



AG KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS CDE RULE BOOKLET

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MISSION STATEMENT:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through Agricultural Education.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CDE: Competition Makes It Fun, Careers Make It Real. Since its beginning in 1928, the FFA has continued to be an integral part of Agricultural Education by making classroom instruction come to life through realistic applications such as the Career Development Events

Today more than ever, Career Development Events are vitally important for FFA members to participate in. The competitive nature of the events indeed lends itself to learning how to work within a competitive world. However, it is the very process of preparing for the events, which provides students an irreplaceable experience in developing their skills.

Today, there are over 300 career opportunities in agriculture. FFA Career Development Events allow students to explore many of these careers, ranging from Agricultural Communications to Environmental and Natural Resources to Livestock Selection. CDEs provide students an undeniable opportunity to work with their peers and teachers as well as community and business leaders as they prepare for these events.

Our focus is on the future and preparing students for careers. As leaders, advisors and teachers, we must embrace change and the diversity it has brought to agriculture and our classrooms. We must challenge our common barriers of time constraints and resources, and work towards creating opportunities that our students can be involved in which will better prepare them for future employment.

The primary goal of the team career development events and awards is to develop individual responsibilities, foster team work and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and the value of individual achievements. A team career development event/award requires three or more members from one chapter working cooperatively.

Team career development events and awards are intended to be an outgrowth of instruction but recognize the value and contributions of the experiences and aspirations of individual members.

Team career development events and awards should:

- Include problem solving and critical thinking;

- Promote an appreciation for diversity by reducing barriers to participation;

- Promote new directions and focus on future needs of members and society;

- Include cooperative activities;

- Encourage broad participation among members and recognize excellence within levels of experience;

- Recognize individual and team achievement, develop general leadership and recognize levels of ability;

- Provide local recognition for superior performance at the state and national levels.

GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

Violations of any of the following rules may be grounds for the disqualification of the participants.

Eligibility of Chapters and Participants

1. Each state event is open to all FFA chapters in good standing with the Iowa FFA Association. (Exception: Soils Career Development Event is open to the top five teams in each district competition.)
2. Participants' names will be verified against official membership reports at the first level of competition above the local level. If a student's name does not appear on the roster, then the State FFA Advisor or his/her designee will collect State and National FFA dues at the time of the event.
3. A participant, at the time of his/her participation in the state event and selection as a national team member, must:
 - a. Be a current bona fide dues paying FFA member in good standing with the local chapter, state FFA Association and the National FFA Organization at the time of the career development event in which he/she participates.
 - b. Be a high school FFA member, (a graduating senior is considered eligible to compete in state and national career development events up to and including their first national convention following graduation.) (High school refers to grades 9-12.)
 - c. Have been enrolled in high school Agricultural Education during the current/most recent school year with the following exceptions: Dairy Cattle and Dairy Foods- must have been enrolled the previous school year or be a sophomore, junior or senior enrolled for the current year.
 - d. While in school, be enrolled in at least one Agricultural Education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; either course must include a Supervised Agricultural Experience program, the objective of which is preparation for the agricultural career.
 - e. Currently be an active FFA member of the chapter making entry into the event.
4. A chapter may enter a separate team in each event held on a particular day. However, no member may participate in more than one Ag Skills Career Development Event on a particular day.
5. A member may not participate in both a state 4-H and state FFA Career Development Event when said events are held on the same day.
6. Participation in one Iowa FFA Career Development Event of its type will not exclude an active FFA member from participating two more times in the future Iowa FFA Career Development Event, if the participant is still qualifies as a high school FFA member (Rule 3b) when he/she participates the second and third time and providing he/she was not on a state championship FFA CDE team in the said event.
7. No student may participate in more than one FFA Career Development Event each year at the national level.

8. Local FFA advisors or their designee, entering or advancing teams to the state event, must send the official entry forms plus \$5.00 entry fee. This entry fee must be postmarked on or before one month prior to the event.
 - a. Late entries will be charged a \$5.00 late fee for a total of \$10.00. No entries will be accepted within the two weeks prior to the event. All entry forms not postmarked by the final entry due date will be returned, and the team will not participate in the state event that year.
9. For the Soils Career Development Event, each district FFA advisor must send a copy of all results plus a typed list of participants for each of the top five teams to the State FFA office within one business day of the district event.

Event Room Conditions

10. 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 career development event. The only exception to this would be communication between team members during the team activity portion of a given career development event.
11. Any assistance given to a team member from any source other than the career development event officials or assistants will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team from the career development event.
12. No extra FFA members or other persons are permitted to attend or view the state event. The only people allowed in the event area are participants and designated event workers. Observers and FFA advisors who are not working with the event will not be permitted in the event area while the event is in progress. Advisors who are working with the contest will be identified with a name badge.

Contestant Assignments

13. Each participant will be given an individual ID number by which he/she will be designated throughout the event. Contestant badges with identification numbers may be issued.
14. Teams will be divided into groups for individual activities so that no two participants on the same team will be in the same group.
15. Each participant will work on an individual basis throughout the event except during the FFA chapter team activity. Each team will submit one score card or product per team for the team activity.

Equipment and Dress Code

16. All participants must bring at least two No. 2 pencils.
17. Participants are urged to bring and use clipboards during events to facilitate the holding of placing and grading cards. The clipboards are to be clean and free of markings. A few sheets of blank paper will be permitted for taking notes and recording results.

18. Calculators may be used with the FFA Career Development Events. They must be battery or solar operated, non-programmable and silent, unless otherwise listed in the specific Career Development Event rules. Programmable calculators will be confiscated for the duration of the event. Calculators shall not be shared between participants.
19. Items needed for specific phases of each Career Development Event will be noted under their specific rules.
20. Participants are expected to observe the National FFA Code of Ethics and the Proper Use of the FFA Jacket during the career development events. (Please see the latest edition of the Official FFA Manual.)
21. Official FFA dress is expected for all participants when appropriate. If official dress is not appropriate, the official casual dress should be worn. Official casual dress shall consist of 1) FFA t-shirt or polo shirt and 2) khaki or nice denim pants or shorts.

Event Results

22. Official placings and answer keys for judging events will not be changed after scoring has begun with the exception of clerical corrections.
23. Event results will not be changed after teams and individuals have been ranked for publication. The event chairperson and state staff have final authority over the event and will review event materials with the scoring chairperson before results are publicized.
24. Each FFA advisor will receive the judging cards, score cards, answer sheets and results following a career education program and the presentation of awards.
 - a. FFA advisors are not permitted to pick up event packets until after the awards presentation. For those events at State Leadership Conference, if you don't pick up your packet at the awards presentation, you will receive your packet on Saturday morning of the close of conference.
25. The Board will authorize subsequent teams to advance to National competition if teams placing higher decline the opportunity to represent the Iowa FFA Association. The teams that decline the opportunity to participate will not be allowed to compete in future career development events (their eligibility has expired with winning the state event). If any team accepts the opportunity to represent the Iowa FFA Association in place of the state authorized team, they will also forfeit any future opportunities to participate in this event.