

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

Eligibility: Four teams per county – 2 Novice Teams and 2 Junior Teams.

Rules:

1. Four classes will be judged, selected from the classes offered at the State level for the current year. The contest superintendent will select four classes from the six that the state contest superintendent selects and notify all counties of these classes in April. Resource will be the New Mexico 4-H Senior Consumer Decision Making Contest Guide available on the NM 4-H Website.
2. Classes are not timed. Contestants will move through classes at their own pace.
3. Novice teams will give oral reasons on one class. Junior teams will give oral reasons on two classes. **Reasons are given at will.** The contest superintendent will notify the counties in April of the reasons classes.
4. No discussion during judging or preparation for oral reasons will be allowed.
5. Two minutes will be allowed for each set of oral reasons.
6. Novice and Junior teams will be allowed to take notes during the placing of classes and to use these notes during preparation for oral reasons.
7. NOTES MAY BE REFERRED TO DURING REASONS PRESENTATIONS, but points will be deducted from the delivery score for someone using notes excessively. Point deductions will be at the judges' discretion.
8. No handbook or any printed material will be allowed in contest area.
9. Contestants must furnish their own clipboard, pencils, and clean paper.
10. During the contest, no talking is permitted. Offenders will have their card pulled, thus resulting in a zero for the class.
11. Contestants need to make sure their number, name, class, and placing is on their card. If this information is missing the contestant will receive a zero for that card.
12. Fifty points are possible for each of the four class placings and for each of the oral reasons given, making a total of 250 points possible for Novice contestants and 300 points for Junior contestants. If scores result in a tie, the tie must be broken through total reasons scores. The second tiebreaker will be a pre-determined class.
13. No one will be permitted to examine the 4-H contest areas prior to scheduled event. **Once a contestant leaves the contest area, they will not be allowed to return. All classes must be judged and reasons given before a contestant leaves the contest.**
14. Score sheets will be given to the county agent.
15. Placing Card 200 D-9 and National Consumer Decision Making Scorecard will be used.

Information for Contest Superintendents:

1. You will need at least 2 reason judges. One judge for each age group.
2. Remind 4-Hers of the rules as they enter and supply judging cards cards and pencils.
3. Be sure to spread your classes around the room to keep kids from bunching up.
4. Will need 1 large room/space with 8 tables to set up classes. Will need 2 smaller rooms/space for reasons.
5. It is helpful to color code cards and reason sheets for each age group. This helps when separating cards for entry onto the score sheets.
6. A laptop and small printer are also handy for tabulating or bring calculators.
7. Will need to bring classes with you and have classes judged before the contest starts. If doing it on site will need to bring a Hormel card/online calculator to prepare officials.

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National Consumer Decision Making Contest
Score Sheet for Oral Reasons

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