

FFA Career Development Events

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In Cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Education

General Rules and Regulations

1. All teams must pre-register prior to the event. The pre-registration deadline date is posted in the Calendar of Events.
2. Registration must be completed for each individual and team participating in New Jersey FFA Career Development Events.
3. NO alternate teams or team members will judge or compete at state level competition, unless otherwise stated in the Career Development Announcement. Only students who are competing should be at the event.
4. All students attending must be members of a competing team. Since teachers will be assigned to assist at various Career Development Events, they will work together to supervise students throughout the day.
5. Teachers will be assigned to assist at various Career Development Events. Names and Career Development Events are rotated so teachers have the opportunity to view different Events. Assignments are published in the Career Development Event Announcement and confirmed through e-mail.
6. A registration fee is assessed for each Career Development Event a school/chapter enters. Payment is due at registration. Registration fees are used to pay Career Development Event expenses and to provide awards. Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey.
7. The school with the highest team score or combined score of the highest individuals (except *Dairy Foods*: low score wins the event) will have the opportunity to represent New Jersey in regional competition at the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts, held annually in September and in national competition at the National FFA Convention held annually in October. Please see the list of Career Development Events below for the number of participants allowed per team and the number of scores for team totals.
8. Members of a first place team in a New Jersey FFA State Career Development Event may not compete in that particular New Jersey FFA Career Development Event again.
9. Only dues-paid members of chartered chapters in good standing may be certified to compete for recognition and further competition. Non-members and non-chartered chapters/schools may participate but are not eligible for trips, trophies, certificates, medals, and banners. Entry fees may be higher for non-members.
10. The H.O. Sampson Award program seeks to recognize chapters for their FFA event and career development participation, between May 1 and April 30. Chapters are recognized with a gold, silver or bronze ranking.

Career Development Event

Number of

Number of Scores

	Participants Allowed Per Team	for Team Totals
<i>FALL EVENTS</i>		
Dairy Foods**	4	Top 3 Scores
Fruits and Vegetables	4	Top 3 Scores
Land Judging	4	Top 3 Scores
Turf Management	4	Top 3 Scores
<i>SPRING EVENTS</i>		
Agricultural Mechanics**	4	Top 3 Scores
Floriculture**	4	4
Nursery/Landscape**	4	Top 3 Scores
Environmental and Natural Resources**	4	4
Agricultural Sales**	4	4
<i>STATE CONVENTION EVENTS</i>		
Parliamentary Procedure**	6	Team Score
Agricultural Issues**	3-7	Team Score
Creed Speaking**	1	N/A
6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking**	1	N/A
3-5 Minute Prepared Public Speaking	1	N/A
Extemporaneous Public Speaking**	1	N/A
Job Interview**	1	N/A
Official Ceremonies	8	Team Score
<i>SUMMER EVENTS</i>		
Poultry Judging**	4	Top 3 Scores
Horse Judging**	4	Top 3 Scores
Dairy Handler**	1	N/A
<i>ADDITIONAL EVENTS</i>		
Agricultural Business Management**	4	Top 3 Scores
Floral Design	4	Top 3 Scores
Dairy Cattle**	4	Top 3 Scores
Livestock**	4	Top 3 Scores
Agriscience Fair*	1-2	Individual and Team Event

11. ** Career Development Events that advance to national competition are conducted using guidelines in the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#). *Agriscience Fair is conducted using the guidelines in the [National FFA Agriscience Handbook](#). Other Career Development Events not marked are New Jersey Career Development Events. Consult the [State Activity Guide](#) for event summaries on each Career Development Event. No further competition is available for New Jersey Career Development Events, with the exception of Land Judging (Oklahoma competition).
12. Official teams must be at Career Development Event location at the starting time. Teams who arrive late will be disqualified at the discretion of the CDE Coordinator.
13. No individuals from the same school/chapter shall talk, confer or judge together. Penalty will be the loss of score for that section of the Career Development Event. If the situation continues, the individuals will be disqualified.
14. All individuals participating will judge in a cooperative manner and will follow the rules set forth by the Career Development Event chairperson.

