2025 REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY GUIDELINES & RULES

Douglas County, Frontier District, Johnson County, Marais des Cygnes District Shawnee County, and Wyandotte County

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General References

Age Categories

All ages are 4-H Age (before January 1st of the current year)
Juniors: 4-H ages 7-9
Intermediates: 4-H ages 10-13
Seniors: 4-H ages 14-18
Cloverbuds: 4-H ages 5-6 (only able to participate in Show and Share event).

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Royalties

Royalties for one-act plays and other performances are the responsibility of the performer(s).

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Contact your agent at least 2 weeks before the event if you plan to bring an animal. Dogs and other small animals are not allowed to run at large or accompany participants anywhere except directly to and from their kennels and the demonstration room. Owners must provide adequate kennels or cages for their animals. During the presentation, animals should be on a carpet square, towel, rug, or other covering.

No dogs in season are allowed to participate in shows.

Animals larger than dogs are not permitted in the building. Work with your county agent to see if an outdoor demonstration is possible.

Facility Rules and Legal Considerations

No explosives, rocketry engines, volatile substances, firearms, weapons, or straw allowed.

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Goals & Purpose

County 4-H Presentation Day

1. Demonstrate the benefits and opportunities provided through 4-H by showcasing the 4-H members themselves.

2. Give 4-H members an opportunity to learn skills and gain confidence in their abilities to exercise parliamentary procedure, speak effectively, and give creative performances in the arts.

3. Place special emphasis on core 4-H skills such as parliamentary skills and oral presentations.

4. Give 4-H members an opportunity to participate as an individual, as part of a small group or team, and as part of a large group or club.

5. Recognize 4-H members and help them grow their skills by measuring all performances against a published standard of excellence (Danish system).

6. Recognize top performers by selecting them for further competition at Regional 4-H Day for events with regional categories and/or the State Fair for demonstrations/illustrated talks for competitors 4-H age 9 and older.

Regional 4-H Presentation Day

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4. Give 4-H members an opportunity to participate as an individual, as part of a small group or team, and as part of a large group or club.

5. Recognize 4-H members and help them grow their skills by measuring all performances against a published standard of excellence (Danish system).

6. Recognize as many top performers from the County 4-H Days as possible by providing for further competition in a multi-county 4-H environment to acknowledge their achievements (American system).

Each category of events and each individual event also has specific goals and purposes.

Categories of Events

Parliamentary Presentations

The primary purpose of parliamentary presentations is to further the knowledge of parliamentary procedure – a core purpose relatively unique to 4-H – to help 4-H members lead and participate in effective meetings and be prepared to further understand how our American system of government functions.

Events in this category are Model Meetings and Gavel Games.

Public Presentations

The primary purpose of public presentations is to further public speaking skills – a core purpose of 4-H – so that 4-H members may learn to communicate effectively with an audience. The focus is on oral presentation skills, not on performance or staging skills. Participants may be working to develop skills in effective persuasion or just be enthusiastic about sharing their interests with others.
Public presentations may include talks that *show how* (Demonstration), *tell how* (Illustrated Talk), *tell about* (Project Talk), *persuade* (Public Speaking), *share* (Show and Share), or *interpret* (Oral Interpretation and Historical Speech).

Events in this category are Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Project Talks, Public Speaking, Digital Media Presentations, Impromptu Speech, Poetry & Prose, Show and Share, Historical Speech, and Career Exploration.

Talent Presentations

The primary purpose of talent presentations is to further 4-H members' confidence in working in front of an audience and to encourage the growth of skills in the performing arts. This category encompasses musical, dramatic, and dance skills with a focus on performance skills including piece selection, performance, staging, and costuming.

Events in this category are Instrumental Solos, Piano Solos, Instrumental Ensembles, Vocal Solos, Vocal Ensembles, Solo Dance, Dance Groups, One-act Plays, Solo or Duo Acting, Skits, Solo or Duo Novelty, and Group Novelty.

Recognition & Judging Models

Recognition

4-H members should be recognized for their participation by providing ribbons to all participants and awarding those ribbons by comparing the performance against the published standard of excellence (Danish System).

