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CONDUCT OF MEETINGS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT (LDE)

GENERAL POLICIES, RULES, RESULTS AND STANDARDS

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

I. **Board Policies**

The following board policies (<https://www.iowaffa.com/about.aspx>, "Governing Documents" link on the right) apply directly or in part to LDEs:

- Board Policy #3: Changes to Judging Event Results
- Board Policy #7: Substitution of Team Members
- Board Policy #17: Advancement of Teams to National FFA Competition
- Board Policy #18: Use of Electronic Storage/Transmission Devices

II. **Eligibly of Chapters and Participants**

- A. Events are open to all FFA chapters in good standing with the Iowa FFA Association. The first qualifying level of participation varies among sub-district, district, and state levels. Refer to event specific rules to identify the initial level of participation.
- B. It is recommended, but not required, to have local FFA advisors or their designee enter teams in the initial level of an event their intent to have a team on Iowa FFA On-Line (<http://anfmp01.dmac.edu/fmi/webd#>) seven (7) days prior to the initial event.
- C. Participants in the following events may compete in only one sub-district, one district and one state FFA event:
 - Ag Broadcasting
 - Ag CSI
 - Ag Impact
 - Ag Issues & Perceptions
 - Ag Sales (Individual)
 - Chapter Program
 - Chapter Website (Event Day Presenter)
 - Conduct of Meetings
 - Experience the Action
 - Extemporaneous Speaking
 - FFA Creed Speaking
 - Job Interview
 - Parliamentary Procedure
 - Public Speaking
- D. Only one entry per chapter is permitted in each official event with the following exceptions: Ag CSI and Ag Impact. It is strongly recommended that local events be utilized to determine the local winner to broaden the base of competition at the local level.
- E. After an FFA Advisor registers the chapter's intent to enter an event, it is suggested, but not required, to enter the names of the participants on Iowa FFA On-Line (<http://anfmp01.dmac.edu/fmi/webd#>) by noon three (3) days prior to the event. Any member not listed on Iowa FFA On-Line will need to be registered as an FFA member on the National FFA Roster (<https://www.ffa.org/>). Changes to online entries may be made the day of the event. State and National FFA Dues will be invoiced in accordance with Iowa FFA Association policies and by-laws.
- F. A participant, at the time of his/her participation in the state event and selection as a national team member, must:
 1. 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 LDE in which he/she participates.
 2. Be a middle school or high school FFA member. A graduating senior is considered eligible to compete in state and national LDEs up to and including their first national convention following graduation. Middle school refers to students in grades 7-8 and high school refers to students in grades 9-12.
 3. Currently be an active FFA member of the chapter making entry into the event.
- G. A member may not participate in both a state 4-H and state FFA event when said events are held on the same day.
- H. If an entry in an LDE is not able to advance, the designated alternate(s) will become the participant(s).
- I. Members are eligible to participate for up to two years in the following LDEs on the sub-district/district level. Once they have participated in one of those events on the state level they are ineligible to participate in that event in future years.
 - Ag Broadcasting
 - Ag CSI
 - Ag Impact
 - Ag Issues & Perceptions
 - Ag Sales (Individual)
 - Chapter Program
 - Conduct of Meetings
 - Experience the Action
 - Extemporaneous Speaking
 - FFA Creed Speaking
 - Job Interview
 - Parliamentary Procedure
 - Public Speaking

- J. At the Sub-District and District level, it is permissible to deliver the written materials to the Sub-District Advisor or District Advisor respectively. Written materials will be returned following the respective event and may be revised before the next event. Written materials advancing to the State event must be postmarked to the FFA Enrichment Center seven (7) business days following the District event. Events with written materials include:
- Ag CSI
 - Ag Impact
 - Ag Sales (Individual)
 - Chapter Program
 - Experience the Action
 - Job Interview
 - Public Speaking
- K. No student may participate in more than one LDE/CDE each year at the national level.
- L. Accommodations for participants can be made upon request of the FFA Advisor. The accommodation form must be submitted no less than 14 days prior to the respective event. Any assistance given to a team member from any source other than the LDE officials or assistants will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team from the LDE.
- M. Proctors that are identified for online or virtual components shall have proper credentials to deliver educational programs to youth and shall not have a conflict of interest with participants in the event. The FFA advisor(s) and/or assistant FFA advisor(s) shall not serve as a proctor.
- N. Participants shall not initiate contact with the judges. Doing so will result in a 5% deduction of points. Interactions allowed between the judges and participants are identified in each respective LDE's rules.
- O. Items needed for specific phases of each LDE will be noted under their specific rules.
- P. Participants are expected to observe the National FFA Code of Ethics and the Proper Use of the FFA Jacket during the career development events found in the Official FFA Manual (<https://www.ffa.org/official-manual/>).
- Q. Official FFA dress is expected for all participants when appropriate. If official dress is not appropriate, 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.

