

AG SKILLS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

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

Eligibly 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 from each district competition.)
2. Local FFA advisors or their designee entering teams in the state event must register their intent to have a team on the Online CDE System (http://207.28.145.2/fmi/iwp/res/iwp_home.html) by the due dates and registration fees listed below:
 - a. Before 30 days prior the event \$5.00
 - b. Between 30 days and 14 days prior the event \$10.00
 - c. Between 14 days prior and day of the event \$50.00

An invoice will be sent to the chapter for the appropriate entry fee.

3. 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.
4. After an FFA Advisor registers the chapter's intent to enter a team, the names of the team members must be entered on the Online CDE System (http://207.28.145.2/fmi/iwp/res/iwp_home.html) by noon two days prior to the event. Any member not listed on the Online CDE System will need to be registered as an FFA member using the National FFA Membership System (<https://access.ffa.org>). A team member may be added on the day of the event. State and National FFA Dues for new members must be paid to State FFA Staff present.
5. 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.
6. 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.
 7. Participation in one Iowa FFA Ag Skills Career Development Event of its type will not exclude an active FFA member from participating two more times in the future Iowa FFA Ag Skills Career Development Event, if the participant is still qualifies as a high school FFA member (Rule 5b) 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.
 8. No student may participate in more than one FFA Career Development Event each year at the national level.
 9. For the Soils Career Development Event, each district FFA advisor must email all results including a list of participants for each of the top five teams to the State FFA Executive Secretary 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 exception will be the presentation portions of the Marketing Plan CDE and Ag Communications CDE at the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference.)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.

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. (Note: Calculators within cell phones, iTouch, iPods, etc. cannot be used.)
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 event superintendent have final authority over the events and will review event materials with the scoring chairperson before results are

publicized. In the event that ALL participants scores are incorrect the board reserves the right to correct the results.

24. Each FFA advisor will receive the judging cards, score cards, answer sheets and results following a career development event and the presentation of awards. 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 conclusion of your conference, you will receive your packet in the mail.
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.