A pre-selected number of top performers in each County 4-H Day event should be further recognized by designating their performances as Top Purple/Blue or Alternate Top Purple/Blue. Top Purple/Blue participants are allowed to participate in Regional 4-H Day with the Alternate Top Purple/Blue Participants being offered this opportunity if the Top Purple performer is unavailable.

The Danish system of judging is a method of evaluation where an exhibit or process is evaluated against a set of standards, and recognition is awarded on the degree to which the standard has been met by each 4-H member. The standards of excellence are often printed on a judge's scorecard and allow for the performance to be judged on one's own merit, and not in comparison with others in the class.

The following ribbons apply:
WHITE: Fair, denotes much improvement needed. Fails to meet minimum standards.
RED: Good, some improvements needed. Meets minimum standards.
BLUE: Excellent, minor improvements needed. Exceeds minimum standards.
PURPLE: Superior, outstanding on all standards.

No Top Purples will be awarded on Regional 4-H Day. However, up to three Judge's Choice Awards may be awarded per event and age level.

Judges' decisions are final.

Judging Model

The main job of judges is to help participants grow their skills. This is best accomplished when judges write comments that are both encouraging and accurately. The score sheets for each event allow judges to see the criteria for the event and to comment based on those criteria.

Comments should be encouraging, sensitive, and specific. Telling a participant with poor eye contact that his/her eye contact is good is not helpful, nor is overly harsh criticism that doesn't acknowledge the skill level the participant has achieved.

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk

A Demonstration is:

- ✓ Show (not tell) how
- ✓ Make or do something often ending with a finished product

An Illustrated talk:

- ✓ Tell (not show) How
- ✓ Tell about doing something with no finished product.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aid	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Demonstration & Illustrated Talk for ages 7-9	1-2	Yes	3-10 minutes	Yes	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Demonstration & Illustrated Talk for ages 10-13	1-2	Yes	3-10 minutes	Yes	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Demonstration & Illustrated Talk for ages 14-18	1-2	Yes	5-15 minutes	Yes	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- One Table
- One Easel

Rules:

1. The age of the oldest member determines the competition age group. Example: A 9 & 11-year-old presenting together would be in the 10-13 age group.
2. The topic must be related to the current 4-H project.
3. Endorsement of brand names is discouraged.
4. Visual aids are encouraged but not required.
5. You must present your presentation in person.
6. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
7. **No digital media presentation allowed**. They should be entered under the Digital Media Presentations.
8. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
9. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Resources: (Can be found at the K-State bookstore or ask your local office)

- Kansas 4-H Demonstration Publication 4H980
- Kansas 4-H Illustrated Talks Publication 4H982

Project Talks

A Project Talk is:

- ✓ A short talk about your 4-H project
- ✓ About your experience in the project
- ✓ Information relating to the project
- ✓ A promotion of your project

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Project Talks for ages 7-9	1-2	Optional	3-7 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Project Talks for ages 10-13	1-2	Optional	3-7 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- One Table
- One Easel

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Resources: (Can be found at the K-State bookstore or ask your local office)

- Kansas 4-H Project Talk Guide Publication 4H979
- Kansas 4-H Preparing and Using Visual Aids, Publication 4H985

Public Speaking

Public Speaking is:

- ✓ Writing and delivering a persuasive, entertaining, informational or inspiring speech on a given topic.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Public Speaking Ages 7-9	1	Optional - if enhancing the speech	2-10 minutes	Optional	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Public Speaking Age 10-13	1	Optional - if enhancing the speech	2-10 minutes	Optional	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Public Speaking Ages 14-18	1	Optional - if enhancing the speech	5-15 minutes	Optional	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- No equipment is needed for this category.

