

STATE FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



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CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

GENERAL RULES

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PHILOSOPHY FOR FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Students are important customers of agriculture education and the FFA who recognize quality and value in products and activities. When provided an opportunity to fashion their education experiences, they generally make wise decisions based on needs. Perception, images, and the opinion of others influence students. They value change based on their perceived personal needs as well as the needs of others. They sometimes value change for the sake of variety. Adults are concerned about the experiences of students and want to help organize experiences that will meet the future needs of student while accomplishing the purpose of agricultural education and the FFA organization. The State FFA Association should assume the leadership role in developing and continuously improving relevant FFA career development events and awards. Although the State FFA Association should be aware of the needs of the chapters in the state and should react to those needs, it should help initiate opportunities that reflect relevant and emerging technology. State FFA Career Development Events and awards should be developed with significant input from FFA members, teachers, partners, respective industry sponsors and others involved in agricultural education.

NEW MEXICO FFA GUIDELINES

State Career Development events and awards should reflect instruction that currently takes place in the entire agricultural education program, including classroom instruction, laboratory instruction, individualized instruction, and/or supervised agricultural experience. However, it is appropriate for the state organization to develop career development events and awards that stimulate instruction in emerging areas that reflect both current and future work force needs.

The state association should promote individual, chapter, and team career development events and awards should be based on cooperation and teamwork while recognizing the value of competition and individual achievement. The role of career development events and awards is to motivate students and encourage leadership, personal growth, citizenship, and career development.

Student should be recognized for achievement in career development events and awards. Quality standards should be used as a basis for achievement. The state association should ensure that the recognition is appropriate and meaningful. Recognition for achievement should be reflective of the total effort required by the chapter/team/individual and should take place at all levels of participation.

The state association shall encourage accessibility and provide opportunities for achievement and recognition for students with diverse backgrounds.

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**OFFICIAL DRESS RECOMMENDATIONS, NUMBER OR PARTICIPANTS, AND
NUMBER OF SCORES FOR TEAM TOTAL**

Event	Official Dress	# of Participants allowed per Team	# of Scores for Team Total
Agricultural Communications	Yes	4	4
Agricultural Issues Forum	Yes	3-7	Team Score Event
Agricultural Mechanics	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Agricultural Sales	Yes	4	4
Crops	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Creed Speaking	Yes	1	N/A
Dairy Cattle Evaluation	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Dairy Foods	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Entomology	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Yes	1	N/A
Farm Business Management	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Floriculture	No	4	4
Forestry	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Greenhand Quiz	Yes	1	N/A
Homesite	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Horse Evaluation	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Horticulture Produce	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Job Interview	Yes	1	N/A
Land	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Landscape Design	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Marketing Plan	Yes	3	Team Score Event
Meats Evaluation & Technology	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Nursery/Landscapes	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Greenhand Parliamentary Procedure	Yes	7	Team Score Event
Chapter Parliamentary Procedure	Yes	6	Team Score Event
Pasture & Range	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Poultry Evaluation	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Prepared Public Speaking	Yes	1	N/A
Wildlife	No	4	Top 3 Scores
Wool	No	4	Top 3 Scores

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Violations of any of the following rules may be grounds for the event superintendent to disqualify the participants.

State FFA staff and CDE Superintendents will use the published rules and procedures to organize and implement the State FFA Career Development Events.

Participants

1. There will be no rules changes after January 31, including test bank questions and resources. Except in emergency situations.
2. There is no limit on the number of participants a chapter may bring to the State Career Development Events (CDE). Participants must qualify through their districts in the following leadership events:
 - a. Prepared public speaking (max 3 participants per district)
 - b. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (max 3 participants per district)
 - c. Parliamentary Procedure (max 2 teams per district)
 - d. Greenhand Creed (max of 5 participants per district)
 - e. Greenhand Quiz Team (maximum of 5 quiz teams may be entered from each district)
3. Chapter member who have not paid their District, State and National FFA dues by the spring deadline will not be allowed to enter the events. Participant's membership status will be check prior to the events.
4. An entry fee designed to cover Career Development Event expenses will be assessed to each team in each CDE.
5. Participants must be regularly enrolled in a secondary school agricultural education program during the current school year. Each participant shall have passed a minimum of four classes, not failed more than one class, and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better for either the previous semester or cumulatively beginning with and including the second semester of eight grade and is passing a minimum of four classes, not failing more than one class and maintaining a grade point average of 2.0 or better per grading period during the current semester. Secondary school refers to grades 7-12.

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NOTE 1: All class work counted for eligibility must be acceptable for graduation.

NOTE 2: The grade point average is based on a 4.0 scale with consideration of honor points.

6. A member ineligible for the National FFA Career Development Events will also be ineligible for the State Career Development Events.

Members of a first-place state team including the drop score will not be eligible to participate in the State Career Development Event where a championship was won, but they are eligible to participate in any other CDE.

