. 5:01 – 6:00 = -3 points
 - ii. 6:01 – 7:00 = -6 points
 - iii. 7:01 – 8:00 = -9 points
5. Judges will consider questions listed under each section of the attached score sheet.
 - a. Each judge may award a contestant up to 100 points based on the rubric. The three judges' scores will be added together with the contestant receiving the highest cumulative score winning first place.
 - b. Ties between contestants will be broken by (1) the cumulative delivery score, (2) the cumulative organization score or (3) the cumulative overall score.

**AQHVA World Championship Show
Impromptu Speech Rubric**

Contestant:

Affiliate:

Elapsed Time:

Penalty Time:

Evaluator:

Evaluate the contestant according to the value indicated by each criterion. Do not score higher than indicated. The contest supervisor will apply penalty points.

CATEGORY	SCORE/100	Judge's Comments
I. PRESENTATION AND DELIVERY 1. Appearance, posture, poise, confidence. 2. Smooth delivery, pauses for variety and emphasis. 3. Eye contact, expressiveness, audience connection. 4. Clarity, enunciation, inflection.	____/10 ____/10 ____/10 ____/10	
II. CONTENT 1. Sufficiently answers the question or addresses the topic. 2. Creativity. 3. Data and supportive facts / examples. 4. Showcases the American Quarter Horse.	____/10 ____/10 ____/10 ____/10	
III. ORGANIZATION 1. Opening and closing statements. 2. Transitions.	____/10 ____/10	
Subtotal		
Time Penalty		
FINAL SCORE		