Rules:

1. Topic selection is unlimited. The speech may pose a problem, offer a solution, strengthen devotion to a cause, eulogize a person, entertain, or inform.
2. Endorsement of brand names is discouraged.
3. You must present your presentation in person.
4. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
5. **No digital media presentation allowed**. They should be entered under the Digital Media Presentations.
6. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
7. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Resources: (Can be found at the K-State bookstore or ask your local office)

- Kansas 4-H Public Speaking Guide, Publication 4H983
- Kansas 4-H Preparing and Using Visual Aids, Publication 4H985

Digital Media Presentation (Formerly Multimedia Presentations)

A Digital Media Presentation is:

- ✓ Using digital media such as slides, movies, or other digital platforms to create visual impact for your presentation on one topic. **NO WIFI WILL BE AVAILABLE!**
- ✓ Showcasing the most important part of the presentation.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Digital Media Presentation Age 7-9	1-2	Digital	5-10 minutes	Yes	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Digital Media Presentation Ages 10-13	1-2	Digital	5-10 minutes	Yes	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Digital Media Presentation Ages 14-18	1-2	Digital	5-15 minutes	Yes	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- One Table
- Projector and Screen
- Extension Cord & Power Strip

Participants need to bring:

- A computer or device
- Any adapters that you need to connect to the Projector using HDMI
- Anything else you may need to connect and present your digital media presentation

Rules:

1. The age of the oldest member determines the competition age group. Example: A 9 & 11-year-old presenting together would be in the 10-13 age group.
2. Endorsement of brand names is discouraged.
3. Handouts or samples for judges are acceptable.
4. The entire presentation must be the original work of the 4-H member and abide by all copyright laws. All images and music must be cited correctly.
5. You must present your presentation in person.
6. The judge will serve as the timekeeper.
7. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
8. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Resources: (Can be found by performing a web search or ask your local office)
Mississippi State 4-H: Best Foot Forward; Helping 4-H members Create Dynamic Presentations.
http://extension.msstate.edu/publications/publications/best-foot-forward-helping-4-H members-create-dynamic-presentations

Impromptu Speeches

An Impromptu speech is:

- ✓ Written and presented on a topic that you drew 5 minutes prior to your speech.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Impromptu Ages 7-9	1	No	1-5 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Impromptu Ages 10-13	1	No	1-5 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Impromptu Ages 14-18	1	No	1-5 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- Note card & Pencil
- Topics to be drawn

Rules:

1. The 4-H member will draw three topics and choose one to speak on.
2. Topics not selected are returned to the pool to be drawn by another competitor.
3. Participant will have 5 minutes to prep. The 4-H member is expected to be able to prepare their presentation.
4. Prep time arrangements will be left to the County/District at their competitions. Regional 4-H Presentation Day Prep Time will be done in the room with the judge.
5. No outside resources may be brought into the prep area.
6. The 4-H member must speak about the topic selected and clearly state the topic in the speech's introduction.
7. You must present your presentation in person.
8. The judge will serve as the timekeeper.
9. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
10. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Resources: (Can be found at the K-State bookstore or ask your local office)

- Kansas 4-H Effective Presentation Tips Publication 4H984

Poetry & Prose (Formerly Oral Interpretation)

Poetry & Prose is:

- ✓ Reading an excerpt from a book or written work using voices, gestures, facial expressions, narrations, and other means of creating a dramatic storytelling.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Poetry & Prose Ages 7-9	1-2	No props – only the book or script	2-5 minutes	No	Book or script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Poetry & Prose Ages 10-13	1-2	No props – only the book or script	2-5 minutes	No	Book or script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Poetry & Prose Ages 14-18	1-2	No props – only the book or script	5-10 minutes	No	Book or Script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- No equipment is needed for this category.

Rules:

1. The age of the oldest member determines the competition age group. Example: A 9 & 11-year-old presenting together would be in the 10-13 age group.
2. Participants select all or a portion of a piece of literature (books, poetry, etc.). The selection can be published material or the participant's own work.
3. The title and author of the selection should be introduced during the presentation.
4. A short section may be added to the presentation to explain the context of the selection, particularly if it is taken from a longer work.
5. No props, audiovisuals, or costumes allowed.
6. Hands must not touch the floor, and one foot must remain on the floor at all times.
7. The entire presentation must abide by all copyright laws. All images and music must be cited correctly.
8. You must present your presentation in person. **Presentation does not have to be memorized**.
9. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
10. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
11. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Historical Speech

A Historical Speech is:

- ✓ Presenting a speech originally given by a historical figure.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Historical Speech Ages 7-9	1	May use costume	2-10 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Historical Speech Ages 10-13	1	May use costume	2-10 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Historical Speech Ages 14-18	1	May use costume	5-15 minutes	No	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- No equipment is needed for this category.

