

Proposal to the South Dakota FFA Association Constitution regarding Land & Homesite Judging and Range Judging Contests: Board of Directors Meeting, January 19th, 2017

The South Dakota FFA Association recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the South Dakota FFA Association does not currently have any mention of participation guidelines of Land & Homesite Judging and Range Judging contests as they pertain to the FFA members that partake in them, and

Whereas, the contest is vital to the FFA experience of countless members across the state, and

Whereas, setting guidelines for the participation of FFA members would allow for consistent documentation of rules that could be accessed by any FFA advisor looking to prepare a team for any of the contests, and

Whereas, the students participating in Land & Homesite and Range contests are best served when there is a central governing body guaranteeing the integrity of the rules and events for all FFA members participating, and

Whereas, the current teachers'/industry supporters with the most experience and expertise are looking to share their knowledge and expand the operating base, and

Whereas, the contests would cease to happen should more agricultural educators not be involved in the planning, implementation, and development of the contests in the future, and

Whereas, the contests content will remain under the mutual format that serves the 4-H, FFA, and other associations as determined by the SD SRM Youth Activities Committee, therefore be it

Resolved, the South Dakota FFA Association creates a committee comprised of one representative from each district contained in each pre-determined Land & Homesite Judging and Range Judging region across the state, and be it further

Resolved, the committee would also be comprised of one chair from each pre-determined Land & Homesite Judging and Range Judging region from across the state, and be it further

Resolved, each regional chair would additionally serve as a voting member of the SD SRM Youth Activities Committee to participate in the development of curriculum/contests on behalf of the agricultural educators across the state, and be it further

Resolved, the representative and chair of each region must be representing different districts within their region, and be it further

Resolved, the committee will also be comprised of ex-officio members of individuals from entities that include but are not limited to the SD SRM Youth Activities Committee, NRCS, SDSU Extension, or other related agencies to provide input and suggestions, and

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Resolved, the committee would be responsible for setting rules, guidelines, and objectives for the contests that all participants competing as an FFA member would adhere to, and be it further

Resolved, the committee and the members which comprise it, be written into the South Dakota FFA Association Constitution to ensure the continued success of the Land & Homesite Judging and Range Judging contests and the continued success of the relationship of all involved within the program.