

## 4-H DEMONSTRATION RULES

1. This event includes both Demonstrations (Team and Individual) and Illustrated talks.
2. NO LIVE ANIMALS of any size are permitted.
3. Egg and Horse demonstrations are separate programs and are not governed under these rules.
4. Junior Demonstrations: Any member age 9-13 may compete in Junior Demonstrations as per their age determined on January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> birthday but have not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the state contest is held). Based on members age on January 1, 2009.
5. Time limit for project demonstrations will be 5-15 minutes. (INCLUDING BREADS) Demonstrations going under or over time will be assessed a 3 point penalty from their final score and be given a blue, red or white ribbon and WILL be eligible to receive an overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> placing. (Separate guidelines are in place for egg and horse demonstrations).
6. Participants may have help in practicing and setting up for demonstrations. 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.**
7. Team demonstrations ARE permitted. They will follow the same rules and regulations of the single participant demonstrations. 2 people may 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.
8. The use of electronic equipment is allowed in the presentation software category only. It is not allowed in any other category.



# JUNIOR & SENIOR DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES

Category selection should be based on the primary purpose of the demonstration. Example: The topic is picture frames...

If the purpose is to show how to create a picture frame from Popsicle sticks and recycled materials it would go under CRAFTS...

If the purpose is to show how to cut and prepare wood for a frame using a variety of woodworking skills it would go under AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING and...

If the purpose is to show how to properly select a frame and mat to best present the picture in an artistically pleasing manner it would go under PHOTOGRAPHY.

**AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING** – to include care and use of farm equipment or automobiles (except small engines), selection, storage and use of fuels, lubricants, care and use of tools (such as hand tools and painting equipment), skills and knowledge acquired from woodcraft projects. Aero-space and model rocketry demonstrations fall under this category. (Computers are not in this category.)

**SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES** – includes Agronomy, Entomology, and Natural Resources. Includes soils, seeds, conservation practices, geology, weather, and fish/wildlife.

**ANIMAL SCIENCE (Large & Small)** – to include information on selection, care and feeding of animals, financial records, operations and animal products for ALL animals EXCLUDING HORSES.

**BREAD** – to include preparation, skills and creativity in using yeast or quick breads (such as cornmeal, biscuits or fruit/nut breads) as part of family meals or snacks. Any recipe labeled as a quick bread or yeast bread is permissible for any age group. Please submit a copy of the recipe on day of event.

**CLOTHING** – to include construction, techniques, wardrobe selection and planning (color, design accessories, appropriate dress for various occasions) selection, use or care of clothing related equipment, care of clothing, posture as it relates to fit. Fibers, fabrics, and textile related topics.

**COMPUTER** – all demonstrations related to the care, use, or construction of computers. Computer must be main topic of presentation. (ALL DEMONSTRATIONS USING POWER POINT WILL BE PLACED IN PRESENTATION SOFTWARE.)

**CRAFTS** -- to include crewel, decoupage, needlepoint, candle making, macramé, scrapbooking, embroidery, quilting, silk screen, batik, block print, corn-shuck flowers, ceramics, jewelry making and similar topics.

**ELECTRIC** – to include information on the construction, repair, servicing and use of electrical equipment and appliances. Extreme caution should be used in all demonstration requiring live electricity.

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**GENERAL** – to include demonstrations which cannot be slotted into other categories.

**HEALTH** – to include information on physical and mental fitness, prevention and control of disease and parasites, grooming, desirable health practices and attitudes for people, families and communities. Also posture as related to physical or mental health. (CPR demonstrations should be done in SAFETY.)

**HOME ENVIRONMENT AND MANAGEMENT** – to include topics based on information in the 4-H Home Environment projects or Home Economics leaflets in home furnishings and skills in managing personal and family resources, care and use of household furnishings. May include topics related to babysitting if the topic is not substantively related to another category.

**HORTICULTURE** – management practices, selection and production of fruits, vegetables and flowers, landscaping and care of lawn including use of trees, shrubs, flowers, and house plants.

**FOODS (Dairy Foods and Other Foods)** – to include preparation skills and creativity in using foods for meals and snacks. (with the exception of BREADS)

**PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO PHOTOGRAPHY** – selection, care and use of photographic/video graphic equipment and film or tape, skills in taking and using pictures or tape as an art, science or communicative tool.

**PRESENTATION SOFTWARE** – all demonstrations using presentation software (i.e. PowerPoint) should be placed in this category regardless of topic.

**SAFETY** – to include the use and care of any equipment to prevent accidents (including storage of fuels, chemicals and tools), removing hazards, safety inspections. All first aid and CPR demonstrations are in this category.

**SMALL ENGINES** – demonstration or illustrated talk on safety in operations, care of small engines, adjusting engine for smoother performance, motor repairs, etc.

**SHOOTING SPORTS** – includes proper care and cleaning of equipment, safety, sighting alignment and shooting techniques, selecting equipment and ammunition. Includes bows and arrows. “Weapons” of any sort can not be brought into the building or on the grounds of school or university property. Mockups, models and charts must be used instead. Models cannot look like an actual person or other firearm.

**Team Demonstrations** – any demonstration (regardless of topic) conducted by two (2) 4-H members of the same age category (i.e. all Juniors or all Seniors). Each participant must have a significant speaking AND presentation role in the demonstration.