Rules:

1. Participants select all or a portion of a one speech previously given by someone else in a historical setting, such as Washington's Inaugural Address, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I a Woman" Speech, Reagan's "Tear Down This Wall" Speech.
2. The original speaker and the setting for the selection should be introduced during the presentation.
3. A short section may be added to the presentation to explain the background and historical context of the selection.
4. 4-H members are encouraged to dress in the time - period and manner of the original speaker or audience. This is optional.
5. No props, or audiovisuals allowed.
6. Hands must not touch the floor, and one foot must remain on the floor at all times.
7. The entire presentation must abide by all copyright laws. All images and music must be cited correctly.
8. You must present your presentation in person.
9. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
10. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
11. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Career Exploration Presentation

A Career Exploration is:

- ✓ Researching a career that is new to you.
- ✓ A presentation about that career.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Career Exploration Speech & Essay Ages 10-13	1	Yes – Posters or props	3-5 minutes	Optional	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Career Exploration Speech & Essay Ages 14-18	1	Yes – Posters or Props	3-5 minutes	Optional	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

********** NO ESSAY REQUIRED AS OF 2025!**********

Equipment Provided:

- Table
- Easel

Rules:

1. The presentation should include why you chose the career, the necessary skills, required education/training, and the future outlook for the selected career.
2. The entire presentation must be the original work of the 4-H member and abide by all copyright laws. All images and music must be cited correctly.
3. You must present your presentation in person.
4. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
5. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
6. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Show & Share (County-level Event Only)

A Show & Share is:

- ✓ For 5- to 9-year-olds. (Cloverbuds and 1st-2nd year 4-H members)
- ✓ Giving a short "show and tell" presentation
- ✓ NON-COMPETITIVE – Participation Ribbons Awarded Only!

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Show-N-Share (County Only)	1	Yes – Props or Posters.	1-5 minutes	Yes	Yes	None

Equipment Provided:

- One Table
- One Easel

Rules:

1. This is a non-competitive event, and every participant will receive a participation ribbon.
2. A "judge" will be in the room to visit with show and share participants about their presentation.
3. You must present your presentation in person.
4. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
5. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.

Instrumental or Piano Solo

Instrumental or Piano Solos are:

- ✓ An instrumental performance by one individual showcasing one music selection.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Time	Accompanist	Regional Selection
Instrumental Solo for ages 7-9	1	1 number	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Instrumental Solo for ages 10-13	1	1 number	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Instrumental Solo for ages 14-18	1	1 number	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Piano Solo for ages 7-9	1	1 number	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Piano Solo for ages 10-13	1	1 number	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Piano Solo for ages 14-18	1	1 number	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- A piano or electric keyboard will be available for performer or accompanist.
- A music stand will be provided.
- Some counties/districts may provide a practice room but not all facilities will be able to provide this. A piano will not be provided in the practice room.

Participants need to bring:

- Original copy of the music provided to the judge with measures numbered and your name on your music.
- Participants must furnish their own sound equipment and personnel to play the accompaniment.

Rules:

1. All 4-H members must have an original copy of music for the judge. Original music may be proven by original copy or proof of purchase from the internet or copy of music with letter of permission to use. Failure to present original copy of music to judge will result in lowering the placing by one ribbon.
2. You must present your presentation in person.
3. Participants should pick up their music after the results are announced.
4. Accompaniment is optional.
5. Recorded music for accompaniment is allowed in all music divisions. Accompanists do not have to be 4-H members.
6. Contestants may only enter the Instrumental Solo division one time.
7. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
8. Participant will perform only one number.
9. Number does not need to be memorized.
10. Many 4-H judges prefer unaccompanied instrumental solos

Instrumental Ensemble (Formerly Instrumental Ensembles, Bands, & Orchestras)

Instrumental Ensemble is:

- ✓ An instrumental performance by two or more individuals showcasing two music selection.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Time	Accompanist	Regional Selection
Instrumental Ensemble	2 or more	2 numbers	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- A piano **OR** electric keyboard **may** be available for accompanists.
- Music stands will be provided.
- Some counties/districts may provide a practice room but not all facilities will be able to provide this. A piano will not be provided in the practice room.

