SECTION Ihigh
GENERAL ELIGIBILITY AND RULES

REGISTRATION

1. **Registration for all events will open August 1 and will close 2 weeks prior to each event.** Chapters will have 48 hours after registration closes to register with a penalty of $100 charged to the chapter for each team registered. After the 48 hour period no additional teams will be allowed to register.

2. Submission of Team Member names will be due 5 business days prior to an event. Failure to submit names by the deadline will result in a disqualification of the team. Membership & Participation Waivers must be completed by the deadline or a $20 fee will be assessed.

3. Chapters can substitute student team members, but must make changes in AET 24 hours prior to the event start time. In an emergency situation where 24 hours was not available, advisors should contact state staff prior to arrival at the event.

4. Each chapter entering a team or individual is asked to certify, and have available, one advisor or approved adult to assist in the CDE in which the team or individual will participate.

ELIGIBILITY STUDENT CONTESTANTS

1. The student contestant must be a dues paid FFA member in good standing with the local chapter, state association and the National Organization at the time of his or her participation.

2. The student contestant, at the time of his or her participation, must be: (I) an eligible middle school (7th and 8th grade) or high school student (9-12). A graduating senior is considered eligible to compete in state and national contests up to and including the first National FFA Convention following high school graduation. (2) Enrolled in at least one agriculture education course with a supervised experience program, the objective of which is the establishment in an agricultural occupation.

3. If a member has competed in a National Event, they are no longer eligible to compete at the state level in any event in which they compete at nationals.

4. The chapter FFA advisor must certify that contestants are eligible. IF AN INELIGIBLE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN ANY CDE, THE STUDENT AND TEAM, OF WHICH THAT STUDENT IS A MEMBER, SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.

GENERAL RULES

1. Each chartered FFA chapter in good standing with the State Association is eligible to enter a maximum of two (2) five (5) member teams**)** in each state career development event. Each advisor must designate one team as the "A" team, the other designated as the "B" team. The "B" team members are only eligible for individual awards.

2. B team banners will be provided for each state level CDE that allows 2 teams per chapter to participate. In order to receive a B team banner, a team must be complete and have all team member positions filled.

3. All participants shall be in official FFA dress in each event, unless specifically stated in event specific rules.

4. Any participant in possession of an electronic device (including a cell phone or smart watch) during an event, is subject to disqualification.

5. All participants, advisors, chaperones, and event volunteers must follow and abide by the Oregon FFA Honesty & Integrity policy.

6. District, Sectional & State levels of Creed Speaking, Beginning Public Speaking, Sophomore Public Speaking, Advanced Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, and Parliamentary Procedure events will be open to the public.

7. Contestants will report to the CDE event site in question in advance of the CDE start time. This is determined by the individual Career Development Event. Late teams will not be allowed to participate.

8. All state level tests will come from the last three years of national tests (unless otherwise specified in event rules) as available when the CDE manual is published.

9. Any communication between contestants during a CDE will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team(s) or individual involved from the CDE.

10. Any assistance given to a team member from any source during a CDE will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team and individual from the CDE.

11. Advisors are not allowed to coach, prompt or give direction to the student in any form once an event has started.

12. Advisors are not to interact with judges prior to, during or following the event. Any violation of this could result in forfeiture of team placing and future involvement. Any questions can be brought to Oregon FFA State Staff for answers.

13. Contestants are urged to bring and use clipboards during judging CDE's to facilitate the holding of placing and grading cards. The clipboards are to be clean and free of markings. A few sheets of blank paper will also be permitted for taking notes and recording the contestant placing; however, these sheets will not be allowed when giving reasons.

TABULATION & RESULTS

1. No corrections and/or changes to student judging cards or scorecards once the card leaves the students possession will be allowed.

2. **NO TEAM** shall practice with an official CDE judge or host30 days or less before the State Career Development event occurs.

3. In the event of an outside host does not provide event officials a three-member officiating committee will be utilized. The officiating committed will be appointed by the

state staff overseeing the event. The committee will act jointly and impartially in administering and scoring the contest.

4. **Availability of Scores and Materials**
   - **a.** State CDE/LDE events, score sheets, tabulation spreadsheets, and answer keys will be made available for advisors review throughout the day of the event and prior to the announcement of final banner placings when feasible.
   - **b.** This review process is intended to allow advisors the opportunity to identify mathematical, tabulation, or scoring discrepancies before results are finalized.
   - **c.** Exceptions to this review process include those that are scored by the Chico State System and/or are single component events:
   - **d.** For events utilizing ranked scorecards or mathematical tabulations, the scores of the top four (4) teams shall be double-checked for computational accuracy by two evaluators prior to the release of final results.

