ORIGINAL JUNIOR POETRY

*Juniors may have 2 entries in each category – 1 from their local club & 1 from Crack the News

1. Original Junior Poetry AUTHORS:
- must be under 18 years of age to be in the junior category
- must be a member of the club that submitted the entry in the regional competition
- may have only one AFMS submission per club per category per region
- a 1st place AFMS trophy winner is NOT eligible for AFMS in the same category for the following year (juniors age out too quickly to sit out longer than 1 year)

2. Original Junior Poetry:
- must be penned by the junior him/herself
- must be written expressly for the club bulletin from which it was entered OR was written expressly for the AFMS Juniors Newsletter, Crack the News
- if the same poem was published in both the local club bulletin and in Crack the News, it must be entered from the publication with the earliest publication date
- must be hobby-related
- was NOT written for a regional newsletter (i.e.: CFMS, NFMS, RMFMS, etc.)
- has NOT been previously published in a magazine or company publication
- has NOT been previously used for a display case, show handout, or class/seminar
- should not be copied verbatim from a source (plagiarism!)
- will be judged in the following areas -- BEAC or judge will circle appropriate choices under A, B, E, & F:

A. Appeal/Interest
   1. General Audience OR
   2. Specialized Audience
   Acrostic Poem OR
   2. Long stanza

B. Meter Rhythm
   1. Open Verse (unrhymed) OR
   2. Rhyming
   G. Spelling & Grammar appropriate
   H. Title appropriate; Author identified

C. Originality of subject matter and/or Approach

D. No apparent copyright violations

E. Clarity & Appropriateness
   1. Serious topic or purpose OR
   2. “Just for fun”

F. Suitability of verse style for subject
   1. Hai-ku or Limerick or Short stanza OR