



2026 Pinto World Championship Show

Public Speaking Contest 2026

Topic: Control your Future

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 8

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)

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Public Speaking Contest Rules

1. Contest is open to both Junior and Senior PtHA and non-PtHA youth members.
2. Senior contestants may enter all divisions of the speech contests (prepared, public speaking, impromptu, or extemporaneous); while 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.)

Public Speaking Contest Process

Objective: The public speaking contest is designed to allow the contestant to demonstrate public speaking, communication, and promotional skills. In addition to these skills, contestants will demonstrate their knowledge of the horse industry as well as organizational and leadership abilities.

1. Speaking order will be determined prior to the contest by random drawing.
2. Contestants will deliver a two- to four-minute prepared public speech based on the topic, **Our Time is Now**.
 - a. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute or fraction of a minute under two or over four minutes. Time point deductions are as follows:
 - i. 0:30 – 0:59 = -6 points
 - ii. 1:00 – 1:59 = -3 points
 - iii. 2:00 – 4:00 = 0 points
 - iv. 4:01 – 5:00 = -3 points
 - v. 5:01 – 6:00 = -6 points
3. The use of visual aids is not permitted.

4. Brief notes may be used if desired; however, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant at the discretion of the judges.
5. Following the presentation, judges may ask contestants questions related to their presentation. This will be done on the judge's time. Only judges or contest supervisors may ask questions of contestants.
6. 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 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.
7. Gifts of any kind may not be presented to the judges in any contest.

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Prepared 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
I. PRESENTATION AND DELIVERY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appearance, posture, poise, confidence. _____/10 2. Smooth delivery, pauses for variety and emphasis. _____/10 3. Eye contact, expressiveness, audience connection. _____/10 4. Clarity, enunciation, inflection. _____/10 		
II. CONTENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Value and depth of subject matter. _____/10 2. Creativity. _____/10 3. Data and supportive facts / examples. _____/10 4. Showcases the Agriculture _____/10 5. Judge's questions. _____/5 		
III. ORGANIZATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening and closing statements. _____/10 2. Transitions. _____/5 		
Subtotal		
Time Penalty		
FINAL SCORE		