



NATIONAL
FFA ORGANIZATION

Idaho General Rules and Regulations

2017-2021

Any career event, which is sponsored in Idaho in the name of the Idaho State FFA Association, whether conducted by chapter, district, state association, fairs, stock shows or any other organization, shall be subject to the following general rules:

1. Each team member will be an active FFA member in good standing.
2. Every CDE participant shall be enrolled in an agricultural education course during the current school year or most recent school year in instances where the school year is over.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the advisor(s) to register each CDE/LDE participant with the University of Idaho, Department of Agricultural Education & Extension Education and/or the Idaho State FFA Office (depending on who is the host organization of the CDE). The advisor(s) shall also ensure that all fees reflect that participants are in as being in good standing. Failure to comply could result in disciplinary action by the Idaho FFA Executive Committee.
4. In a state Career/Leadership Development Event (CDE), an individual may participate as long as eligible or until participant's team has won first place in that CDE, the individual has won first place in the LDE, or the individual has participated in the CDE/LDE at the national level. *Exception: The student from the state winning Meats team who has the DROP score AND does not compete at Nationals is ELIGIBLE to compete at the state contest again.*
5. Use of an ineligible team member will disqualify the entire team from the CDE/LDE in which the violation occurs.
6. Eligibility of an individual will be determined by current membership record as reported to the State Office on the official FFA Membership Roster.
7. Middle school students who meet the qualifications to be FFA members may participate in State Level CDE's/LDE's. Individuals are only allowed to participate in the Creed LDE and Conduct of Meeting LDE one time as either a 7th, 8th, or 9th grader.
8. No alternates will be allowed in the Career Development Events on the state level unless specifically designated by the CDE in question. Any individual may represent his/her chapter as an individual in the CDE if that chapter does not have an official team.
9. Teams winning a state CDE qualify and may participate in a similar National CDE.

10. State career development event rules and their interpretations of the state career development event will be the responsibility of the Idaho FFA Board of Directors.
11. If a participant makes an error in filling out a scorecard so that the placing cannot reasonably be determined, the participant will receive no score for that section of the card involved.
12. All CDE's which require members to qualify at the district level to participate at the state level at Idaho State FFA Leadership Conference will have the top 4 placings awarded plaques.
13. Students are not admitted into the event area until the event has begun. The only advisors allowed into the event prior to the event are the event checkers. Advisors assigned to assist with the event will be allowed in at the discretion of the event superintendent. Advisors and students can review the event after its completion.
14. It is expected that all participants be in complete FFA Official Dress as described in the Official FFA Manual as appropriate for the CDE/LDE in which they are participating.
 - i. Ag Communications
 - ii. Ag Sales
 - iii. Agronomy
 - iv. Chapter Conduct of Meeting
 - v. Creed Speaking
 - vi. Employment Skills
 - vii. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
 - viii. Farm and Agribusiness Management
 - ix. Food Science and Technology
 - x. Marketing Plan
 - xi. Milk Quality Products
 - xii. Parliamentary Procedure
 - xiii. Prepared Public Speaking

For other Career Development Events, modifications of official dress could include black slacks or jeans and appropriate footwear. If the CDE takes place in inclement weather, participants are expected to bring appropriate clothing (poncho, coat, etc.).

- xiv. Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management
- xv. Dairy Cattle Handlers (please see Dairy Cattle Handler rules for specifics)
- xvi. Environmental and Natural Resources
- xvii. Floriculture
- xviii. Forestry

- xix. Horse Evaluation
- xx. Livestock Evaluation
- xxi. Meats Evaluation and Technology
- xxii. Nursery Landscape
- xxiii. Rangeland Assessment
- xxiv. Soils and Land
- xxv. For Agricultural Mechanics, Agricultural Issues, and Veterinary Science
please see event rules for appropriate attire.

15. Ethical procedures and rules to be followed at all CDEs are as follows:
- a. Instructors and participants will not tour livestock barns or other career event areas within one month prior to or during the time career events are held.
 - b. After participants have reported to receive scorecards, advisors will not remain with them or communicate with them until the career event is completed. (For CDEs in which there is an advisors' meeting this rule shall be announced as a reminder.)
 - c. Judges should be careful when making placings so that participants do not see official scorecards or hear them discuss placings.
 - d. There shall be no unnecessary contact by participants or advisors in the career development event area with career development event personnel, judges, scoring personnel or the career development event scoring area until the career development event is over. Automatic disqualification shall result if any of these regulations are violated.
 - e. Schools participating must be accompanied by an instructor or other authorized adult who will be held responsible for the participants' actions while participating in and while traveling to and from the career development events. It is the responsibility of the school to designate an appropriate adult to supervise FFA members participating in CDEs/LDEs. In the event that an FFA Advisor is not in attendance at the state event, the school shall designate their appropriate adult responsible for the participants in writing to be submitted with registration for the CDE/LDE.
 - f. If any member of a team displays inappropriate conduct, that team may be disqualified from any and all career development events in which they were participating. Disciplinary action will be determined by the Discipline Committee (refer to Item m).
 - g. Every effort must be made during the scoring and tabulation of the career development events to ensure accuracy in results. When the results of the career development event results are validated and announced, the official results are final unless successfully appealed (see Idaho FFA Association Appeals Policy at the end of the General Rules).

