

# **Smith County Junior Livestock Show 2022 Public Speaking Contest**

## **Dates and Deadlines**

- 2022 Contest Date: Friday, April 1
- On-time Registration Deadline: (to be determined)
- \$15 registration fee
  - All documentation (Statement of Originality, Abstract) due at time of registration
- Late Registration Deadline: (to be determined)
- \$25 entry for late registration

## **Documentation**

Documentation for the 2022 contest will include:

- One-half to one-page summary (abstract) of your speech
- A completed statement of originality
- All documents must be submitted in PDF format

Send documentation to Dylan Bacon, contest superintendent, at [baconda@lisdeagles.net](mailto:baconda@lisdeagles.net)

## **Contest Rules**

1. To Enter: To be determined by SCJLS Board; recommend following same entry procedures as other SCJLS contests
2. Eligibility: The contest is open to students from all schools in Smith County - public, private, and home school - and specialty groups, including FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H club members. All contestants must be academically eligible for the competition per regulations from the Texas Education Agency's "No Pass No Play" rule. A section of the Statement of Originality will verify eligibility.
3. Age Groups: The contest will be divided into two age groups (Age as of July 31, 2021):
  - Juniors - Ages 8-13
  - Seniors - Ages 14-19

**Contest Format:**

- The contest will be held over a one-day period with preliminary contests starting at 8:30 a.m. (Check-in will open at 7:00 a.m.)
- Each participant, junior or senior level, will compose a speech covering one of the following topics:
  - Animal Science
  - Plant Science
  - Natural Resources
  - Agribusiness
  - Agricultural Policy
  - Agriculture Technology and Communications
- Speeches will be judged in either a junior or senior age division.
  - Speakers will be divided equally among available rooms.
- If there are more than one junior speaking room, the Top 2 juniors from each room will compete in the junior finals. Grand Champion will be awarded to the winner.
- In the event there is only one junior speaking room, there will be no junior finals.
- The top seniors in each room will advance to the senior finals based on the number of speaking rooms.
  - 1 senior room: No finals
  - 2 senior rooms: Top 2 in each
  - 3 senior rooms: Top 1 in each
  - Grand Champion will be awarded to the winner.

**Tentative Schedule:**

The schedule may be adjusted as registrations are received and will be updated on the "Show Rules" page on the SCJLS website.

- Contest Check-in: 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
- Contest Orientation: 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- Preliminary Rounds Begin: 8:30 a.m.
- Finals begin: 10:15 (approximately)

Final rounds for junior and senior will immediately follow the tabulation results of their respective preliminary rounds. Awards will follow the completion of each finals round.

**Dress Attire:**

Business professional attire is strongly recommended and may include FFA Official Dress or Official 4-H attire. Failure to dress appropriately may result in a loss of points.

**Time of Speeches:**

- Junior Age Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes.
- Senior Age Division: Each speech shall be a minimum of 6 minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes.
- Questions and Answers: A 5-minute question/answer period will follow each speech.
- Deductions: Points will be deducted from both Junior and Senior speakers as follows:
  - Under minimum time - 1 point deducted per second under
  - Over maximum time - 1 point deducted per second over

**Props:**

- The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Notecards are permitted, but only as a reference tool for the speaker.

**Categories:**

Each contestant will enter their speech in one of six categories. Categories must be designated at the time of entry. A contestant may enter in only one category. The contestant must select the category which best fits the speech.

**Agribusiness:** Any current and future subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, sales, services, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, advertising, etc.

**Agricultural Policy:** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal rights, subsidies, price supports, etc.

**Ag Technology and Communications:** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new agri-technology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, computer applications, etc., and the communication of and/or advocacy for these and other agriculture issues.

Animal Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspects of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef, or specialty animal industries.

Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, etc.

Plant Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production, or specialty crop production.

**Awards:**

- Finalists from each division will receive a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division will receive a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Public Speaker and Grand and Reserve Champion Junior Public Speaker will receive a customized SCJLS belt buckle.