



## 2021 AQHYA World Championship Show Prepared Speech Contest Theme: Make Your Mark

**Registration:** Online

**Registration deadline:** July 1, 2021

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

### PLEASE NOTE:

- If four entries for the prepared speech contest have not been received by the deadline, July 1, the prepared 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:** Contest orientation begins at 8:00 a.m.; Prepared Speech Contest begins at 8:30 a.m.

1. Followed by Impromptu Speech Contest (approximately 10:00 a.m.)
2. Followed by 13 & Under Public Speaking Contest (approximately 12:00 a.m.)

**2021 Topic:** Make Your Mark (2021 AQHYA Theme)

### Prepared Speech Contest Rules

1. All contestants must be AQHYA members in good standing.
2. Contestants may enter all divisions of the speech contests (prepared or 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.)

### Prepared Speech Contest Process

Objective: The prepared speech contest is designed to allow the contestant to demonstrate public speaking, communication and promotional skills. In addition to these skills, contestants will demonstrate their knowledge of the horse industry as well as organizational and leadership abilities.

1. Speaking order will be determined prior to the contest by random drawing.
2. Contestants will deliver a four- to five-minute prepared speech based on the topic, Make Your Mark.
  - a. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute under four or over five minutes. Time point deductions are as follows:
    - i. 2:00 – 2:59 = -6 points
    - ii. 3:00 – 3:59 = -3 points
    - iii. 4:00 - 5:00 = 0 points
    - iv. 5:01 – 6:00 = -3 points
    - v. 6:01 – 7:00 = -6 points
3. The use of visual aids is not permitted.
4. Brief notes may be used if desired; however, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant at the discretion of the judges.

5. Following the prepared speech, judges may ask contestants questions related to their prepared speech. This will be done on the judge's time. Only judges or contest supervisors may ask questions of contestants.
6. 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 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  
Prepared 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
<b>I. PRESENTATION AND DELIVERY</b> 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	
<b>II. CONTENT</b> 1. Value and depth of subject matter. 2. Creativity. 3. Data and supportive facts / examples. 4. Showcases the American Quarter Horse. 5. Judge's questions.	____/10 ____/10 ____/10 ____/10 ____/5	
<b>III. ORGANIZATION</b> 1. Opening and closing statements. 2. Transitions.	____/10 ____/5	
<b>Subtotal</b>		
Time Penalty		
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>		