III. Holding Room Operating Procedures

- A. Only holding room supervisor(s) and FFA participants are allowed in the holding area while competitive events are in session.
- B. Participants will be escorted to the bathroom by an official FFA student or courtesy corps member. If participants are in procession of electronic storage or transmission devices, participants will hand over technology to student escort during that time.
- C. In case of emergency, the sub-district or district advisor will be notified immediately, as well as the participant's advisor(s) and holding room supervisors.
- D. In the event of an emergency contact which must be made with a participant, the message will be relayed to the participant by means of the holding room supervisor(s), and/or the holding room supervisor accompanying the advisor(s) delivering the message.
- E. In the event that participants are arriving late, the participants will be met at the main entrance of the event and escorted by an event official to the holding room area and immediately check in with the holding room supervisor(s). Allowance of a late arrival is at the discretion of the host advisor.

IV. Judging Results and Awards

- A. All events at sub-district, district and state levels are to be judged on a group ranking basis of Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, and Bronze Emblem. Members placing below the three rankings will be listed as participants. Only if a written rule is violated will a "participation" ranking be given. This will prevent that entry from advancing. If necessary for entry in a regional or national event, one or more of the winners will be selected.
- B. First, second, and third place shall be designated in every event at the state level.
- C. In sub-district, district and state events, effort will be made to secure three (Ag Sales and Job Interview events shall have four) qualified and impartial persons to serve as judges whose decisions shall be final.
- D. Judges:
 - 1. Effort will be made to make the comments of judges on strong and weak features available to all advisors for their participants, after the placings have been made.
 - 2. Of all events should make every effort to supply comments on individuals and team events.
 - 3. Must obtain permission from the LDE Chairperson before issuing a "participation" rating.
- E. The results of all district FFA events will be released only by the District FFA Advisor, upon completion of the events at the district level.

- F. Results of sub-district, district, and state events are to be released to the press and radio services so that parents and others at home may know of the outcome of the FFA events at the earliest opportunity. Release dates should be STRICTLY observed.
- G. All references to awards to be provided by the National FFA Foundation, Inc. or Iowa FFA Foundation, Inc., are tentative, pending final announcement by the organization.
- H. Should an unusual interruption occur while an event is in progress it is expected that good judgment will be exercised in maintaining fairness to all participants.
- I. Officer books advancing to the state level of competition will not be displayed at the district event in order to assist the district advisors in meeting their obligations to preserve the materials for further competition. They will be displayed at the state leadership conference.

V. AFNR Career Cluster Content Standards

AFNR Content Standards are specifically outlined within each respective LDE.

Conduct of Meetings

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I. Overview

This event is intended to develop the skills of young members in properly conducting an FFA meeting. Participants must be FFA members in grades 7-10. This event aids the development of leadership abilities of young members for present and future chapter activities.

This is a Sub-District, District & State Level Event.

II. AFNR Career Cluster Content Standards

CRP.01. Standard: Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.

CRP.01.01. Indicator: Model personal responsibility in the workplace and community.

CRP.01.02. Indicator: Evaluate and consider the near-term and long-term impacts of personal and professional decisions on employers and community before taking action.

CRP.01.03. Indicator: Identify and act upon opportunities for professional and civic service at work and in the community.

CRP.02. Standard: Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.

CRP.02.01. Indicator: Use strategic thinking to connect and apply academic learning, knowledge and skills to solve problems in the workplace and community.

CRP.02.02. Indicator: Use strategic thinking to connect and apply technical concepts to solve problems in the workplace and community.

CRP.04. Standard: Communicate clearly, effectively and with reason.

CRP.04.01. Indicator: Speak using strategies that ensure clarity, logic, purpose and professionalism in formal and informal settings.

