

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONTEST PRESENTATIONS

AGRICULTURE – FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES – GENERAL PRESENTATIONS

I. Eligibility

A. Read General Rules

B. 4-H members may participate in any of the following three areas:

Agriculture Projects – Members currently enrolled in Animal Science, Horticulture, Agronomy or Natural Science projects (includes Shooting Sports). *

Family & Consumer Sciences Projects – Members currently enrolled in Home Economics (clothing, foods, food preservation, housing), Consumer Education or Family Life projects. *

General Projects – Members should be enrolled in Engineering, Personal Growth and Development, Creative Arts or Arts and Crafts projects. *

***Refer to the 4-H Project Literature Materials Short List (200.B-3B) for a complete list of specific projects in each area.**

C. 4 persons of any combination of individuals or teams may participate in each of these three contest areas.

D. Presentations in each area may be entered by an individual or a two-person team. Team and individual presentations will be judged on the same criteria and will be competing against one another (there are not separate team and individual categories).

II. Procedures

A. Presentations must be at least:

- Novice Presentations- 3-5 minutes
- Junior Presentations- 5-10 minutes
- Set up is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes and is not included in the presentation length. Time for answering questions is not counted in the presentation length. One point will be deducted for each minute or fraction of a minute under 10 minutes or over the time limit.

- B. Scoring for presentations will be done according to the established score sheet.
- C. Posters/charts/power point slides must be made by the presenter. During judging, the content of the message, neatness, readability, accuracy, type of illustrative materials, and the effectiveness of the posters or charts as teaching tools will be considered.
- D. Participants should dress appropriately for the type of presentation.
- E. Contestants may use notes, however, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant at the discretion of the judges.
- F. Contestants are responsible for bringing equipment, supplies and visual aids. **This includes a power point projector, computer and screen, unless special arrangements are made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the contest.** It is Recommended to also have presentation on a flash drive as backup.
- G. Following each presentation, only the judges will be allowed to ask participants questions directly related to the area of the presentation, their public speaking experience or their overall 4-H participation.
- H. Contestants will speak in front of the audience present in the room.
- I. Ties will be broken by the judges.

III. References

- A. Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, 200.D-1 (R-2001)
- B. Making Posters, 200.D-6 (R-2003)
- C. 4-H Presentation Score Sheet, 200.D-5 (R-2019)