The only exception to this rule would be a seventh grade member who is not allowed to participate at national FFA events. They are eligible to return to compete again at the state level. A seventh grade member who is on a winning team and participates in national competition not sanctioned by the FFA (example national land, Homesite, pasture and range, wool) would not be allowed to return to state competition. In instances where teams below first place are allowed to compete in a national event, and then barred from further competition at that event, they will not be allowed to return to state competition.

Seventh and eighth graders may return to compete in state Greenhand leadership events unless they are a state winner.

7. A member may not be entered in two Career Development Events that have been scheduled at the same time.
8. Any communication, verbal or non-verbal between participants during a Career Development Event will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team member involved from the event. The only exception to this would be communication between team members during the team activity portion of a given career development event.
9. Any assistance given to a member from any outside source during a contest will be sufficient cause to eliminate a team from the Career Development Events.
10. Participants may use **clear plastic** clipboards during the Career Development Events to facilitate holding cards. These clip boards are to be clean and shall contain only placing cards and a blank sheet of paper. After participants are divided into groups, notes may be taken provided that the participants start with a blank sheet of paper and **clear plastic** clipboard. The notes may not be used during the presentation or oral reasons.

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11. Teams arriving after the Career Development Event has begun may be disqualified or penalized. No member substitutions may be made after the Career Development Event begins.
12. Event superintendent may stop any participant if they deem their manner to be hazardous either to themselves or others. Such stoppage shall deem the individual(s) disqualified for that section of the career development event.
13. CDE participants who start an event and do not complete the event without notifying event officials at the time of departure will be disqualified. This can affect the overall team rank and position. In some events this will also disqualify the entire team.
14. Students will not be allowed to utilize electronic calculation/measuring devices that are not specific in each specific event guideline.
15. Participants will not be allowed to utilize personal electronic communication devices.
16. Participants are expected to observe the National FFA Code of Ethics and the Proper Use of the FFA Jacket during the Career Development Events. Official dress is recommended for all participants where appropriate and is required for the awards presentations and recognition.
17. Participants or advisors will not be allowed in the career development event area as designated in the specific career development event rules. Infractions of this statement may result in team disqualifications.
18. Accessibility for all students: All special needs requests and appropriate documentation, as outlined in the special needs request procedure, must be submitted with the appropriate CDE certification form by the certification deadline. State FFA Staff and the event superintendent will be responsible for scheduling assistance for the participants.
19. Continuous revisions of scoring sheets, due to computer scoring, will be necessary. Copies of any revised sheets will be sent to the chapters prior to the career development event.
20. No team may utilize university facilities or staff for CDE team training after January 1st unless it is an approved/advertised training program available to all chapters within the state.

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21. In Career Development Events where a team may consist of four members, the fourth team member will be eligible for individual awards.
22. In Career Development Events where four members are allowed to participate, the scores of the three highest members will be used to determine the winning team.
23. Teams will be divided into groups so that no two participants from the same chapters are in the same group.
24. Placing and grading cards will be furnished for each Career Development Event.
25. Substitutions for team members may be made up to the time of the Career Development Event.
26. All Greenhand Leadership Career Development Events will be limited to FFA members in grades 7-10 who are enrolled in an agricultural education class. Seventh and eighth graders may participate again during their eighth and ninth grade year. CDE. Sophomores may participate only if it is their first year in an agricultural education class.
27. In Career Development Events requiring official dress, the official dress shall be as follows: Female members must wear a black skirt or slacks, white blouse, official FFA jacket and blue scarf. Male members must wear black slacks, white shirt, official FFA jacket and official FFA tie.
28. Only one team per school per Career Development is allowed in each CDE, except in Dairy Foods, Horticultural Produce, Floriculture, Landscape Design, and Nursery/Landscape. Two teams per school may be entered in these events. In the Entomology, Homesite and Forestry events, a school may enter one team in production and one team in Horticulture.
29. Scantron sheets will be utilized in all events as they become available.
30. Rule changes will be published on the website and sent to each chapter.

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Teachers and School Personnel

1. Primary eligibility for all state and level competition will be based on whether or not the local agriculture education teacher has submitted all required forms by posted deadline.
2. Eligibility lists must be in officials' hands by pre-registration time of the Career.

ALL MEMBERS ENTERING ANY CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT MUST BE ON AN ELIGIBILITY LIST signed by school administrators and this list **MUST** be in the state FFA office by pre-registration. **NO EXCEPTION!!** If not received prior to the pre-registration deadline, the student will not be allowed to participate.

