

COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS CONTESTS

(PUBLIC SPEAKING, PSAs, PRESENTATIONS, MUSIC)

GENERAL RULES –

- A. 4-H members are eligible to participate in all contests regardless of projects carried except for the Fashion Show and Shooting Sports Contests. Project enrollment is required for these contests.
- B. **REGISTRATION & PRE-ENTRY**
- **Registration Form is required for:** Communications Contest/Music Contest/Food Revue/Theater Arts Contest/Fashion Show (see deadline to register on each form)
 - **YELLOW Contest Entry Form OR** online at: <https://nemaha.fairwire.com>: Horticulture Judging Contest/Wildlife Judging Contest/Life Challenge/ ATV & Tractor Driving Contest/Livestock, Dairy & Horse Judging Contests (by June 15th)
 - **BLUE Shooting Sports Contest Entry Form OR** online at: <https://nemaha.fairwire.com>: All Shooting Sports Contests (by June 15th)
- C. **Participants in Activities & Contests are divided into age group divisions (senior, intermediate, and junior). These age divisions differ from contest to contest so pay careful attention when registering.**
- D. **RECOGNITION:** All 4-H members participating in these contests will be recognized as follows:
1. A premium and ribbon will be awarded to all participants.
 2. The top three contestants in each class will receive medallions: Gold - 1st place, Silver - 2nd place, Bronze - 3rd place.
- F. **DRESS CODE** – See Dress Code under GENERAL RULES (pg. 2) or requirements below for each contest.

DEPARTMENT B - DIVISION 151 - 4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

(Public Speaking, PSA's & Presentations)

Division 151 Classes 901-909

Pay Category C

This is a Multi-County Event usually held in the spring. Registration forms must be filled out to participate in Communication Contests. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for details and deadlines. (In 2022 this contest was hosted by Richardson County. Information below is taken from the Richardson County Entry Sheet.)

GENERAL RULES – COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS

1. **ENTRY LIMITS** - Participants may enter a maximum of:
 - 1 Speech
 - 1 Public Service Announcement (PSA)
 - 1 Presentation
2. **ELIGIBILITY** - Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to compete at the county level. 4-H enrollment is required to advance to the state level.
3. **AGE DIVISIONS** (years of age as of December 31st of the preceding year)
 - Clover Kids (ages 5-7) (See Clover Kid Section for rules)
 - Junior (ages 8-9)
 - Intermediate (ages 10-13)
 - Senior (ages 14-18)
4. **PRE-ENTRY** - Participants must register for the Public Speaking, PSA, and Presentations Contests by completing the appropriate registration forms and submitting them to the County Extension Office by closing on the date designated on the registration form.
5. **DRESS CODE** - No 4-H attire is required. Dress appropriately for the contest. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing.
6. Richardson County does not award 3rd Place Bronze Medals.

SPEECH CONTEST RULES

1. TIME LIMITS – SPEECHES

Junior Division – 1 to 3 minutes

Intermediate Division – 3 to 5 minutes

Senior Division - 5 to 8 minutes

Speeches not within the allotted time limit will be lowered on ribbon placing.

2. **TOPIC** – All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech to advance to the state contest.

3. **No team** speeches allowed.
4. **ORIGINAL MATERIAL** – All speeches should be original work and not something previously used by a sibling, another 4-H member, or anyone else.
5. **CITATIONS** – Acknowledge the source of information used in the speech. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.
6. **VISUAL AIDS** – The use of visual aids and props is not allowed. Note cards are acceptable.
7. **STATE CONTEST** – A county may send the top five individuals from both the Intermediate and Senior Divisions to the State Contest. Participants must receive a purple ribbon to qualify for the State Contest.

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See Clover Kid Section

CLASS 901

CLASS 902

CLASS 903

DIVISION 165

Clover Kid Division

Junior Division

Intermediate Division

Senior Division

PUBLIC SPEAKING

5 to 7 year of age

8 – 9 years of age

10 – 13 years of age

14 – 18 years of age

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTEST RULES

1. **TIME LIMITS** – All PSAs are to be 60 seconds in length.
2. **THEME** – All PSA's will use the designated state theme for the year.
3. **PURPOSE** – All radio PSAs must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at anytime of the year.
4. **TAG LINES** – All 4-H PSAs must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.
5. **SOUND EFFECTS AND MUSIC** – Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
6. **ORIGINAL MATERIAL** – All PSAs must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSAs written and provided by the state or national staff.
7. **SUBMITTING PSAs** – PSAs will be submitted electronically as a .wav or .mp3 format by the date designated on the registration form.
8. **STATE CONTEST** – A county may send the top five individuals from both the Intermediate and Senior Divisions to the State Contest. Participants must receive a purple ribbon to qualify for the State Contest.