Participants need to bring:

- Original copy of the music provided to the judge with measures numbered and your name written on your music. If a large group, conductor's score original should be given to judge.
- Participants must furnish their own sound equipment and personnel to play the accompaniment.

Rules:

1. Group may be composed of 2 or more 4-H members, not including the accompanist. (Cloverbuds cannot perform in this category.)
2. All 4-H members must have an original copy of music for the judge. Original music may be proven by original copy or proof of purchase from the internet or copy of music with letter of permission to use. Failure to present original copy of music to judge will result in lowering the placing by one ribbon.
3. The instrumentation should include only recognized instruments of the band or orchestra.
4. The director is not required to be a 4-H member, but they may not play with the group unless they are a 4-H member.
5. You must present your presentation in person.
6. Participants should pick up their music after the results are announced.
7. Accompaniment is optional.
8. Recorded music for accompaniment is allowed in all music divisions. Accompanists do not have to be 4-H members.
9. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
10. Participants will perform two numbers.
    a. Selections do not need to be memorized.
    b. One performer should introduce the piece including the title and composer

Vocal Solo

Vocal Solos are:

- ✓ A vocal performance by one individual showcasing one music selection.

Presentation Type	Number of Performers	Time	Accompanist	Regional Selection
Vocal Solo for ages 7-9	1	No minimum or maximum	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Vocal Solo for ages 10-13	1	No minimum or maximum	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Vocal Solo for ages 14-18	1	No minimum or maximum	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- A piano or electric keyboard will be available for performer or accompanist.
- A music stand will be provided.
- Some counties/districts may provide a practice room but not all facilities will be able to provide this. A piano will not be provided in the practice room.

Participants need to bring:

- Original copy of the music provided to the judge with measures numbered and your name on your music.
- Participants must furnish their own sound equipment and personnel to play the accompaniment.

Rules:

1. All 4-H members must have an original copy of music for the judge. Original music may be proven by original copy or proof of purchase from the internet or copy of music with letter of permission to use. Failure to present original copy of music to judge will result in lowering the placing by one ribbon.
2. You must present your presentation in person.
3. Participants should pick up their music after the results are announced.
4. Accompaniment is optional.
5. Recorded music for accompaniment is allowed in all music divisions. Accompanists do not have to be 4-H members.
6. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
7. Participant will perform only one number.
8. Number does not need to be memorized.

Vocal Ensemble (Formerly Vocal Ensembles & Choruses)

Vocal Ensemble is:

- ✓ A vocal performance by two or more individuals showcasing two music selection.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Time	Accompanist	Regional Selection
Vocal Ensemble	2 or more	No minimum or maximum	Optional	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- A piano **OR** electric keyboard **may** be available for accompanists.
- Music stands will be provided.
- Some counties/districts may provide a practice room but not all facilities will be able to provide this. A piano will not be provided in the practice room.

Participants need to bring:

- Original copy of the music provided to the judge with measures numbered and your name written on your music. If a large group, conductor's score original should be given to judge.
- Participants must furnish their own sound equipment and personnel to play the accompaniment.

Rules:

1. Group may be composed of 2 or more 4-H members, not including the accompanist. (Cloverbuds cannot perform in this category.)
2. All 4-H members must have an original copy of music for the judge. Original music may be proven by original copy or proof of purchase from the internet or copy of music with letter of permission to use. Failure to present original copy of music to judge will result in lowering the placing by one ribbon.
3. You must present your presentation in person.
4. Simple props may be used to enhance your performance.
5. Participants should pick up their music after the results are announced.
6. Accompaniment is optional.
7. Recorded music for accompaniment is allowed in all music divisions. Accompanists do not have to be 4-H members.
8. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
9. Participants will perform two numbers.
10. Selections do not need to be memorized.
11. One performer should introduce the piece including the title and composer

Dance Solo

Solo Dance is:

- ✓ A dance routine performed by one 4-H member.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Time	Accompaniment	Regional Selection
Solo Dance for ages 7-9	1	7 minutes maximum	Recorded	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Solo Dance for ages 10-13	1	7 minutes maximum	Recorded	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Solo Dance for ages 14-18	1	7 minutes maximum	Recorded	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor.

