



What to expect your first time at the Hartford and Tolland County 4-H Public Speaking Competition:

Congratulation, now take a breath, and relax 😊

The Regional, Hartford and Tolland County 4-H Public Speaking Competition

- Is held on the second Saturday in February
- Deadline to enter is the Monday before the competition date
- Competition is held at TAC, 24 Hyde Ave, Vernon, CT 06066
- Signs and a registration table will guide you to where you are going

Step One: When your registration is received

- You will receive an acknowledgement e-mail with-in 2 business days.
- Unless you wait until the last minute to enter- then go to the next step
 - If you have not received an e-mail after 3 business days, please contact the office
 - E-mail: Tolland@uconn.edu or call: (860) 875-3331

Step Two: On Wednesday after registration closes

- You will receive an e-mail with your time slot to present
- Three to four participants are scheduled per hour time block
 - All participants can arrive at the beginning of their block, or earlier block
 - Once a block has started the doors are closed and will not open until the end of the participants speech or presentation
- If you have any questions about your time, or anything, please contact the office
- Following health recommendations at the time, we may limit number of participants and guests

Step Three: When you arrive

- Park in back and look for the clover lawn sign- that is where you go for registration
- There are also signs on the doors with arrows and/or information
- Take a seat there will be a schedule printed for you
- After a brief welcome the first participant will be introduced
- There is time between each presentation, where you just sit and wait
 - You can talk quietly, or get (up as long as you return to your seat before the door closes)
 - This is to allow for judging (see below)
- Podium, microphone, computer/projector/screen are available
- All presentations requiring a computer must bring presentation on a USB flash drive

Step Four: Judging a Public Speaking Competition take a lot longer than you probably realize

To respect the judges' time, start and finish times may change from those originally posted

- Presenters do not go up immediately after the previous presenter is finished
- The judges need time between presenters to get their broad strokes on the paper
 - Presenters' scores are not complete when the next presenter starts
 - Judges will indicate when they are ready for the next presenters
 - Judging is not complete after the last presentation is over
- Judges adjourn to a separate room to complete all of the judging sheets after the last presentation
 - While judges tally all presenters, and their guests are welcome to stay for refreshments
 - There is no exact time to when this is complete
- All judges decisions are final
- When judges have tallied all the scores they will return
- Awards Ceremony completes the event