CRP.04.02. Indicator: Produce clear, reasoned and coherent written and visual communication in formal and informal settings.

CRP.04.03. Indicator: Model active listening strategies when interacting with others in formal and informal settings.

CRP.05. Standard: Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.

CRP.05.01. Indicator: Assess, identify and synthesize the information and resources needed to make decisions that positively impact the workplace and community.

CRP.05.02. Indicator: Make, defend and evaluate decisions at work and in the community using information about the potential environmental, social and economic impacts.

CRP.06. Standard: Demonstrate creativity and innovation.

CRP.06.01. Indicator: Synthesize information, knowledge and experience to generate original ideas and challenge assumptions in the workplace and community.

CRP.06.02. Indicator: Assess a variety of workplace and community situations to identify ways to add value and improve the efficiency of processes and procedures.

CRP.06.03. Indicator: Create and execute a plan of action to act upon new ideas and introduce innovations to workplace and community organizations.

CRP.07. Standard: Employ valid and reliable research strategies.

CRP.07.01. Indicator: Select and implement reliable research processes and methods to generate data for decision-making in the workplace and community.

CRP.07.02. Indicator: Evaluate the validity of sources and data used when considering the adoption of new technologies, practices and ideas in the workplace and community.

CRP.08. Standard: Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

CRP.08.01. Indicator: Apply reason and logic to evaluate workplace and community situations from multiple perspectives.

CRP.08.02. Indicator: Investigate, prioritize and select solutions to solve problems in the workplace and community.

CRP.08.03. Indicator: Establish plans to solve workplace and community problems and execute them with resiliency.

CRP.09. Standard: Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.

CRP.09.01. Indicator: Model characteristics of ethical and effective leaders in the workplace and community (e.g. integrity, self-awareness, self-regulation, etc.).

CRP.09.02. Indicator: Implement personal management skills to function effectively and efficiently in the workplace (e.g., time management, planning, prioritizing, etc.).

CRP.09.03. Indicator: Demonstrate behaviors that contribute to a positive morale and culture in the workplace and community (e.g., positively influencing others, effectively communicating, etc.).

CRP.10. Standard: Plan education and career path aligned to personal goals.

CRP.10.03. Indicator: Develop relationships with and assimilate input and/or advice from experts (e.g., counselors, mentors, etc.) to plan career and personal goals in a chosen career area.

CRP.10.04. Indicator: Identify, prepare, update and improve the tools and skills necessary to pursue a chosen career path.

CRP.11. Standard: Use technology to enhance productivity.

CRP.11.01. Indicator: Research, select and use new technologies, tools and applications to maximize productivity in the workplace and community.

CRP.11.02. Indicator: Evaluate personal and organizational risks of technology use and take actions to prevent or minimize risks in the workplace and community.

CRP.12. Standard: Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.

CRP.12.01. Indicator: Contribute to team-oriented projects and builds consensus to accomplish results using cultural global competence in the workplace and community.

CRP.12.02. Indicator: Create and implement strategies to engage team members to work toward team and organizational goals in a variety of workplace and community situations (e.g., meetings, presentations, etc.).

III. **Event Rules**

The rules governing Sub-District, District and State events, in addition to general rules for all LDEs, are as follows:

- A. Each team will be composed of seven (7) active members who may **NOT** be past their **sophomore** year in high school. Each team will be organized so that they will have representatives acting as:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Reporter
 - Sentinel
 - Advisor
- The seventh (7th) member will take the part of Chapter Advisor. This member shall accept the role of the Chapter Advisor in an official FFA meeting and will participate in the discussion as an Advisor.
- B. Upon entering the room, the Sentinel will be required to arrange the paraphernalia/equipment for the meeting according to the Official FFA Manual at the Sub-District and District Events. This will be done before other team members proceed to their stations. The Sentinel shall not move or rearrange the tables in the room. The event chairperson will designate the front of the room to the Sentinel.
- C. At the State Event, the paraphernalia/equipment for the meeting will be set up by the event chairperson prior to the first team entering the meeting room.
- D. The team members will open the meeting demonstration with the Official Opening Ceremony as printed in the edition of the Official FFA Manual for the previous school year, will conduct a short demonstration of the two parliamentary procedure abilities and close the meeting with the Official Closing Ceremony.
- E. The demonstration of parliamentary procedure abilities should be limited to the abilities that are assigned. Demonstration of additional abilities will be viewed as a distraction. The "Knowledge of Correct Parliamentary Procedure" will be evaluated by the judges as follows:
 1. First preference to teams that accurately demonstrate the assigned abilities without error.
 2. Next preference to teams that demonstrate the assigned abilities, with errors, but proper corrective action was used (example: rise to a point of order).
 3. Last preference to teams that unnecessarily added abilities beyond the assigned abilities.
- F. Each team will be asked to demonstrate two (2) of the following abilities:
 - To receive and dispose of a main motion
 - To amend a motion
 - To rise to a point of order
 - To refer to a committee
 - Table a motion
 - Division of the assembly
- G. The State event may also include the following abilities in addition to the six listed above.
 - Take a motion from the table
 - To reconsider a motion