Participants need to bring:

- Accompaniment is optional and must be recorded. Performers opting to use accompaniment must provide equipment to play the recorded accompaniment.
- Props as needed; no sets.

Rules:

1. Dancers should introduce themselves including the names of the participants and their 4-H club(s). Introductions should also include the type of dance being performed.
2. You must present your presentation in person.
3. Recorded music for accompaniment is allowed in all music divisions. Accompanists do not have to be 4-H members.
   Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
4. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded; 30-second grace period.
5. Judge will serve as the timekeeper.

Dance Groups (Formerly Dance Ensembles & Group Dance)

Dance Groups are:

- ✓ A dance routine performed by 2 or more 4-H members.

Presentation Type	Number of Performers	Time	Accompaniment	Regional Selection
Small Group Dance	2-6	7 minutes maximum	Recorded	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Large Group Dance	7 or more	7 minutes maximum	Recorded	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor.

Participants need to bring:

- Accompaniment is optional and must be recorded. Performers opting to use accompaniment must provide equipment to play the recorded accompaniment.
- Props as needed; no sets.

Rules:

1. Small group is composed of 2 to 6 4-H members. Large Group is composed of 7 or more 4-H members. (Cloverbuds cannot perform in this category.)
2. Each group will dance one selection of their own choosing.
3. One performer should introduce the dance and the group performing.
4. Accompaniment is optional.
5. Recorded music for accompaniment is allowed in all music divisions. Accompanists do not have to be 4-H members.
6. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
7. Groups will perform one dance.
8. All dancers must be current 4-H members.

One Act Plays & Skits

A One Act Play is:

- ✓ A theatrical piece that consists of a single continuous scene without any breaks or intermissions.

A skit is:

- ✓ A short-acting performance that is more extemporaneous and less developed than plays in presentation and staging. Skit may be improvisational in nature or loosely scripted and lightly rehearsed.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Time	Regional Selection
One Act Play	3 or more	45 minutes including set up, performance, & take down.	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Skit	3 or more	10 minutes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor.

Participants need to bring:

- Performers must provide all scenery, property, effects and backdrop. Stage drapes may be available to use as a backdrop but are not guaranteed to be available.

Rules:

1. Entries are limited to one-act plays. Only one set is allowed. (Cloverbuds cannot perform in this category due to it being a judged event.)
2. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
3. State place where and time when the play takes place unless the performance makes it clear.
4. Each cast should have at least one person in charge of stage arrangements, to pull the curtain, and to set the stage.
5. The one act plays or skits can be either an original or a published script. If a royalty play or skit is used, the group must be responsible for the royalty.
6. Skits can be lightly rehearsed or improvised from a given basic situation for the theme of the skit.
7. Performers should introduce themselves including the names of the participants and their 4-H club(s). Introductions should also include a brief description of the performance.
8. The curtain may be dropped to denote the passing of time. A change of setting is not permitted during the drop of the curtain.
9. Be prepared for flexibility in staging the play whether in a classroom or on a stage.
10. Judge will serve as timekeeper and will deduct one ribbon if time is exceeded.
11. No straw, confetti, or similar materials will be allowed in performances.

Solo or Duo Acting

Solo or Duo Acting is:

- ✓ A monologue or scene with one or two characters. Performance can be serious or humorous.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Time	Regional Selection
Solo/Duo Acting for ages 7-9	1-2	10 minutes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Solo/Duo Acting for ages 10-13	1-2	10 minutes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Solo/Duo Acting for ages 14-18	1-2	10 minutes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor.

Participants need to bring:

- Performers must provide all scenery, property, effects and backdrop. Stage drapes may be available to use as a backdrop but are not guaranteed to be available.

Rules:

1. You must present your presentation in person.
2. The age of the oldest member determines the competition age group. Example: A 9 & 11-year-old presenting together would be in the 10-13 age group.
3. Selections should be primarily dialogue and action.
4. Selection can be original or from previously published literature. Selection is to be memorized.
5. Performers should introduce themselves including the names of the participants and their 4-H club(s). Introductions should also include a brief description of the performance. The title and author of the selection should be noted in the introduction. (A one-ribbon penalty is required for failure to do so.) The identification of the piece should be near its beginning but may follow a teaser or other background information.
6. Costumes are optional, but suggested.
7. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.