3. All teams must be pre-registered in the Production and Horticulture CDEs by the date specified on the activity calendar. Chapters not pre-registered will not be allowed to participate. Only minor substitutions and changes may be made at regular registration.
4. No personnel connected with any school or team will be allowed near the site of any event after January 1st unless it is an approved/advertised activity available to all teachers and school personnel within the state.
5. No personnel connected with the school or team will be allowed near the tabulation room during the time of tabulation.
6. Tabulation officials will not give out information to anyone prior to the posting of results.
7. Sample score cards from all events are included in the awards and CDE manual.

Awards – (NOTE: ONCE AWARDS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED, RESULTS ARE FINAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

1. If 15 or more teams are entered in a Career Development Event, plaques will be presented to the five highest placing teams. In events where six to 14 teams participate, plaques will be presented to the three highest placing teams. In events where five or fewer teams are entered, a plaque will be presented to the first-place team only.
2. Medals will be presented to the five high individuals in each Career Development Event.

3. Sweepstakes awards will be given in the areas of Production, Horticulture and Leadership. In order for a chapter to be eligible to compete in sweepstakes, ALL agricultural education instructors for the chapter must have completed and sent in the following:

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- i. Program of activities
 - a. Due November 20
 - b. Yearly plan of action for your chapter
 - ii. Form 1 (formerly known as Form 0)
 - a. Due September 1
 - b. Contact Information
 - iii. Form 2 (formerly known as Form 1)
 - a. Due September 1
 - b. Enrollment Sheet
 - iv. Form 3 (formerly known as Form 2)
 - a. Due September 1 and January 31
 - b. Monthly Program of Instruction
 - c. Divided into semesters
 - v. Form 4 (formerly known as Form 3)
 - a. Due October 1, January 1, April 1, July 1
 - b. Supervisory Visits
 - c. FFA Activities
 - d. Special Activities of Teachers
 - e. Alumni, Adult of other meetings
 - f. Personal services and supervisory visits for alumni, adults and others
 - vi. Form 5 (formerly known as Form 4)
 - a. February 1
 - b. SAE Reports
4. Career Development Event Production Sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the top percentile team based on the six highest scoring Production Agriculture Career Development Events.

The 15 Production Agriculture Career Development Events which will count toward sweepstakes are:

- a. Agricultural Mechanics
- b. Crops
- c. Dairy Cattle
- d. Dairy Foods
- e. Entomology
- f. Farm Business Management
- g. Forestry

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- h. Homesite
- i. Horse
- j. Land
- k. Livestock
- l. Meats
- m. Pasture and Range
- n. Poultry
- o. Wildlife
- p. Wool

5. A Career Development Event Horticulture Sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the top percentile teams based on the five highest scoring Horticulture Career Development Events. The Horticulture Sweepstakes will be tabulated by using the top five scores of the seven Career Development Events.

The Horticulture Career Development Events are:

- a. Entomology
- b. Floriculture
- c. Forestry
- d. Homesite
- e. Horticulture Produce
- f. Landscape Design
- g. Nursery/Landscape

6. A Leadership Career Development Event trophy will be awarded at the State Convention in June.
- a. All Leadership Career Development Event rules changes will be placed on the website and sent to all teachers.
 - b. A Leadership Sweepstakes Award will be awarded for Leadership Career Development Events using the State FFA Leadership Sweepstakes Award Scorecard. The Leadership Career Development Events are:
 - i. Chapter Parliamentary Law
 - ii. Greenhand Parliamentary Law
 - iii. Chapter Prepared Public Speaking
 - iv. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
 - v. Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking
 - vi. Greenhand Creed
 - vii. Greenhand Knowledge Quiz
 - viii. Agricultural Issues Form
 - ix. Agriculture Marketing Plan
 - x. Job Interview

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- c. Prepared Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Public Speaking judges should have an agricultural background.

Breaking Tie Scores

1. The following methods of breaking all ties (individual and teams) will be utilized during the State Career Development Events. The first appropriate method listed below will be utilized to break a tie; if that method fails, the next method appropriate to that particular Career Development Event will be applied until the tie score is broken. For example, in all Career Development Events with Oral Reasons, method #1 will be utilized to break ties. If this method fails to break the tie score, method #2 will be utilized if Identification is a part of the Career Development Event. If identification is not in the event, method #3 will be used if grading is in the event. If identification and grading are not part of the event, method #4 will be utilized to break the tie. If this fails, method #5 will be applied, etc. In Career Development Events where Oral Reasons are not given, identification will be used first if it is a part of the event. If identification is not a part of the event, grading will be utilized first, etc, until the tie is broken.
 - i. High Total Oral Reasons Score
 - ii. High Total Identification Score
 - iii. High Total Grading Score
 - iv. High Score on Written Test
 - v. High Total Score on Class #1
 - vi. High Score on Column One of Tabulation Sheet
 - vii. High Total Score of Alternate Team Member (applies to team ties only)
 - viii. Flip a coin

Career Development Events Scored by Computer

1. All Career Development Events will be scored by Scantron as the Scantron become available. A copy of the forms to be used for each contest is included within each individual contest rules.