- To suspend the rules
 - To postpone definitely
 - To postpone indefinitely
- H. No props are allowed during the event.
- I. The Secretary of each team upon entering the room will pick up two (2) abilities from the table near the door. Included also will be the items of business to demonstrate. **The section of the Opening Ceremony pertaining to the roll call of members will be omitted.** Failure to complete these tasks will result in point deductions. The team will determine the most businesslike method for the presentation of the different abilities.
- J. The item of businesses will be provided, in writing, to each member of the team at the time of demonstration. They will be located on the tables or chairs at the time of the demonstration.
- K. Following the demonstration and questioning period, the Secretary will return the list of abilities and items of business to the table by the door. Also, the Sentinel will return the paraphernalia/equipment to the storage table following the questioning period at the Sub-District and District Events. Points will be deducted if this rule is not followed according to the scoring rubric found in the Scoring Rubrics/Judging Sheets section of this document for this event.
- L. The time for each demonstration will be ten (10) minutes with a warning given after eight (8) minutes have elapsed. The timekeeper will hold up a card with an eight (8) on it. Points will be deducted for presentations exceeding ten (10) minutes (0.1 point per second overtime). Time will start at the rap of the gavel by the team's President.
- M. At the conclusion of the demonstration, the event chairperson will read five (5) questions, without explanation, to each team. Any team member may respond; however, maximum points can only be awarded for team participation. If more than one team member wishes to respond to a specific question, the judges will designate which member to answer first. The previous year's Official FFA Manual and/or the latest edition of the FFA Student Handbook shall be the reference source for questions. If there is a discrepancy between the two references, the Official FFA Manual shall take precedence.
- N. In the Sub-District event, the judges will designate the two (2) highest chapter teams to compete in the District event. In each District, the judges will designate the two (2) highest chapter teams to compete in the State event. The judges at both the Sub-District and District levels shall name an alternate team. The judges at the state level shall rank the top three (3) teams. The top team will compete in the National event. **NOTE: eligibility at the National FFA event is limited to members in grades 7-9 at the time of qualifying.**
- O. There shall be no participation by the audience.

IV. **Resource Information**

Official Parliamentary Procedure Source:

"Dunbar's Parliamentary Procedure Competitive Event Handbook" Product Number "PARL-30" found at: http://pzen.northwest.net/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=41&zenid=07ilk946trhh5pk09ni4pc0lo5

Great Classroom Reference Material:

"Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy" Product Number "PARL-3" found at: http://pzen.northwest.net/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=18

Official FFA Resource:

"Official FFA Manual" found at: <http://shopffa.org/products/126/MANUALS/>
Available on-line: <https://www.ffa.org/about/who-we-are/official-manual>

Secondary FFA Resource:

"FFA Student Handbook" found at: <http://shopffa.org/products/127/HANDBOOKS/>

Suggestions For a Quality Demonstration:

- Members are encouraged to remain at their respective officer stations after the demonstration to answer questions. This allows for easier recognition of members that wish to answer a question as the facilitator of the questions can address the member by their officer position.
- Teams are encouraged, when a question is intended to be answered by multiple members, to start the initial answer with "May we answer this question as a group" and proceed to answer all desired parts of the question from the group without additional acknowledgement.

- Members are encouraged to avoid unnecessary interactions (example: handshakes) with the judges. Judges may have scores and information from other teams in their work area and approaching them can make them uncomfortable.

