

## **Prepared Public Speaking**

A Special Project of the South Dakota FFA Foundation

### **Important Note:**

Please thoroughly read the General Rules at the beginning of this handbook for complete rules and procedures that are relevant to all South Dakota FFA Career Development Events.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event is to develop agricultural leadership, communication skills, and promote interest in citizenship by providing member participation in agricultural public speaking activities.

### **Event Rules**

- The Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event is open to persons who are regularly enrolled in agricultural education during the current year and are active FFA members in good standing with the State FFA Association.
- A participant may continue competing in the state until he/she wins the CDE.
- At least three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have an agricultural background.
- The same judges will judge both the manuscripts and the oral presentations.
- It is highly recommended that participants wear FFA Official Dress for this event.

### **Event Format**

Individual Districts may set their own due dates for paperwork.

District winners may revise their speech and text up until the deadline when it will be the responsibility of each winning chapter to send the four copies to the State FFA Office.

Beginning in 2017, all written materials will be submitted electronically per instructions from the State FFA Office. Please refer to the website (<https://www.sdaged.org/>) for more information about electronic submission of written materials.

It is expected that the participant will take advantage of all available training facilities at their local school in developing their speaking ability.

The speech must be on an agricultural subject.

During the presentation, notes may be used, but a deduction in points may be made.

### **Manuscript Requirements**

Each participant's manuscript will be the result of his or her own efforts. Facts and working data may be secured from any source but must be appropriately documented.

All Prepared Public Speaking participants must have a letter of originality at the District and

State Leadership CDEs. District chairpersons will communicate the requirements for their individual districts. Failure to have the letter will result in the student receiving a "participant" rating for the CDE.

- A complete and accurate bibliography should be included in the manuscript.
  - Note: This is included whether or not direct quotes are made.
- Manuscripts and bibliographies will follow the most current APA style guide.
- Manuscripts will be double-spaced, on 8.5"x11", size 12 Arial or sans serif font, with 1" margins.
- Manuscripts will include a cover page with the speech title, participant's name, state, and year.

### Time

The time of the speech will be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes.

Timecards will be held up at six, seven and eight minutes.

Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject.

Time for questions shall not exceed five minutes.

### Scoring

When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total his/her score for each participant.

The timekeeper's record will be used to compute the final score for each participant. A deduction of one point per second under six minutes or over eight minutes will be assessed.

### Ranking

Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation with each other. The judges' ranking of each participant shall then be added and the winner will be that participant whose total of the rankings is the lowest. Subsequent placings shall be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection).

### Tiebreakers

In case of a tie, the individual who has the highest grand total score shall have prior rating. In care of a second tie, the individual who has the highest total overall questions score shall have prior rating.

### Prepared Public Speaking Participant Certification

I hereby certify that I meet all eligibility requirements for participation in the State FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event for the current year as set forth by the board of student officers and directors.

I also certify that my speech is the result of my own effort and ability.

It is understood that I am encouraged to utilize all available training facilities of my local school in developing my speaking abilities and that I may obtain facts and working data from any source. However, in securing information such as direct quotes or phrases, specific dates, figures, or other materials, such must be marked in "quotes" in the manuscript and identified in the bibliography at the end of the manuscript. Failure to do so represents plagiarism and will automatically lead to my disqualification.

Title \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Speech:

Participant  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Advisor Agreement

As \_\_\_\_\_ chapter advisor I authorize the above information to be true.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* **Important:** This form must be given to the person in charge of your District Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event, along with any paperwork requirements set by your individual district.

\*\*\*If you advance to the state level, you are responsible for sending this form in to the State FFA Office along with four double-spaced, typewritten copies of your speech.

## Prepared Public Speaking CDE – Points Total

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
Manuscript	200	
Presentation	500	
Response to Questions	300	
<b>MINUS DEDUCTIONS (1 POINT PER SECOND OVER 8 MINUTES OR UNDER 6 MINUTES)</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		

**Judge's Comments:**