15. No school/teacher will use the Cook College Campus, the College Farm at New Brunswick, Delaware Valley College, or any other Career Development site for the training of teams. Penalty will be disqualification.
16. Awards for the state Career Development Events will be as follows:
 - A. The top 3 individuals in overall scores will receive the following:

1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal
 - B. The top five individuals in "Practicum" portions of Career Development Events will receive Certificates of Achievement.

Overall standings refer to the total score each student achieves on each Career Development Event section. Practicum standings refer to the total of the hands-on sections.

Competency Testing

1. The Nursery & Landscape Career Development Event will count as the completer exam for the occupation of "Landscape Technician". The Floriculture Career Development Event will count as the completer exam for the occupation of "Nursery Worker/Greenhouse Technician".
2. A school who elects to use either the Nursery & Landscape or the Floriculture Career Development Event as their competency exam may register any number of students to take the exam at the Career Development Event. Only (4) four members may register to compete as the official FFA team at the Career Development Event.
3. Only members of the NJ FFA Association and the National FFA Organization will pay the current cost of registration for the Career Development Events in order to register for the completer exam.
4. Students who are not members of the NJ FFA Association and the National FFA Organization will pay \$25 to register for the completer exam.
5. Students taking the exam must indicate on scorecards, tests, answer sheet, and other forms if they are a completer.
6. Those students registered for the competency exams cannot be replaced by substitutions. Each student registered is responsible for attending and participating in the exam. The entry fees of any registered student not present at the exam will not be refunded to the school. Any registered student who does not take this exam must take another exam at the expense and time of the sending district.
7. Special needs students taking the exam are to be treated no differently from other students during the exam, unless the I.E.P.s state otherwise. When the mean is developed from an exam, those scores of special needs students may be dropped. The scores of special needs students may be dropped from the school's average, as well. Extra time will not be allowed for completion of the event.
8. Each school will receive a list of their students' scores. The scoring of the exam will in no way affect or be affected by the scoring of the competition.

Post-Secondary Agricultural Education Division

1. A separate division of all events held during the Fall and Spring Career Development Events will be open for dues paid Post-Secondary FFA members.
2. Post-Secondary FFA members must be current students of agricultural education in a recognized New Jersey secondary school agricultural education program that has an FFA chapter in good standing with the NJ FFA Association.

3. Competitors in the "Post-Secondary Division" may compete on an individual basis only. There will be no teams. A school may have up to four post secondary FFA members competing in one event.
4. The placing of the "Post-Secondary Division" will be ranked and posted separately from the general membership placing. This prevents competition between classes. The placing in this division will have no bearing on the selection for teams competing at the Regional and National levels. State events are the highest level that post-secondary FFA members of the NJ FFA Association may compete as FFA Members.
5. Post-Secondary FFA members who wish to compete in any CDE must register on a form separate from the general membership.
6. Post-Secondary FFA members competing in a Career Development Event must wear clothing appropriate for the career that the event models.
7. All CDE results will be published at the same time. The first place individual in the "Post-Secondary Division" will be recognized at the NJ FFA State Convention with a certificate.

Assistance for a Career Development Event

If a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) indicates a need for assistance during a career development event, the school is responsible for providing the reader or scribe. Please identify the name of the student, their need, and the name of the assistant in your registration e-mail.

The following types of assistance will be allowed, if indicated in an IEP:

- Reader - The reader will assist a student by reading out loud to them any written instructions for the CDE, exam questions, etc. without providing any interpretation of the questions/information or helping that student come a conclusion.
- Scribe - The scribe will provide assistance to a student by writing down information such as the answer to a question. The scribe will not provide a student with direction or additional information that would help that student solve a problem or come to a conclusion.

In order to conduct a state level career development event efficiently, **no additional time will be provided** to a student to complete portions of that career development event.

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