

Connecticut Agriculture Science and Technology Education/FFA

Career Development Events General Rules & Regulations

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1. Career Development Events are open to all regularly enrolled Agricultural Education students of Connecticut. However, only active FFA members whose state and national dues have been paid for the current year, before they compete, are eligible for state awards and participation in the National FFA and BIG E contests.

If space permits and with prior consent of the Superintendent, out of state teams may participate in our Career Development Events. Realizing that at no time are they competing against Connecticut students for ranking.

2. A plaque will be awarded to the school team having the highest rank in each contest. A plaque will be awarded to the 1st placed individual. Certificates will be awarded to 2nd and 3rd placed individuals in each division. Cash awards are presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place individuals provided by the Connecticut State FFA Foundation, Inc.
3. The top winning team qualifying for the National FFA Career Development Events is expected to compete at the Eastern States Exposition for CDEs listed on the Big E website. The coach of the winning team may defer the opportunity to compete to the second place team.
4. The State FFA Advisor and/or Executive FFA Secretary may excuse a student from participating at the Big E for extenuating circumstances. Emergency situations will be dealt with as the need arises.
5. No student may be entered in more than one Career Development Event on the same day.
6. Any student or team, who has qualified and competed at the highest level of competition is not eligible to compete in the same Career Development Event in the future.

7. Results are Official when posted and or announced.

Any difficulty concerning the rules shall be referred first to the CDE Superintendent and then, if necessary, to a committee consisting of one representative from: Agriculture Education Teacher staff (currently Bonnie Kegler, Killingly) one from the University of Connecticut College of Ag and Natural Resources staff; and the State Agriculture Education Consultant or Executive FFA Secretary. Please contact the Superintendent within a week of the official results posted/announced or the contest material returned to coaches if you have an inquiry.

SUPERINTENDENT GUIDELINES:

8. To eliminate the conflict of interest, the Superintendent and Assistant should not be the coach or assist in training a team for the event they are the supervising.
9. Identify yourself and the other adults who are assisting you, so students may direct questions to the appropriate person.
10. All contest materials (judging cards, score sheet, etc) are to be completed appropriately for the contest. Contestants will not be given credit for incomplete/incorrectly filled out material that they hand in for scoring.
11. Contest officials may stop any contestant if they deem their manner to be hazardous to either themselves or others. Such stoppage may deem individuals disqualified for that section of the contest.
12. The rank of the team will be based upon the computation of raw scores from each official contestant in a particular contest. Number of team members allowed and scores needed to determine team rank are taken from the current National FFA Career Development Handbook.
13. At the completion of a Career Development Event, results/scores must be turned into the Executive FFA Secretary in a timely manner.

TEACHER GUIDELINES:

14. All students competing on a team must be from the same agriculture department.
15. Each school will be assigned a code number (this number corresponds to the chapter ID number that National uses) and contestant's will each be designated A, B, C, D, E or F. Students must use the number and letter on their scorecards. Please inform your students of their contestant number/letter prior to the contest.

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| • Killingly | 1 |
| • Housatonic | 2 |
| • Glastonbury | 3 |
| • Lebanon | 4 |
| • Wamogo | 5 |
| • Middletown (Mattabeset) | 6 |
| • Ray | 7 |
| • Stamford | 9 |
| • Rockville | 10 |
| • Southington | 11 |
| • Storrs | 12 |
| • Wallingford (Lyman Hall) | 13 |
| • Woodbury | 14 |
| • Suffield | 16 |

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| • Trumbull | 17 |
| • Ledyard | 18 |
| • Northwestern | 22 |
| • Bridgeport | 23 |
| • New Haven | 24 |
| • Bloomfield | 25 |

16. All teachers are encouraged to communicate with the Career Development Event Superintendent to see where you may be of assistance. Yes, even if you have coached a team entered in that contest.

17. Official FFA dress is recommended for all FFA members where appropriate. Please recognize that dress shoes, heels and sandals, although black in color, may not be appropriate for all Career Development Events.

18. It is recommended that students receive proper instruction in the skills involved in the Career Development Event they are entering.

19. Only Students entered as official contestants in a Career Development Event are allowed to be at the contest site. No Alternates. Audience viewing is allowed if space permits.

20. Students who have been determined by their individual school systems to require special services are encouraged to participate in Career Development Events. If the contestant requires special assistance, the student's teacher must notify the Career Development Superintendent at least two weeks prior to the day of the event. Accommodations should be agreed upon one week prior to the CDE in communication between the teacher and superintendent.

21. If your student is the state winner in a Career Development Event that is for a single contestant, example, Creed, Public Speaking, Job Interview, and will not be competing at the next level. It is recommended that you inform the Executive FFA Secretary so the student who placed next in line may have the opportunity to compete further.

STUDENT GUIDELINES:

22. Follow all rules made known to you by the Career Development Event Superintendent and designated adults assisting with the event. Direct all questions to the designated adults running your Career Development Event.

23. Any communication, verbal or non-verbal, between participants during a career development event may 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 event.

24. Any assistance given to a team member from any source other than the career development event officials or assistants may be sufficient cause to eliminate the team from the career development event.

25. CDE participants who start an event and do not complete the event without notifying event officials at the time of the departure may be disqualified. This can affect the overall team rank and position. In some events this may also disqualify the entire team.

26. The use of electronic equipment of any kind is **not** permitted during any CDE unless stated in the list of required materials for an individual CDE. This includes listening devices and cell phones. The use of these devices may be reason for the disqualification of the contestant. Cell phones may be carried but are to be powered off.