- h. No instructor, except career development event checkers, is privileged to dispute or argue with officials regarding placings or setting up of career development events. Such conduct will eliminate their teams from the State Career Development Events. (For CDEs in which there is an advisors' meeting this rule shall be announced as a reminder.)
- i. Advisors and students are not allowed in any Career Development Event prior to the CDE beginning, except for event checkers. Failure to comply may result in chapter disqualification.
- j. In case of a tie for any award in a career development event, tiebreakers will be designated in the official CDE Rules. In the event that a tiebreaker is not designated in the rules, a series of three classes will be designated as tiebreakers by the official judge. The tie is broken as soon as a difference is perceived.
- k. Superintendents will select the tie breakers in the Career Development Event if there is not a designated tie breaker in the rules prior to the CDE beginning.
- l. Agricultural education instructors may appropriately discipline any FFA member causing a disturbance.
- m. A discipline committee to handle disciplinary action of FFA members and advisors will be composed of 20 members and a chairperson. This committee will include the ten district advisors, the ten district FFA presidents and the current IVATA President or his/her designated representative, who will act as chairman. To function, there must be a quorum of ten members present. The committee will serve for one year only and be replaced by new members as indicated above.
- n. Those chapters on campus will be housed together by districts in university dormitories to allow more supervision while at Moscow for State FFA Career Development Events.
- o. Line up time will be 15 – 30 minutes prior to the official CDE starting time depending on the career development event. Advisors will be notified of line up times in registration materials for state events and finalized at the instructor meeting in Moscow.
- p. Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in any CDE. If electronic devices are seen, the student's cards are collected and the student receives a no score. In CDEs without cards a student is subject to disqualification and a no score when inappropriately using an electronic device. Non-programmable calculators are permitted in specific Career Development Events only when allowed by specific CDE's. Watches may be used for timing in Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Prepared Public Speaking.

- q. Advisors are discouraged from using cell phones during CDE's, except in the case of an emergency.
 - r. An FFA member cannot begin to compete in a CDE/LDE and return to compete in that CDE/LDE. Once a student begins the competition they must complete the competition at that time or forfeit their score.
16. A camera-ready copy of all official scorecards and scantron sheets (as applicable) will be included in the rules section for each event.
 17. It is the responsibility of the FFA participant's advisor to select an agriculture teacher from another chapter as a judge for the State Level LDE including; prepared public speaking, extemporaneous public speaking, creed speaking, and parliamentary procedure, and conduct of meeting. If the judge is not in attendance, every attempt will be made to have the participant's advisor select another judge for the event. If that is impossible, a selection of a judge will be made by the event coordinator and voted on by the judges in attendance.
 18. All participants in CDEs on the University of Idaho campus must invest in the campus insurance program for that year. Members who fail to do so will not be allowed to participate.
 19. Idaho State FFA Association Career Development Events Rules and Regulations (revised 2016) will be in effect for the career development events held in the years 2018-2022.
 20. The National FFA Poultry CDE is not conducted in Idaho nor is a similar event. FFA chapters in good standing have an opportunity to declare their interest to participate in the National FFA Poultry CDE by March 1st. Declaration of intent shall be directed to the State FFA Office. It will be the responsibility of the advisor(s) who have declared an interest to plan and carry out a qualifying activity to determine the state representative if more than one chapter declares their interest. Team members will be subject to the same general rules and regulations that apply to the other CDEs.
 21. FFA members with current documented disabilities and or individualized education plans are eligible for accommodations commensurate with their documented disability. It is the responsibility of the FFA advisor and local chapter to make arrangements to provide appropriate accommodations. CDE/LDE superintendents, official judges, and CDE/LDE checkers will be made aware of students requiring accommodations prior to the start of a CDE. The request for accommodations form can be downloaded at www.idahoffa.org under advisor, student conference registration, obtained by e-mailing the Idaho FFA Executive Director. It may also be found at the end of the General Rules and Regulations.

