

STATE 4-H DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) This event includes both Demonstrations (Team and Individual) and Illustrated talks.
- 2) Each District can send two (2) participants per category.
- 3) State standard is that state communication day event participants earn a blue ribbon at the district level to qualify for the state communications day event.
- 4) Participants can participate in one demonstration category per year.
- 5) NO LIVE ANIMALS of any size are permitted.
- 6) Junior Demonstrations: Any member age 9-13 may compete in Junior Demonstrations as per their age determined on January 1st of the year in which the state contest is held.
Senior Demonstrations: Any member age 14-19 may participate in Senior Demonstration (must have passed their 14th birthday but have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1st of the year in which the state contest is held). Age is determined by the date of the State event, not when the district or multi-county group hosts their event.
- 7) Time limit for project demonstrations will be 5 to 15 minutes. (INCLUDING BREADS) Demonstrations going under or over time will be assessed a 3 point penalty from their **overall final score** and be given a blue, red or white ribbon and WILL be eligible for Champion placement.
- 8) State Champions may participate only in categories in which they have NOT previously won.
- 9) A participant may have help with practicing the demonstration or speech. Preparation may include practicing in front of peers, club leaders, etc. **At the SENIOR LEVEL, the 4-H'er is expected to demonstrate original work – choosing a topic, researching it and writing their own speech or demonstration. The internet may be used as a reference source but NOT as a source for a non-original speech or demonstration.**
- 10) A participant may have help setting up their demonstration, but may not have another person helping during the demonstration. Only team demonstrations may have more than one person participating. There shall be no assistance from the audience.
- 11) It is suggested that the speech or demonstration given by the 4-H'er be a new topic from previous years.
- 12) Team demonstrations ARE permitted at the state level. They will follow the same rules and regulations of the single participant demonstrations. Two (2) 4-H members will comprise a team. Each person must have a significant speaking and presentation portion. Team demonstrations will be placed in a Junior Category or a Senior Category regardless of topic. All team members must be in the same age category.
- 13) A 4-H'er need not be enrolled in a project to give a demonstration; however, they should be encouraged to use demonstrations as an educational tool in their project area.

- 14) A demonstration obviously entered in the wrong category may be moved to the correct category if there is no more than one other person from that district entered. If a participant cannot be moved, they will be given a blue, red, or white rating but will NOT be eligible for Champion placement.
- 15) Weapons of any sort can not be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. This includes firearms, bullets, bows and arrows. Mockups, models and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual gun, bow or other firearm.
- 16) The decisions of the judges are FINAL.
- 17) The contestant will be introduced by name and title by the room host. There will be no penalty if name and subject or title is used during the presentation.
- 18) The use of computers and presentation equipment is allowed in the presentation software category only. It is not allowed in any other category. *Ipads may be used in place of notecards.
- 19) Videos may not be used during presentations in any category.
- 20) You may participate in the individual demonstrations or choose to participate in the team demonstration category. They may NOT do both.