**Alaska FFA State Convention**

**Prepared Public Speaking CDE Outline**

**Even Rules and Format:**

1. **Subjects:** Participants may choose any current subject for their speeches, which is of an agicultural nature. This may include agriscience and technology, agribusiness, agrimarketing, international agricultural relations, agricultural communications or natural resources.
2. **Time Limit**: Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes in length and a maximum of eight minutes. Each participant will be allowed five minutes additional time in which he or she will be asked questions relating to his or her speech. Participants are to be penalized one point per second on each judge’s score sheet for being under six mintes or over each minutes.
3. **Manuscripts: Participants must MAIL the following to Alaska FFA Association 5150 N. Palmer Fishhook Rd. Palmer, AK 99645. Postmarked by April 12, 2013.** 
   1. **Five** –double spaced typewritten copies of the speech on 8 ½ x 11” white bond paper with cover page that gives the speech title, participant’s name, and date. The body of the manuscript will have 1” margins. Font size must be 10-12 using Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier font. Follow APA style manual for developing references and bibliography. Do not bind, but place a staple in upper left corner. Manuscripts not meeting these guidelines will be penalized.
4. **Bibliography:** A complete and accurate bibliography/reference list following APA publication manual citing all sources used in writing the speech must be included.
5. **Scoring:**
   1. Content of the manuscript. . . . . 200 points

Importance and appropriateness of the subject

Suitability of the material used

Accuracy of the statements included

Evidence of purpose

Completeness and accuracy of bibliography

b. Composition of the manuscript: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 points

Organization of the content

Unity of thought

Logical development

Language used

Sentence structure

Accomplishment of purpose-conclusions

c. Voice. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 points

Quality

Pitch

Pronunciation

Articulation

Force

d. Stage Presence . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 points

Personal appearance

Poise and body posture

Attitude

Confidence

Personality

e. Power of expression: . . . . . . . . . 100 points

Fluency

Emphasis

Directness

Sincerity

Communicative ability

Conveyance of thought and meaning

f. Response to questions:. . . . . . . . 300 points

Ability to answer satisfactorily questions asked by the judges on the speech, indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly.

g. General effect: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 points

Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.