

Spring Career Development Events

General Rules and Regulations

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Milk Quality and Products

Natural Resources

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Poultry Evaluation

Range Plant Identification

Veterinary Science

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:

- 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.
- Top four teams and the top five individuals not on the top four district teams will qualify from each District. A chapter may enter only one team of four in any single Spring CDE. Each district will be responsible to turn in the qualification form to the State office by the due date set with their list of their top 4 chapters and names of the top five individuals. The following CDE's are exceptions to this rule:
 - *Food Science qualification – Top 3 teams qualify from each district only
 - *Poultry – Top 3 teams qualify from each district and top 2 individuals not on a qualifying team.
- If eligible and prepared, and if the time schedule permits, an individual or team may enter more than one CDE.
- Team members shall be bona fide enrollees in a secondary AFNR program and FFA members in good standing.
- Team members shall have passing grades in at least three units of schoolwork.
- All participants shall be well prepared for the CDE in which they compete.
- 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.
- 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. If no Faculty chair can be found after a considerable amount of work the state can look at other postsecondary faculty and then into industry representatives for the CDE's.
10. CDE's using scantrons will be scored and tabulated by the tabulations committee under the direction of the CDE Chair.
11. No participant will be permitted to inspect animals **(livestock, horses, or dairy cattle)** or other CDE content **(ie: ag mechanics, poultry, 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 the 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. Any form of sabotage/cheating during any CDE will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team member(s) involved from the CDE.
16. Basic clipboards without calculators or rulers are allowed.
17. NO Videotaping of any CDE will be permitted at the state level.
18. Scantrons will be handed out at the CDE location. The chairs of events will be informed to give 5-10 minutes at the beginning of the event to sit as a chapter and make sure that scantrons are properly filled out and bubbled in the areas of - team member number, chapter number and name.
19. 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. Cell phones will not be confiscated during the CDE event but if they are seen the students will be disqualified.
20. 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.
21. 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.

22. 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 the announcement and are then final after the public announcement. If results are printed accurately, but announced incorrectly, the printed results will stand as final.
23. It is highly recommended that participants wear FFA Official Dress for each CDE. However, no point deductions will be assessed for official dress.
24. Ties will be broken for top five teams and top 10 individuals based off criteria listed under each CDE.
25. Meats and Poultry CDE chairs will supply hairnets and aprons for all students competing and bill the state association to cover those expenses. Chapters may bring their own hair cover and aprons.
26. The state will create a Google Form based off the National FFA form that advisors/parents must fill out for any accommodations. The state will set the date that the form must be completed by and make contacts with all people who requested accommodations and make the accommodations work for those members as best as they can. For students that need accommodations that include a test read to them the advisor and the student's school will be required to supply the adult that will read the material to the member. The person must be an adult and cannot be the advisor or parent of the member.
27. Official Dress (OD) - All CDE's are highly encouraged/recommended to wear proper OD (please use National FFA website to find proper OD).
 - a. The Agricultural Mechanics CDE does not need to wear OD for the hands-on portion due to the nature of the CDE.
 - b. Any CDE's that will be held outdoors or in an environment that is not heated does not need to wear OD for that portion. This is the discretion of the advisor and if the event is moved to a heated location members are highly encouraged/recommended to wear proper OD.
 - i. EX - Livestock, Horse, Poultry, Meats, Dairy
28. CDE Committee review policy'
 - a. Rotation of 5 LDE/CDE's per year to look at how they are relevant to the Career field and National Event. The rotation year will be when they are looked at on a larger scale but any suggestions for LDE/CDE's can be brought up any year.
 1. Livestock, Agronomy, Employability, Ag Communications, Public Speaking
 2. Vet Science, Floriculture, Dairy Cattle, Ag Broadcasting, Ag Issues,
 3. Horse, Natural Resources, Ag Business Management, Marketing Plan, Extemp Speaking

4. Poultry, Ag Mechanics, Range ID, Parli Pro, Creed Speaking
 5. Meats, Nursery & Landscape, Milk Quality, Ag Sales, CCM
 - b. If you have a CDE/LDE request, contact your District CDE Committee Representative and the Liaisons of the particular contest. They will determine with their district and the Liaisons if the CDE/LDE rule discussion is something to be brought to the committee and SDAAE body. Any requests submitted to the Committee must include the exact wording they would like changed in the rules. Requests sent to the Chair of the Committee will be forwarded to the District Representative of the Advisor and Liaisons of the CDE/LDE for review and determination if it is to be brought forward to the CDE Committee.
29. Considering AI's growing role in student submissions, South Dakota FFA is updating its procedures to allow AI tools to assist in item development, with specific guidelines for appropriate use. To ensure clarity, the National FFA Standard Operating Procedure on the use of AI will be used. For further details, please refer to the procedure and guidelines.
- <https://ffa.app.box.com/s/ejw7txc4qjg5ekqrt68zmq8qx2qzbhq>