

NH FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT GENERAL RULES

Please see state and/or national rules pertaining to each CDE/LDE

1. A student **may not** compete in a national CDE/LDE *at the state level* if:
 - a. He or she has already won that CDE/LDE as an individual_in an individual event_or been a member of a winning team at the state level, **or**
 - b. He or she has qualified to compete in that CDE/LDE at the regional or national level. This rule does not apply to second or third place teams which become eligible by default but DO NOT go on to compete above the state level.
2. A student winning Creed Speaking, Division I at the state level shall not be permitted to compete in Creed Speaking, Division II in subsequent years.
3. A student winning a non-national qualifying event may compete again in the same event.
See addendum for list of events.
4. Each CDE/LDE participant must be a bonafide dues paying FFA member in good standing with the local chapter, State Association and the National Organization ***at the time of the CDE/LDE in which he/she participates.***
5. The participant, at the time of his/her selection as a team member, must be:
 - a. An FFA member in grade 7 – 12, unless competing in Creed Speaking, Division I or Conduct of Chapter Meetings, which are open to members in grades 7, 8 & 9 only.
 - b. enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study during the year he/she qualifies to compete. Either course must include an SAE.
6. “Novice” is defined as a student who has no prior experience or who has not previously competed in an FFA event in that content area.
7. Questions regarding a student’s eligibility or information regarding extenuating circumstances should be brought to the attention of the state executive director/advisor as soon as possible
8. The team score shall be comprised of the four highest ranking individuals, unless otherwise stated in the national CDE/LDE rules, except in Parliamentary Procedure, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, Agricultural Issues Forum and Marketing Plan, where the team is scored as a whole. All team members are eligible for individual awards. Only three members per team are allowed in the Marketing Plan CDE (see individual CDE/LDE rules in the National CDE/LDE Handbook for clarification regarding scoring in these events).
9. In National CDE/LDE teams at the state level, only one team per school will be placed above teams from other schools. Additional teams from a school will be placed beneath all other teams from competing schools.

10. Disqualification:
 - a. Any communication, verbal or nonverbal, between participants during a CDE/LDE will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team member involved from the event.
 - b. Any assistance given to a student from any source other than the event officials or assistants will be sufficient cause to eliminate the student from the event.
 - c. Event superintendents may stop any participant if they deem his/her manner or dress to be hazardous either to him/herself or others. Such stoppage shall deem the individual disqualified for that section of the event.
12. Official FFA dress is highly recommended for all participants where appropriate.
13. Participants are expected to observe the National FFA Code of Ethics and the Proper Use of the FFA Jacket during the events.
14. Accessibility for All Students: The event superintendent will be responsible for scheduling assistance to aid participants with impairments or for those members with limited English speaking proficiency. Coaches are responsible for notifying the superintendent at the time of registration that such assistance is needed.
15. Any questions regarding how a CDE/LDE is being conducted should be addressed to the CDE/LDE Superintendent. Any further concerns should be addressed to the event coordinator.
16. Any ongoing concerns related to a CDE/LDE should be addressed to the NH FFA Executive Director.
17. Proposed changes to CDE/LDEs that are not in line with national rules will be brought before the NHAEE CDE/LDE Committee, with final decisions made by the FFA Advisory Council.
18. A copy of all written materials may be given to coaches following the event
19. Judges are encouraged to provide written feedback for participants. Score sheets and judges' comments may be returned to coaches by state staff *not sooner than one week following the event*. Score sheets for some events may not need to be returned to coaches; this will be up to the discretion of the superintendent AND state executive director/advisor
20. State winning teams must declare their intention to compete nationally by a date set annually by the Executive Director. Chapters not declared by that date will lose their right to compete nationally and second-place teams will be given the option to attend national competition.
21. Teams competing nationally must be composed of at least 50% of the original team members.
22. Teams that withdraw from national competition after declaring their intention to compete will be fined \$100.
23. Late fees for national convention deadlines will be \$25/person/week for each deadline missed. Money collected will be placed in the FFA account to fund state activities.
24. The FFA Executive Director will have the right to make decisions involving extenuating circumstances relating to any of the above.

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