

**Junior Oral Defense Scoring Rubric**

Judges will use this rubric when scoring the Junior Oral Defense (3-B).

*A high(er) score indicates the youth is accurate and proficient in the content. A mid-range score indicates the youth is progressing toward proficiency, but key content information was excluded. A low(er) score indicates that the youth is not accurate or is not developing their proficiencies related to this topic.*

For Junior competitors, they will have 90 seconds to answer both of the following questions:

- What is the goal of your wildlife management plan?
- What are two wildlife management practices you incorporated into your plan, and why did you choose these practices?

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

*Contestants may earn a maximum of 5 points per category.*

Ability to explain the goal of the management plan	_____ points
Understanding of 1 focal species biology and management	_____ points
Understanding of 1 focal species habitat requirements	_____ points
Understanding of wildlife management practices and implementation	_____ points
Poise, voice, and body language	_____ points
<b>TOTAL SCORE (25 points maximum): _____ points</b>	