Solo or Duo Novelty

Solo or Duo Novelty are:

- ✓ A performance by 1 or 2 4-H members that includes novelty acts such as musical freestyle, stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, magic routines, ventriloquist acts, baton routines, gymnastic routines, folk music without a score, stand-up comedy, or other types of talent or original material.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Time	Regional Selection
Solo/Duo Novelty for ages 7-9	1-2	10 minutes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Solo/Duo Novelty for ages 10-13	1-2	10 minutes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Solo/Duo Novelty for ages 14-18	1-2	10 minutes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor.

Participants need to bring:

- Performers must provide all scenery, property, effects and backdrop. Stage drapes may be available to use as a backdrop but are not guaranteed to be available.

Rules:

1. You must present your presentation in person.
2. The age of the oldest member determines the competition age group. Example: A 9 & 11-year-old presenting together would be in the 10-13 age group.
3. Performers should introduce themselves including the names of the participants and their 4-H club(s). Introductions should also include a brief description of the performance. The title and author of the selection should be noted in the introduction. (A one-ribbon penalty is required for failure to do so.) The identification of the piece should be near its beginning but may follow a teaser or other background information.
4. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
5. Costumes are optional.
6. Novelty is for all other theatrical performances that are not included in another category including performing with animals.

Group Novelty

Group Novelty are:

- ✓ A performance by 3 or more 4-H members that includes novelty acts such as musical freestyle, stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, magic routines, ventriloquist acts, baton routines, gymnastic routines, folk music without a score, stand-up comedy, or other types of talent or original material.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Time	Regional Selection
Group Novelty	3 or more	10 minutes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- Performance area may have any kind of surface and should be large enough for up to 30 people such as a stage or gym floor.

Participants need to bring:

- Performers must provide all scenery, property, effects and backdrop. Stage drapes may be available to use as a backdrop but are not guaranteed to be available.

Rules:

1. You must present your presentation in person.
2. Performers should introduce themselves including the names of the participants and their 4-H club(s). Introductions should also include a brief description of the performance. The title and author of the selection should be noted in the introduction. (A one-ribbon penalty is required for failure to do so.) The identification of the piece should be near its beginning but may follow a teaser or other background information.
3. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
4. Costumes are optional.
5. Novelty is for all other theatrical performances that are not included in another category including performing with animals.

Model Meeting

Objectives

- ✓ Conducting an effective business meeting.
- ✓ Using an agenda to organize a meeting.
- ✓ Reporting accurate committee and officer information.
- ✓ Discussing issues in a meaningful manner.
- ✓ Implementing proper parliamentary procedures to reach equitable group decisions.
- ✓ Working as a team.
- ✓ These skills encourage youth to become more efficient in their ability to use parliamentary procedure effectively in the formal part of their club meetings, which in turn strengthens the club and serves as a model for other members

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Model Meeting	No Limit	Yes	35 minutes maximum – excluding roll call	Yes	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- One table and one easel will be provided in the performance room.
- Flags and Gavel will be provided.

Participants Need to Bring:

- The club will bring everything else they need to perform their Model Meeting.
- Contact your Extension Office for accommodations.

Rules:

1. The group may be composed of any number of 4-H members and leaders. Cloverbuds may not participate in the Model Meeting. The presentation should give the impression of an actual 4-H meeting. Look at and talk to 4- Hers, not to the audience watching the presentation. All members are expected to participate in the meeting.
2. An agenda of the Model Meeting must be presented to the judge before the meeting is called
    a. to order. The agenda should include the following as spelled out on the judging score sheet with suggested time frames:
    b. Opening ceremony and business meeting 12 to 14 minutes
    c. Program 14 to 16 minutes
    d. Recreation 4 to 5 minutes
    e. Closing ceremony and announcements 2 minutes
3. The meeting may include a ceremony, which would be incorporated into the time frames above.
4. During the Model Meeting, the secretary should take notes. After the meeting, the secretary must turn in the Model Meeting notes and the up-to-date secretary's book. If more than one club is represented in the group, only one secretary's book of the Model Meeting secretary needs to be presented to the judge.
5. Recreation may be at any time during the meeting.
6. The club determines which officers sit up front during the meeting.
7. The performer should recognize this as a family event and choose costumes, themes, and performances that show respect for the performers and the audience.

