



# 2026 Pinto World Championship Show

## Impromptu Speech Contest

**Registration: Form available online**

**Registration deadline: Must be postmarked by May 19, 2026**

**Registration fee: \$25 per contestant, due at time of registration**

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Withdrawal from the contest after the registration deadline will result in forfeiture of the registration fee.

**Location: Pavilion Conference Room, Built Ford Tough Complex, Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**Date: Saturday June 6**

**Time:** Contest orientation begins at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Speaking Contest -- 9:30 a.m.
2. Impromptu Speech Contest --9:30 a.m.
3. Prepared Speech Contest --9:30 a.m.
4. Extemporaneous Speaking Contest (Following the Impromptu Speech)

### Impromptu Speech Contest Rules

1. Contest is open to both **Senior** PtHA and non-PtHA youth members.
2. Senior contestants may enter all divisions of the speech contests (prepared, public speaking, impromptu, and extemporaneous); while the Junior contestants may only enter prepared and public speaking contest.
3. Contestants should dress in proper attire. (Suggested attire: a suit and tie, or a buttoned and collared shirt with tie and dress slacks or skirt/dress of appropriate length.)

### Impromptu Speech Contest Process

Objective: The impromptu speech contest is designed to assist in the development of skills in organization, impromptu thinking, and effective communication. This contest gives the participant experience in speaking before a group, formulating clear thoughts and delivering those thoughts to an audience in an effective manner.

1. Topics for the contest will be furnished by PtHA. Topics will vary and will be announced at the contest. Topics will be designed to include subjects familiar to youth. Examples of topics are:
  - a. Ideas for membership recruitment.
  - b. Ways to use technology in the agriculture or horse industry.
  - c. Topics related to the theme, **"Our Time is Now"**
2. Speaking order will be determined prior to the contest by random drawing.
3. The process for the impromptu speech contest is as follows:
  - a. Contestants will be called one at a time according to their arranged speaking order.
  - b. Each contestant will draw three topics, select one, and return the remaining two to the contest supervisor.
  - c. Each contestant will be given five minutes to prepare immediately prior to

delivering his or her speech. Notes may not be used during the speech.

4. The maximum time limit for each impromptu speech is five minutes; there is no minimum time.
  - a. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute over five minutes. Time point deductions are as follows:
    - i. 5:01 – 6:00 = -3 points
    - ii. 6:01 – 7:00 = -6 points
    - iii. 7:01 – 8:00 = -9 points
5. Judges will consider questions listed under each section of the attached score sheet.
  - a. Each judge may award a contestant up to 100 points based on the rubric. The three judges' scores will be added together with the contestant receiving the highest cumulative score winning first place.
  - b. Ties between contestants will be broken by (1) the cumulative delivery score, (2) the cumulative organization score or (3) the cumulative overall score.
6. Gifts of any kind may not be presented to the judges in any contest.

## Pinto World Championship Show Impromptu Speech Rubric

Contestant:

Affiliate:

Elapsed Time:

Penalty Time:

Evaluator:

Evaluate the contestant according to the value indicated by each criterion. Do not score higher than indicated. The contest supervisor will apply penalty points.

CATEGORY	SCORE/100	Judge's Comments
<b>I. PRESENTATION AND DELIVERY</b> 1. Appearance, posture, poise, confidence. 2. Smooth delivery, pauses for variety and emphasis. 3. Eye contact, expressiveness, audience connection. 4. Clarity, enunciation, inflection.	____/10 ____/10 ____/10 ____/10	
<b>II. CONTENT</b> 1. Sufficiently answers the question or addresses the topic. 2. Creativity. 3. Data and supportive facts / examples. 4. Showcases Agriculture.	____/10 ____/10 ____/10 ____/10	
<b>III. ORGANIZATION</b> 1. Opening and closing statements. 2. Transitions.	____/10 ____/10	
<b>Subtotal</b>		
Time Penalty		
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>		