4-H Day Regulations

Register for the event that you feel fits your presentation the best. A club may have more than 1 ensemble, skit, etc. as long as different members are in it.

Age Divisions: Junior: ages 7-9, Intermediate: ages 10-13, and Senior: ages 14-18

Public Presentations

Cloverbuds: Sharing-Non-Competitive
A. Cloverbuds: 5-6 year olds
B. Time: 1 to 2 minutes, topic of your choice

Project Talks: Junior
A. 4-H members: 7-9 year olds; Time: 4-5 minutes
B. Visuals encouraged but not required, no electronic presentation method may be used.
C. Topic must be on a 4-H project or aspect of project of which the member is currently enrolled.
D. Questions are not asked.

Public Speaking: Intermediate & Senior
A. 4-H members: 10-18 year olds; Time: Intermediate – 6-8 minutes, Senior – 8-10 minutes
B. Visuals & notecards may be used, no electronic presentation.
C. Topic is unlimited.
D. Outline required for judge (Judge will deduct one ribbon if outline is not available).

Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks
A. 4-H members: 7-18 year olds; Time: Junior – 3-5 mins, Intermediate – 5-7 mins, Senior – 6-8 mins
B. A demonstration is defined as a “show-how” process involving doing or making something while giving an explanation. The demonstrator uses actual items, supplies, equipment, people, or animals while going through a process. There should usually be a finished product to show. No electronic presentations.
C. An illustrated talk is defined as a “tell-how” process where the presenter uses visuals such as posters, charts, models, graphs, etc. to aid in emphasizing a point or to add interest while telling how to do something. Visuals are required in the “telling how.” No electronic presentations.
D. Either individual or team presentations.
E. All necessary equipment provided by 4-H
F. Topic must be related to 4-H project currently enrolled.
G. Questions will be asked.
H. Summary is required
I. The endorsement of brand names is discouraged

Multi-Media Presentations: All Ages
A. Time: 8 minute maximum
B. Electronic presentations are designed for youth who choose to speak with the use of a powerpoint or other computer generated program.
C. Participants are responsible for their own electronic equipment or ensuring presentation is compatible with projector and laptop provided.
D. Either individual or team presentations.

Dance

All Types of Dance
A. 4-H members: 7-18 year olds; Time: 5 minute maximum
B. Examples may include, but not limited to: tap, ballet, jazz, country, square, swing, break/street, acrobatic etc. (Acrobatic means a dance that includes a couple of acrobatic moves, but not a gymnastic routine)

Music

Vocal Group
A. Time: 10 minute maximum
B. Two selections required.
C. Original copy of selections with measures numbered required for judge.
D. Singing may or may not have accompaniment. Director and accompanist need not be 4-Hers.
E. Selections should be memorized or one ribbon rating will be deducted.
Vocal Solo
A. 4-H members: 7-18 year olds; Time: 5 minute maximum
B. Participant will sing one selection.
C. 4-Hers is judged on vocal presentation.
D. Before performing, original copy of selection will be given to judge with measures numbered.
E. Accompanist need not be a 4-Her.
F. Selection should be memorized or one ribbon rating will be deducted.

Instrumental Group
A. Time: 10 minute maximum
B. Two selections required, memorization optional.
C. Before performing, original copy of selection will be given to judge with measures numbered.
D. Director and accompanist need not be 4-Hers

Instrumental Solo
A. 4-H members: 7-18 year olds
B. Time: 5 minute maximum
C. Participant will play a composed solo number.
D. Before performing, original copy of selection will be given to judge with measures numbered.
E. Accompanist need not be a 4-Her.
F. Selection must be memorized or one ribbon rating will be deducted.

Drama
Skits
A. 4-H members: 7-18 year olds
B. Any size of group may participate
C. Time: 15 minute maximum
D. Outline or script should be provided to the judge

Readings - Poetry or Prose Interpretation (This is when a piece is read.)
A. 4-H members: 7-18 year olds
B. Time: Junior – 5 minute max, Intermediate – 6 minute max, Senior – 7 minute max
C. Dramatic or interpretive, humorous, or other type of reading.
D. Individual presentation.
E. 4-Hers are expected to have an attention getting introduction that includes title and author. The intro also sets the scene for the reading.
F. A book or folder must be used as a prop.

Solo Acting - This is a memorized & interpretive reading.
A. 4-H members: 7-18 year olds
B. Time: Junior – 3-5 minutes, Intermediate – 5-7 minutes, Senior – 6-8 minutes
C. The material is generally something that was published as a script, but can be done from a story. The pieces may be single or multiple characters (one person does all the parts).
D. Individual presentation.
E. 4-Hers may move around and may even use a chair as a prop.
F. 4-Hers are expected to have an attention getting introduction that includes title and author. The intro also sets the scene for the presentation.

Other Talent
A. 4-H members: 7-18 year olds
B. Time: 5 minute maximum
C. Individual or group.
D. Miscellaneous grouping: gymnastics, novelty, stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist acts, etc.

Parliamentary Procedure
Gavel Games - Beginner & Experienced, see attached guidelines