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CLASS 904

CLASS 905

CLASS 906

DIVISION 165

Junior Division

Intermediate Division

Senior Division

PSAs

8 – 9 years of age

10 – 13 years of age

14 – 18 years of age

PRESENTATION CONTEST RULES

1. **TEAMS** – May consist of two individuals. There is no separate class for team presentations.
2. **ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION** – An illustrated presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk where you will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, videos, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something.
3. **TIME LIMITS** –
 - a. Individual Presentation – 6 to 8 minutes
 - b. Team Presentation – 8 to 10 minutes
 Presentations not within the allotted time limit will be lowered one ribbon placing.
4. **TOPIC & ORIGINALITY** – All presentations must be original and should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experience, focused on the priorities of career and college readiness, community development, entrepreneurship, food supply confidence, healthy living, leadership development, and STEM.
5. **PRESENTATIONS** should include an introductions (the "why" portion of the topic), a body (the "show and tell" portion of the topic) and a conclusion/summary (the "what" portion of the topic).
6. **EQUIPMENT** – Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is PC formatted. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed; however, participants must be able to connect their computer to a HDMI plug on the television.
7. **LIVE ANIMALS** – Live animals may be used in the presentation. All fair livestock health requirements must be followed. Animals can only remain in the presentation area while the owner is present. **IF USING AN ANIMAL, STAFF MUST BE NOTIFIED AHEAD OF TIME>**
8. **STATE CONTEST** – One Grand Champion individual or team from the illustrated presentation division will be selected to represent our area in the Premier Presenter Contest at the Nebraska State Fair.

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Clover Kid Show & Tell (See Clover Kid Section)

DIVISION 151

Clover Kid Division

PRESENTATIONS

5 to 7 year of age

CLASS 907	Illustrated Presentation	Junior Division	8 to 10 years of age
CLASS 908	Illustrated Presentation	Intermediate Division	11 to 13 years of age
CLASS 909	Illustrated Presentation	Senior Division	14 to 18 years of age

DEPARTMENT B - DIVISION 159 - 4-H MUSIC CONTEST

Division 159 Classes 901-920

Pay Category C

This is a Multi-County Event usually held in the spring. Registration forms must be filled out to participate in the 4-H Music Contest. Watch the 4-H Newsletter for details and deadlines. This contest is hosted by Johnson County. Information below is taken from the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book.

MUSIC CONTEST RULES

- 1. ENTRY LIMITS** – Participants are allowed one entry per class.
- 2. GROUPS** – Each group must have three or more participants, all must be 4-H members. A 4-H member may sing or perform in only one group, but may accompany another group.
- 3. BANDS** – All performers in the band class must be 4-H members. Participants must provide your own music stands.
- 4. TIME LIMIT** – Each group is allowed two minutes after the cue from the contest chair to arrange themselves on stage and begin performing. Props if used, must be in place within the two-minute time limit. The performance of each group is limited to not more than six minutes.
- 5. SONG SELECTION** – Any number of songs may be performed within the six-minute time limit. Groups may perform any selection of their choice.
- 6. DIRECTOR** – Song groups, combos, and bands may appear with or without a director. The director must be a 4-H member.
- 7. ACCOMPANIMENT** – Recorded background music (no lyrics) may be used. Performing groups must bring a copy of their music (CD, tape, etc.) if using recorded background music. Piano, guitar, or other instruments may also accompany groups. Live accompaniment, if used, may be by a 4-H member, parent, leader, volunteer, or music teacher. Not more than one adult may accompany a group.
- 8. DRESS CODE** – No 4-H attire is required. Participants are expected to dress appropriately for the contest.

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See Clover Kid Section

CLASS 901	Dance Solo Routine
CLASS 902	Dance Solo Routine
CLASS 903	Pairs Dance Routine
CLASS 904	Pairs Dance Routine
CLASS 905	Dance Group Routine
CLASS 906	Dance Group Routine
CLASS 907	Vocal Music Solo
CLASS 908	Vocal Music Solo
CLASS 909	Vocal Music Duet
CLASS 910	Vocal Music Duet
CLASS 911	Vocal Music Group
CLASS 912	Vocal Music Group
CLASS 913	Instrumental Music Solo
CLASS 914	Instrumental Music Solo
CLASS 915	Instrumental Music Duet
CLASS 916	Instrumental Music Duet
CLASS 917	Instrument Music Group
CLASS 918	Instrument Music Group
CLASS 919	Band
CLASS 920	Band

DIVISION 159

Clover Kid Division
Junior Division
Senior Division
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MUSIC CONTEST

Ages 5 to 7
Ages 8 to 11
Ages 12 and over
Ages 8 to 11
Ages 12 and over
Ages 8 to 11
Ages 12 and over
Ages 8 to 11
Ages 12 and over
Ages 8 to 11
Ages 12 and over
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