Questions will be asked from the following sections of the Official FFA Manual

(Page numbers from 2023-2024 version)

- School-Based Agricultural Education Model (2)
- Delivery of The FFA Mission (6-7)
- The FFA Mission and Precepts (8-9)
- FFA Organizational Structure (10)
- Supervised Agricultural Experience (11-13)
- Program of Activities (13-14)
- FFA Traditions (26-34)
- FFA Chapter Operations (47-60)

V. Awards

Sub-District:	Chapters:	FFA Certificate	(Available online)
	Individuals:	FFA Certificates	(Available online)
District:	Chapters:	FFA Certificate	(Available online)
	Individuals:	FFA Certificates	(Available online)
State:	Chapters:	FFA Certificate	(Available online)
	Individuals:	FFA Certificates	(Available online)
	Champion Team:	Plaque	(Awarded on Stage at SLC)
		Cash Award	(Awarded after SLC)
		CDE Pins	(Awarded in Chapter Packet at SLC)
		Travel Money	(Awarded after SLC)
	Reserve Team:	Plaque	(Awarded on Stage at SLC)
		Cash Award	(Awarded after SLC)
	3 rd Place Team:	Plaque	(Awarded on Stage at SLC)

All awards subject to available sponsorship.

VI. Event Hosting Guidelines/Checklists

Needed Materials Checklist:

- ___ Sealed envelope of event abilities, items of business, and questions from the Iowa FFA Association
- ___ Room with an obvious front
- ___ Copies of Opening and Closing Ceremonies for judges
- ___ A chair and small tables for each officer station
- ___ FFA paraphernalia and gavel
- ___ Conduct of Meetings Score Form (1 copy x 3 judges x Total Number of Teams)
- ___ Conduct of Meetings Critique Form on green (1 copy x 3 judges x Total Number of Teams)
- ___ Conduct of Meetings Summary Form on yellow (1 copy)
- ___ 2 Tables for Judges
- ___ 3 Chairs for Judges
- ___ 1 Table by the door for the paraphernalia and list of abilities and items of business
- ___ 3 copies of "FFA Student Handbook", the "Official FFA Manual", and "Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy"
- ___ "8 Minutes" Time Card
- ___ Stopwatch
- ___ Pens/Pencils for Judges

Event Chairperson: Refer to the "Advisor's Handbook" for specific directions.

VII. Event Forms

Judge's Score Form

FFA Conduct of Meetings Event

Judge _____

_____ Sub-District of the _____ District (list)
 _____ District (list)
 _____ Date of Judging

		Demonstration of Opening and Closing Ceremonies	Knowledge of Correct Parliamentary Procedure (demonstrated)	Correct arrangement and return of paraphernalia in meeting room	Poise and Manner	Grammar and Sentence Structure	Voice and Expression	Correct Use of Gavel	Questions Concerning Conduct of Meetings	Deduct .1 point per second over 10 minutes	TOTAL SCORE	Gold Emblem	Silver Emblem	Bronze Emblem	Participation	Advanced to Next Level
	School P.O. (Town)	Members of Team	15	20	5	10	15	10	5	20		100				
1																
2																
3																
4																
5																
6																

FFA Conduct of Meetings Event

Critique Sheet

(Strong, Average, Weak)

Chapter:				Judge:	
Officer	Opening Ceremonies	First Ability	Second Ability	Closing Ceremonies	Answers to Questions
President					
Vice President					
Secretary					
Treasurer					
Reporter					
Sentinel					
Advisor					
Did the Sentinel properly set-up the meeting room?					
Did the Sentinel return the paraphernalia to the table?					
Did the Secretary return the abilities and items of business to the table?					
Did the Advisor refrain from voting?					
Additional Comments:					

Judge's Conduct of Meetings FFA Event Summary

This form is to be used by Event Chairperson to report results of the judging.

Judge Names:

Event: Conduct of Meetings

_____ Sub-District of _____ District

District/State: _____

Date of Event: _____

	School P.O. (Town)	Participant Name	Use letters to indicate ratings G - S - B - P			Total Points	G = Gold	S = Silver	B = Bronze	P = Participation	Advance to Next Event
			Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3						
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											

Event Chairperson: Display this card at 8 minutes.

8 Minutes