22. All state CDEs require advanced registration and most require fees paid to participate. Chapters that fail to meet the advanced registration deadline may not be allowed to participate due to a lack of supplies, space, or other criteria as identified by the State FFA Office and/or CDE superintendent.
23. During an official State FFA Career Development Event, once the CDE/LDE has officially begun, teams that have not arrived for the event will not be allowed to participate. Under extenuating circumstances, the State FFA Advisor and/or CDE/LDE superintendent may allow the late team to participate. To be considered eligible for participating in the CDE/LDE after it has started; the chapter advisor must have established contact with the State FFA Advisor and/or CDE/LDE superintendent requesting a late start prior to arrival at the event. Allowing a team to start late is at the discretion of the CDE/LDE superintendent and/or State FFA Advisor.
24. Event checkers, where applicable, will be assigned to CDE's/LDE's to help insure that the CDE/LDE is set up and followed through according to the current rules and standards. The event checkers will be assigned based upon knowledge of the event and past performance in the event. The event should have 3 checkers so as to provide an odd number to make a decision. The event checkers should be chosen from Agriculture Instructors who coached a team in the top seven the previous year. It is the responsibility of the event checkers to go through the contest prior to students participating. They are to evaluate the contest for its compliance to the rules, fairness of prepared samples, resources used, and to insure that scantron sheets are filled in according to the official placings. If a discrepancy occurs, then the event checkers should work with the event superintendent to rectify the situation by either fixing the issue or pull that section from event.
25. In events that require oral reasons, between four and six students will be assigned to give reasons to the judges prior to the start of the CDE. Oral reason calibrators are nominated by their chapter advisors and selected in cooperation with the CDE superintendent. Reasons calibrators cannot be an official team member or have any contact with chapter members or FFA Advisor between giving reasons and the start of the CDE.

26. Each team will be composed of the *maximum* number of members as indicated below.

Agricultural Communications CDE	4	Floriculture CDE	4
Agricultural Mechanics CDE	4	Food Science and Technology CDE	4
Agricultural Issues CDE	3-7	Forestry CDE	4
Agricultural Sales CDE	4	Horse Evaluation CDE	4
Agronomy CDE	4	Livestock Evaluation CDE	4
Creed Speaking CDE	1	Marketing Plan CDE	3
Conduct of Chapter Meetings CDE	7	Meats Technology CDE	4
Dairy Cattle CDE	4	Milk Quality Products CDE	4
Dairy Handlers CDE	1	Nursery and Landscape CDE	4
Employment Skills CDE	1	Parliamentary Procedure CDE	6
Environmental/Natural Resources CDE	4	Prepared Public Speaking CDE	1
Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE	1	Rangeland Assessment CDE	4
Farm and Agribusiness Management CDE	4	Reporter's Scrapbook CDE	N/A
		Soil and Land	5

Idaho FFA Association Career Development Events Appeals Process

1. An intent to file an appeal must be submitted in writing (e-mail or hard copy) to the Idaho State FFA Advisor within 24 hours of the event in question or the announcement of the results in question.
2. A complete written appeal must be submitted within five working days to the Idaho State FFA Advisor outlining the details of the appeal and desired outcome. ***All written appeals must be accompanied by a \$50.00 appeal fee to be considered.*** If the appeal is granted, the \$50 will be returned to the appealing chapter/program. If the appeal is denied, the \$50 fee will revert to the Idaho Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (IVATA).
3. Once the written appeal request and \$50 fee is received by the Idaho State FFA Advisor, the IATA Officers and District Directors will be contacted for input regarding the situation. A meeting or video conference will be called if possible, but input via e-mail will be taken as well. If one of the teachers listed above is involved in the dispute, the FFA district will select another teacher to represent the district in the appeal process so that all districts are represented.
4. After discussion through one of the media stated above has taken place, the Idaho State FFA Advisor will take a vote of the committee on the appeal request. Appeals receiving a majority vote will be upheld. Appeals not receiving a majority vote will be denied.
5. The decision of the committee will be made in a timely manner as to best benefit the students and programs involved.
6. The decision of the committee will be final.

IDAHO STATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION

The following information is required if there is a student that plans to participate in an Idaho State FFA Career Development Event or Idaho FFA conference/program and wishes accommodation for a disability or special health need such as allergies to food or products commonly used in the CDE in which the student is participating.

If this request for accommodation affects a local/district level event, necessary persons will be notified as appropriate. This information will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only to process services for participants needing special needs assistance.

Please complete the following information and send in this form to the Idaho State FFA Advisor with at least one month prior notice so that accommodations may be confirmed and planned for by the CDE Superintendent. This information will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only to process services for participants needing assistance with either special needs or special health accommodations. **The Idaho FFA Association may request further documentation on the participant's special needs or special health request upon receipt of this application. This requested documentation may include verification from the school district that the requested accommodations align with district 504, IEP or doctor notice regarding issues in question.**

Student Name:	Home Address:
Parent Name(s):	Home City, State, Zip:
Parent Phone:	Chapter Advisor:
Parent Contact Email:	Chapter Name:
Chapter Address:	Chapter City, State, Zip:
Chapter Contact Phone:	Chapter Contact Email:
CDE or Event of Participation:	

Description of Special Needs or Special Health Accommodations Requested

Specific Special Needs or Special Health Issues:

Please describe the limiting nature of the special need or special health issue and the accommodations being requested:

Signature and Submission

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Authorized State Staff Approval and Date: _____

***Submit this completed form one month prior to the event of participation to
State FFA Advisor.***

**This is only an application for assistance. Additional formal documentation may be requested
after the application is received by the State FFA Advisor.**