5. **Official Review Period**
   - **a.** Staff shall determine the time and location for advisor review of scores and materials. 30 minutes will be allowed for review after all scores have been inputted.
   - **b.** All discrepancies, concerns, or protests must be addressed during the official review period and prior to the announcement and distribution of banners or awards.
   - **c.** Once banners or awards have been distributed, results shall be considered final and no further protests will be accepted.

6. State FFA Event Staff in cooperation with the event host and/or superintendent will have the right to make any adjustments to the State Event to ensure that an effect and proper event takes place. Any changes to the events will be discussed at the orientation meeting.

7. State FFA Event Staff may make modifications, due to unforeseen circumstances; to a state career development event with the CDE remaining a state recognized CDE. Notification of CDE changes will be announced immediately prior to the state CDE or earlier if possible.

8. District contests shall be held under the jurisdiction of the district advisor. The district advisor is responsible for the organization, conduct, and selection of impartial judges for the CDE as agreed upon by the advisors of the district.

STATE & SECTIONAL CDE AWARDS

Appropriate awards for winning teams and individuals shall be provided by the Oregon FFA Association or approved sponsors.

SECTIONAL EVENTS

1. Sectional events shall follow the format and/or regulations as established for the state event. Sectional contests shall be held under the jurisdiction of the three district advisors. The district advisors are responsible for organization, conduct, and selection of impartial judges for the contests. State staff will oversee the event and communicate

with judges as well as handle registration and day of tabulation of results.

2. The entries in each sectional CDE shall be limited to two representatives from each district, or as specified by sectional rules, and certified by the district advisor. Three representatives will be allowed to go to a sectional CDE in leadership events where nine or more chapters compete at the district level.

3. The district advisors of a section will establish a rotation of the coordination and hosting responsibilities for sectional contests. The hosting responsibilities of the district advisors would include the information listed previously.

4. Districts may establish additional rules and qualifications for a CDE as long as the district representatives to the next level of participation meet the qualifications and limitations as outlined in the state CDE rules.

5. Creed Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, and Prepared Public Speaking CDE contestants AND Conduct of Chapter Meeting & Parliamentary Procedure teams must go through an elimination process starting at the district level. Each district may submit the top two (2) contestants/team to the sectional CDE. Three (3) contestants will be allowed to go to a sectional CDE in leadership events where nine or more chapters compete at the district level.

6. The top two (2) sectional CDE winners will compete in the state CDE at the State FFA Convention. If there are seven (7) or more participants in a sectional LDE then the section can send three (3) to the state event.

7. There will be two advisor coordinators (preferably from different districts) assigned to each event to prepare judges and make sure the event is coordinated correctly and to deliver results back to state staff. Sectional event judges are not FFA current advisors except for Parli and CCM. In an emergency situation an advisor could fill in if needed

SELECTION OF STATE TEAM TO NATIONALS

The winning team in each state CDE will be eligible to represent the state in the National Event. If the winning team chooses not to attend the National Event, state staff may offer that to the team next in line. The members of a national competing team must be from the same FFA chapter.

Sophomore Public Speaking and Beginning Public Speaking are terminated at the state level. There is no national event for them.

No student may participate in more than one national FFA CDE each year. See National FFA Career Development Event rules for national CDE eligibility.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OREGON FFA STATE STAFF

The State Staff will:

1. Be in charge of all state CDE arrangements.
2. Enforce all rules and regulations governing the contests.
3. Appoint all necessary superintendents and assistants in each of the CDE events and provide instructions.

4. Prepare instructions for the general CDE superintendents of each CDE.
5. Coordinate the creation of all general knowledge tests and event practicums.
6. Supervise collection and scoring of all completed and/or score sheets of contestants.
7. Provide an opportunity for the official judges to place or score the CDE. Will collect the official judges completed cards and scores.
8. Arrange for the official judge to give reasons for the placing of scores when the CDE or a group of classes is completed and, when possible, allow the teachers and contestants to view the activities.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EVENT SUPERINTENDENTS

The Event Superintendent will:

1. Have full charge of all activities of their respective CDE during the period of the CDE, and will report any infraction of the rules to the Oregon FFA State Staff. Conduct a meeting of the officials of each CDE at a time preceding these events.
2. Give full instructions to contestants prior to the start of the CDE.