Gavel Games

Objectives

- ✓ Conducting an effective business meeting.
- ✓ Using an agenda to organize a meeting.
- ✓ Reporting accurate committee and officer information.
- ✓ Discussing issues in a meaningful manner.
- ✓ Implementing proper parliamentary procedure to reach equitable group decisions.
- ✓ Working as a team.
- ✓ These skills encourage youth to become more efficient in their ability to use parliamentary procedure effectively in the formal part of their club meetings, which in turn strengthens the club and serves as a model for other members

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Gavel Games for ages 7-9	4-5	No	5 minutes planning, 25 minutes for presentation, test is untimed	Notes can be made on agendas	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Gavel Games for ages 10-13	4-5	No	5 minutes planning, 25 minutes for presentation, test is untimed	Notes can be made on agendas	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Gavel Games for ages 14-18	4-5	No	5 minutes planning, 25 minutes for presentation, test is untimed	Notes can be made on agendas	Up to 1, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- A suitable place for the written test with supervision by an adult room monitor
- Copies of the written tests
- Pencils
- A table, chairs, flags, and a gavel for the mock meeting
- Drawing topics for new business
- Clean copies of the Gavel Games Agenda and the Gavel Games List of Parliamentary Procedures

Participants Need to Bring:

- Participants must bring any committee reports, a treasurer's report, and correspondence needed for their mock meeting.
- Participants may not bring in previously completed agendas or lists of parliamentary procedures.
- Accommodations:
- Readers for the written test and other accommodations may be requested two weeks before the event. Contact your Extension Office to make a request.

Rules:

1. Teams will have four or five participants who assume the following roles:
    a. President, Vice-President (program chairman), Secretary, Treasurer
    b. If there is a fifth participant, that person will serve as a club member.
2. The age of the oldest member determines the age group of competition.
3. Topics, visuals, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct. All participants will be judged on their presentations.
4. The presentation time should be balanced among participants as much as possible.
5. Each participant will take a written test and the total of the top four test scores will count toward the final score.
    a. Test will be age appropriate
6. Test Bank questions are located starting on page 8, below are the following age group break down number of questions.
    a. Juniors: 5 multiple choice, 5 True and False, 5 matching questions – (30 points total each question is worth 2 points)
    b. Intermediate: 7 multiple choice, 13 true and false, 10 matching – (total of 30 questions worth 30 points)
    c. Seniors: 9 multiple choice, 6 true and false, 15 matching-- (total of 30 questions worth 30 points)
7. The general outline of the presentation should follow the Gavel Games Agenda, which can be found in the page 6.
8. The presentation will be scored according to the Gavel Games Score Sheet, which can be found in the Regional Club Day Guide
9. The only items that can be used during the oral presentation are previously listed as equipment provided by the team and/or event monitors.
10. The team has five minutes before the 25-minute presentation time to share information on how to do motions and annotate agenda and parliamentary procedure sheets with helpful notes. Each member of the team will be expected to participate during all parts of the presentation.
11. Teams will draw for a topic and base their presentations and motions around that topic.
    a. Just before each team begins their planning time at the beginning of their presentation, one team member should draw three topics.
    b. The team is allowed to consider all three of the topics during their planning time.
    c. Prior to beginning their presentation, the team should return the topics to the judge(s), indicating which topic they have selected for their presentation.
    d. The unused topics are returned to the pool for other teams to draw from. The selected topic is not returned to the drawing pool.
    e. There must be at least two more topics in the pool than the total number of teams participating to allow the final team to have a selection. If possible, try to have four more topics in the pool to ensure the final team has equal opportunities to draw from a variety of topics.
12. Junior teams will be scored for only their first ten parliamentary procedures. Intermediate teams will be scored for the first fifteen procedures. Senior teams will be scored for the first twenty procedures.

More information can be found in the Gavel Games Handbook- Ask your local Extension Agent

Appendix A: Scoresheets

Found in the Regional Club Day TEAMS Folder under 2025 Guidelines Updated

Appendix B: Impromptu Topic Bank

Found in the Regional Club Day TEAMS Folder under 2025 Guidelines Updated