

Spring Career Development Events

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GENERAL RULES
SOUTH DAKOTA AG, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION
FFA SPRING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

SPRING EVENTS	TEAM MAKEUP
Agricultural Business Management	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Agricultural Mechanics	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Agronomy	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Dairy Cattle	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Floriculture	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Food Science and Technology	-4 count/4 participate
Horse Evaluation & Selection	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Livestock Evaluation	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Meats Evaluation and Technology	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Milk Quality and Products	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Natural Resources	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Nursery/Landscape	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Poultry Evaluation	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Range Plant Identification	-3 count/3 or 4 participate
Veterinary Science	-3 count/3 or 4 participate

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Teams from accredited Ag, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) education programs in high schools in South Dakota may be entered by paying the judging CDE entry fees.
2. A chapter may enter only one team in any single Spring CDE.
3. If eligible and prepared, and if the time schedule permits, an individual or team may enter more than one CDE.
4. Team members shall be bona fide enrollees in a secondary AFNR program and FFA members in good standing.
5. Team members shall have passing grades in at least three units of schoolwork.
6. All participants shall be well prepared for the CDE in which they compete.
7. Participants may compete in any given State Spring CDE as long as they are an active, in-school member or until an individual is a member of a first place team at the state level or if they have participated in the National CDE for that area.
8. To participate in the National CDE's, the participants must be bona fide FFA members.
9. Regular faculty members at South Dakota State University will be in charge of organizing all agricultural CDE's, establishing official placing, scoring and tabulating results for non-scantron CDE's. CDE's using scantrons will be scored and tabulated by the tabulations committee under the direction of the CDE Chair.
10. Scantrons will be provided for each participant at registration. In the event that scantrons are lost or damaged by the participant or advisor, replacement scantrons will be provided only if available and on a first-come, first-served basis.

11. No participant will be permitted to inspect animals (**livestock, horses, or dairy cattle**) or other CDE content (**ie: ag mechanics, etc.**) at SDSU within eight weeks prior to the State CDE with the exception of Little International competition and other SDSU sponsored activities where all chapters are invited.
12. Teams arriving late may enter the CDE where other participants are then working. No make-up competition will be provided.
13. An entire team must compete as a team within the same session.
14. The high scoring team in each CDE will represent South Dakota in national competition. To represent South Dakota in a national CDE, the winning team must have a minimum of one original team member who participated in the state CDE. If this is not possible, the second place team shall represent the state in national competition.
15. Any communication, verbal or non-verbal between participants during a career development event will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team member(s) involved from the CDE. Basic clipboards without calculators or rulers are allowed.
16. Participants in events that require calculators are required to use the calculators provided by the event superintendent or student coordinators. No other electronic devices (cell phones, PDA's, programmable calculators, etc.) will be allowed on the person during a CDE. If any are found, the participant will be disqualified.
17. Advisors and CDE coaches cannot be on site at the CDE once an event starts until score cards are collected and the event is over. Chairmen or student coordinators are asked to announce that advisors and coaches must leave at the beginning of the event. Event liaisons are allowed to be at the CDE with permission of the chairmen or student coordinators only.
18. There is an understanding that the CDE rules and regulations are to be amended by action of the South Dakota Agricultural Education Instructors at the annual SDACTE/SDAAE Conference in August. Updating a CDE due to changes in technology, terminology, and standards can be incorporated into annual revisions with the consent of the CDE General Chairperson.
19. The CDE committee will be responsible for reviewing scores to ensure accuracy. CDE results are final when announced as printed in the State Convention results book. Corrections may be made to the printed results before announcement and are then final after the public announcement. If results are printed accurately, but announced incorrectly, the printed results will stand as final.
20. It is highly recommended that participants wear FFA Official Dress for each CDE. However, no point deductions will be assessed for official dress.
21. Ties will be broken for top five teams and top 10 individuals based off criteria listed under each CDE.
22. State level designation will be given to the top individuals. The breakdown is as follows: Gold (Top 10%), Silver (Next 15%), Bronze (Next 15%) of total competitors.