

FFA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

General Leadership Development Event Rules

1. Contestants must be active FFA members and enrolled in high school grades 9-12.
2. **An individual student cannot participate in state LDE's or CDE's that are scheduled to compete at the same time. Please check the schedule carefully.**
3. The number of entries per district in each event is listed in the Guidelines under Allocation of Teams.
4. Ties will be broken following the national rules. Tie breaker rules are as follows: 1) Add judges ranking – lowest ranking; 2) If lowest rank value is a tie go to greatest number of lowest ranks; 3) If greatest number of lowest ranks is a tie then rank of judges score on response to questions; 4) If the greatest number of lowest ranks on response to questions is a tie to use total raw score.
5. All contestants in the FFA Leadership Development Events must wear Official FFA Dress, as identified in the current FFA Manual. Members may also wear black boots instead of shoes. Members will be checked for Official Dress by physical sight by the judge while the member is standing vertically at the time of check. **In Parliamentary Procedure and Conduct of Chapter Meeting any team with a member not in Official FFA Dress during any part of the event will result in a 10 point deduction per infraction from the total team score, with a maximum of 100 points total deduction..** In other Leadership events ten percent of the contestant's score will be deducted for any member not in Official FFA Dress.

*****Note: Contestant in the Agricultural Issues Forum CDE are not required to wear Official FFA Dress for competition.**
6. Contestants in **any** FFA LDE will **not** be allowed to hear or view other contestants or teams before or after their own presentation.
7. There will be no videoing of students competing in LDE or CDE's .
8. A member who has competed in a Leadership Development Event on the state level will not be eligible to compete in the same event again
9. Note cards and manuscripts are allowed and not considered props in any prepared speaking event. Their use may affect scoring in the sections of the score card title Stage Presence and Power of Expression.
10. **In order to advance to the Final Round in any FFA Leadership Contest, the participant must be present at the time the results of the preliminary rounds are announced.**

11. The following scoring procedure will be used in the Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, FFA Creed Speaking, and Parliamentary Procedure Contest:
 - a. When all contestants/teams have finished, each judge will total the score for each contestant/team. The timekeeper will record and present to each judge the contestant's time. The timekeepers' record will be used in computing the final score for each contestant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to the officials to determine final ratings of contestants/teams.
 - b. Contestants/teams shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of final score to be determined by each judge **without consultation with each other**. The judges' ranking for each contestant shall be added together. The winner will be the contestant whose total of the judges' rankings is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner (low ranking score method of selection). In case of a tie, that individual/team who has the highest ranking by judges will win (head to head comparison based on rank of the tied individual/team).
12. Contestants are not allowed to enter any event area or holding room with reference materials or notes except where noted in the specific event rules. **(See individual event rules regarding clean paper, clipboards, steno-pad, the use of tools, equipment, calculators, appropriate clothing, etc. in each event)**.
13. **Students should not have any cell phones or other electronic communication devices including Apple watches, Fitbits, or any other electronic device that can send or receive communications. If a phone or watch goes off during the event, they will be disqualified. Please give any electronics to your instructor or power them completely down and keep them out of sight. You must remove any smart watches from your wrists. If a student has a phone as part of their medical device, please instruct them to turn it on vibrate and if they need it during the event, please let a proctor know.**
EXCEPTION: Ag Issues & Ag Sales may use laptops as part of their presentation.
14. No Advisors, Coaches, Student Teachers or Alternate team members are allowed in the holding room once the event begins. Also, the advisor shall not consult with the team after the event begins. If facilities are not applicable it is the superintendent's discretion to enforce.
15. If a judges need scoring or any other clarification during an event, State Staff will be contacted to address their questions prior to any action being taken.
16. Appeals of event results should be made to the DESE Director of Agricultural Education by 5 pm Tuesday following the closing of the State FFA Convention. Appeals Committee will also include the DESE Director of Agricultural Education, MVATA FFA Relations-Contest Advisory Committee Chair, and the LDE Superintendent. An appeal must be related to the scoring of the event and any teacher involved with the appeal must have had students competing in the specific event. The teacher filing an appeal will have the opportunity to address the Appeals Committee. After filing an appeal the teacher appealing must leave the meeting and will **not** be allowed to vote.

EXAMPLE:

Individuals/Teams were placed by three judges.

INDIVIDUALS/TEAMS:	I	II	III
Judge 1 ranked them:	2	3	1
Judge 2 ranked them:	3	1	2
<u>Judge 3 ranked them:</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	7	7	4

Individual/Team III is the winner.

Individuals/Teams I and II go head to head and their scores would be:

INDIVIDUALS/TEAMS:	I	II
Judge 1 ranked them:	1	2
Judge 2 ranked them:	2	1
<u>Judge 3 ranked them:</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	4	5

Team/Individual I would be the winner in the head to head scoring.

Special Note:

- A. The rules above are for the State Events. They should serve as an excellent guide for Area and District FFA LDE's.
- B. Sample score cards for each of the FFA Leadership Development Events are found in this CDE Handbook.

FFA Leadership Awards

- A. **Parliamentary Procedure, Conduct of Chapter Meeting, and Ag Issues Forum**: A state award plaque will be presented to the top **six** ranking teams. **Group I medals for each competing member of the top six ranking teams in the state LDE will be given.**
- B. **Prepared Public Speaking – Advanced Division**: A state award plaque will be presented to the top **six** winners of the state LDE. The state winner also receives a certificate and a \$100 check*. All state public speaking contestants will receive a state award medal.
- C. **Prepared Public Speaking – Division I & II**: A state award plaque will be presented to the top **six** winners of the state LDE. All state public speaking contestants will receive a state award medal.
- D. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**: (same as Prepared Public Speaking –Advanced Division).
- E. **FFA Creed Speaking**: A state award plaque will be presented to the top **six** winners in the state LDE. All state FFA Creed speaking contestants will receive a state award medal.
- F. **Employment Interview**: A state award plaque will be presented to the top six winners in the state LDE. All state participants will receive a state award medal.
- G. **FFA Knowledge**: A state award plaque will be awarded to the top **six** teams. A gold award medal will be available for the Group I individuals. Top individuals will receive Bailey Memorial Camp Scholarships.
- H. **Book Leadership Development Events**: All first place area award winners displaying their books at the state convention will receive a Group I state award medal. Only one medal per book will be awarded except for scrapbooks. Scrapbooks may receive a maximum of two award medals if two reporters are listed.
- I. **Chapter Activity Awards**: The top ten percent (10%) of the total number of FFA Chapters in the state will receive a special award plaque.
- J. **Star Farmer, Star Agribusiness, Star Agri-Science & Star Placement Awards**: One star state award and 15 star area awards will be presented to the top ranking State Farmers in production agriculture, agribusiness & placement activities. Star state award winners also receive a certificate and a \$200 check*.
- K. **Agricultural Proficiency Awards**: Area award plaques will be awarded to the area winners in each category. The area winners will be recognized at the State FFA Convention. The 1st place state winner will receive a certificate, a state award plaque, and a \$200 check*. Dollar amounts may vary by the cash amounts available from the National FFA Foundation.

*Awards sponsored by the National FFA Foundation and are subject to change based on sponsorship.