

## EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT Rules for the State FFA Event

### **Sponsor**

The North Carolina Farm Bureau currently sponsors this event.

### **State Event Superintendent**

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### **Eligibility and General Guidelines**

This event is open to all FFA chapters and FFA members in good standing. The event will be open only to students who are active FFA members and who are currently enrolled in agricultural education. Members winning a previous state event in this area or that have participated in a previous national event in this area are ineligible.

The use of cellular phones, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's) or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule will result in total disqualification.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total disqualification for that event.

At the North Carolina FFA State Convention, members may participate in only one career development event with the exceptions of Creed and Parliamentary Procedure or Prepared Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

### **State Career Development Event Participation**

The appropriate numbers of participants based on event involvement from each region are eligible to compete in the state career development event. Individuals advancing to state event participation must be certified by the regional FFA advisor.

### **Procedures for Administering the Event**

- A. The event should be conducted on federation, region, state, and national levels.
- B. The participant may take advantage of all available training facilities and personnel in their local school and community in developing their speaking ability.
- C. Each speech should be the result of the contestant's own efforts using approved reference materials provided by the contestant.
- D. Uniform note cards will be provided for each contestant.

- E. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30-minute preparation time.
- F. Reference material must be screened by an event official and must be printed material such as books or magazines.
- G. Reference materials must be limited to five items. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain no more than 100 single added pages or 50 pages double-sided numbered consecutively (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use during this event).
- H. Reference materials cannot contain notes or speeches prepared in advance by the contestant or by another person for the sole purpose of use in the contest.
- I. Participants will draw to determine the order of speaking. Participants will draw topics and be admitted to the preparation room in the same order that they have drawn to speak.
- J. Participants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15-minute intervals because preparation time is 30 minutes and speaking and questioning time is approximately 15 minutes. Each participant will have exactly 30 minutes to prepare their speech on their topic.
- K. The participant will introduce himself/herself to the judges by name and chapter.
- L. Participants will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but points may be deducted if this detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation.
- M. Subjects and Topics – Twelve topics shall be prepared by the event superintendent and will include three each from the following categories: a) agriscience and technology, b) agrimarketing and international agricultural relations, c) food and fiber systems, and d) urban agriculture. The topics will be written or typed on uniform cards. These topic cards will then be placed in one (1) container. At the proper time, a contestant will draw three topic cards. After choosing the topic to be used, the contestant will return all three cards to the container. This procedure will be followed for each subsequent participant. When flighting this event becomes necessary, a participant may not speak on the same topic more than once.
- N. Method of Selecting Winner - Three competent and impartial judges will be selected to judge career development events at all levels of competition. At least one of the judges should have an agricultural background. Judges will formulate and ask questions pertaining directly to the participant's speech (at all levels of competition). The full 5 minutes for questions should be used. Judges will score participants on the National Extemporaneous Speaking Event Score Sheet. Each judge will individually score and rank all participants. The ranking of the judges will be given to the event director, who will compile rankings and determine winner(s) based on low score values. That is, a speaker ranked number one by a judge receives one point, or two points for a second place ranking, etc.
- O. Time Limit – Each speech shall be no less than four or more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by judges. Participants are to be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being over six minutes and under four minutes. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep note of their time.
- P. At the state event, flighting of the teams will occur on the morning of the event.

### **Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied**

In the case of a tie, the individual raw scores will be added and the high scorer will be the winner.

## **Dress Code**

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. A ten percent reduction in the total score will be taken if a participant violates the dress code. For this event, participants must wear official dress as described in the FFA manual. For male members: black slacks, white collared shirt, official FFA tie, black dress shoes, black socks, and an official FFA jacket zipped up to the top. For female members: black skirt, white collared blouse, official FFA blue scarf, black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe, black nylon hosiery, an official FFA jacket zipped to the top. (Special Note: The skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than two inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat. Black slacks may be appropriate for traveling and outdoor activities.)

## **State Awards**

The following awards will be presented annually at the state FFA convention provided sponsorship is available:

State Winner	\$500 and first place plaque
Second Place	Second place plaque
Third Place	Third place plaque

## **National Career Development Event Participation**

The state winner will advance to national career development event participation and will be automatically registered for the national event. It is the responsibility of the Chapter FFA Advisor to complete all necessary national certification forms and return them to the State FFA Coordinator by the assigned due date.

State winning CDE Teams that choose not to participate at the national level should contact the state office by Sept 1 prior to national convention. Teams that fail to inform the state office prior to Sept 1 will be ineligible to participate in that same CDE for the next year (chapters may appeal to the State FFA Board of Directors). Teams that do not compete at the National Convention will be required to pay back the \$500 travel award.

## **Bibliography**

Official FFA Manual

National FFA Career Development Events Handbook

## **Supplemental Information**

Extemporaneous Public Speaking participants may only be involved in this event at the state level. (An exception may be made at the Federation and/or Regional Levels if agreed upon in advance by the FFA advisors on those levels.)

