

General Rules and Regulations

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GENERAL RULES
SOUTH DAKOTA AG, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION
FFA FALL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

FALL EVENTS	TEAM MAKEUP
Agriculture Broadcasting	Individual
Agriculture Communications	Four Team Members
Agriculture Issues Forum	Three-Seven Team Members
Agriculture Sales	Four Team Members
Conduct of Chapter Meetings	Seven Team Members
Creed Speaking	Individual
Employment Skills	Individual
Extemporaneous Speaking	Individual
Marketing Plan	Three Members
Parliamentary Procedure	Six Team Members
Prepared Public Speaking	Individual

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Teams and individuals from accredited Ag, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) education programs in high schools in South Dakota may be entered by qualifying at their District level competition.
2. Schools may not enter more than one team and two individuals in their district-level competition.
3. The top two teams and the top three individuals will qualify from each District.
4. If eligible and prepared, and if the time schedule permits, an individual or team may enter more than one LDE.
5. Team members and individuals shall be bona fide enrollees in a secondary AFNR program and FFA members in good standing.
6. Team members and individuals shall have passing grades in at least three units of schoolwork.
7. All participants shall be well prepared for the LDE in which they compete.
8. Participants may compete in any given State Fall LDE 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 LDE for that area.
9. To participate in the National LDEs, the participants must be bona fide FFA members.

10. The State FFA Association will find qualified chairs for each LDE. Those chairs will be responsible for finding their own highly qualified judges. Chairs are encouraged to find qualified judges outside of themselves and active South Dakota Ag teachers/FFA Advisors, if possible. LDEs will be scored and tabulated by the tabulation committee under the direction of the CDE Chair. State staff will determine if Google Sheets, a judging card, or a different electronic format works best for scoring. Whatever version is used will NOT change the current rules and will be electronic. The version used will require to have feedback for members or there will be a handwritten sheet for feedback for members. The state office will have used another event prior to state events for practicing the new system. All districts will be notified of the change prior to registration.
11. Advisor Liaisons will be assigned by the CDE Committee to assist chairs and judges with event preparation.
12. The high scoring team in each LDE, apart from Ag Broadcasting, 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 LDE. If this is not possible, the second-place team shall represent the state in national competition.
13. There is an understanding that the LDE 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 an LDE due to changes in technology, terminology, and standards can be incorporated into annual revisions with the consent of the CDE General Chairperson.
14. The CDE committee will be responsible for reviewing scores to ensure accuracy. LDE results will be announced as printed in the State LDEs results script. Corrections may be made to the announced results if a grievance is filed within seven calendar days following the results announcement at the event.
15. It is highly recommended that participants wear the FFA Official Dress for each LDE. However, no point deductions will be assessed for official dress.
16. Ties will be broken for the top five teams and the top 10 individuals based on the criteria listed under each LDE.
17. NO Videotaping of any LDE will be permitted at the state level.
18. Accommodations - For students who need accommodations that include a test read to them, the advisor/student's school will be required to supply an adult to read the material to the student. The person must be an adult and cannot be the advisor or parent of the member. The state will send out a Google Form based on the National FFA form that advisors/parents must fill out for accommodations. The state will set the date

that the form must be completed by, make contact with all people who requested accommodations, and make the accommodations work for those members.

19. Official Dress (OD) - All LDEs are highly encouraged/recommended to wear proper OD (please use the National FFA website to find proper OD). The Agricultural Issues LDE does not need to wear OD as they will wear an outfit that works with their presentation.
20. Below are the final rules for who is allowed to view LDEs and what LDEs are allowed to have an audience. REMINDER: as the advisor, you MUST tell the door person who is allowed in the room and if they are not with you or on the list, the door monitor will NOT let them in. Plan and be organized with this.
 - a. Open to chapter advisor, team members, and chapter stakeholders approved by the chapter advisor during their chapters' presentation only for each of the following LDEs: i. Agriculture Communications, Agriculture Issues Forum, Agriculture Sales (team portion), Extemporaneous, Public Speaking (prelim round), Chapter Conduct of Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure (finals only), Marketing Plan, and Prepared Public Speaking.
 - b. Open to chapter advisor and chapter stakeholders approved by the chapter advisor during their chapters' presentation only for each of the following LDEs: i. Parliamentary Procedure (preliminary round only), Agriculture Broadcasting, Creed Speaking, and Employment Skills.
 - c. The approved stakeholder is determined by the chapter advisor. This must be told to the door monitor prior to the team/individual competing. The chapter advisor is responsible for making sure that stakeholders and members are quiet and respectful during the event.
 - d. Finals Hall will be open to all. FFA Members MUST be in OD to attend the finals hall presentation. Prepared Public Speaking is the only LDE that will be competing in finals hall for the 2025.
21. Tests/Scantrons will be handed out at the testing 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.
22. State Release of Materials:
 - a. By September 15th
 - i. Employability Job Descriptions
 - ii. Ag Sales Product Information
 - iii. Agricultural Communication Press Release/Conference Material
 - b. By September 1st
 - i. The district must let the state know what material they would like the state to provide that is not listed above.
23. 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, Food Science
 5. Meats, Nursery & Landscape, Milk Quality, Ag Sales, CCM
 6. Land and Range will be discussed as needed with the NRCS/SDSU Extension
 - 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.
 - c. LDE and Land/Range contest recommendations will be discussed and voted on during the SDAAE Winter Professional Development Event. CDE contest recommendations will be discussed and voted on during the SDAAE Summer Conference Professional Development Event.
24. 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/ejw7txc4qjg5ekqrtd68zmq8qx2qzbhq>
- a. All written reports will be evaluated for plagiarism and use of AI prior to written judging. Any violations of the National Standard Operating Procedures on the Use of AI for National Programs and Events will be disqualified in accordance with the policy. Evaluation should include a technology service, like Turn it in as well as a human evaluation.
 - i. Preferred method would be using the same system Nationals uses to evaluate. Second option would be to use Turn it In to evaluate.
 - ii. Nationals follows the National Standard Operating Procedures on the Use of AI for National Programs and Events for all events and award areas.
25. Grievance Policy:
- a. Appeal Process:
 - i. Appeals can only be filed if there is a scoring error. If a written appeal for scoring issues only is electronically submitted within three calendar days after the results announcement, the state staff will review the appeal. Upon receiving input from the CDE Coordinators and CDE Committee Chair, the South Dakota FFA Adult Board of Directors will accept or deny the appeal

within seven days.

- ii. Appeals can be mailed to this address:

- 1. SD FFA Association
c/o Audra Scheel
PO Box 82
Alpena, SD 57312

- iii. The appeals committee will be chaired by the South Dakota FFA Adults Board of Directors chairperson, who will in turn appoint a representative of each of the following:

- 1. South Dakota State FFA Staff
 - 2. South Dakota Association of Agricultural Educators (SDAAE)
 - 3. CDE/LDE State Student Coordinator and Assistant Student Coordinator
 - 4. State Contest Faculty and/or Student Chair
 - 5. SDAAE CDE Committee
 - 6. The contest liaison

- iv. Any ruling on the appeal provided by the South Dakota FFA Adult Board of Directors chairperson will be considered final.