Introduction

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This code contains rules and regulations governing the following Future Farmers of America functions:

* Official FFA Activities
* The California Leadership Conference
* Fairs and Shows
* State Championship Contests
* Contest Awards/Procedures

Other institutions or agencies conducting contests involving FFA members should attempt to adhere to these rules to insure uniformity between contests.

The rules and regulations of this Code are to be considered as a part of the Bylaws of CATA and can therefore be changed only as outlined in the CATA Bylaws or as indicated in this code.

General Rules

1. When any FFA member attends a FFA function, there shall be an instructor in attendance from the chapter or section to whom the student is responsible. Instructors shall not supervise students who are not members of their section.
2. When five or more students from one chapter attend an overnight FFA activity, they must be accompanied by a chaperone from that chapter. Under no circumstances should any chaperone be responsible for more than 15 FFA members. Any chaperones not possessing a valid teaching credential must be 23 years of age.
3. The group responsible for any activity shall be the State FFA Advisor and CATA Governing Board, or their designees.
4. One or more persons shall be designated by the CATA State President as a representative of the CATA in charge of each approved function on the State level (State Finals Judging Contests, State FFA Convention, and others). One or more persons shall be designated by the Regional or Sectional CATA President of the area as in charge at each approved event below the State level.  
   The individual(s) in charge will specify when lights are to be turned out, when curfew time is to be set and will set up a patrol of responsible individuals.
5. Prior to entering a FFA activity governed by these rules, each FFA member shall read a copy of the rules and sign a statement indicating intent to follow prescribed rules. The statement and signature shall be in the possession of the accompanying instructor and must be available to the discipline committee on request. Additional rules may be imposed for specific activities. It will be the responsibility of the advisor to bring such rules to the attention of the participants.
6. General Rules of Conduct apply to all FFA activities and are as follows:
   1. No smoking or use of tobacco will be permitted by Future Farmers while wearing any item that identifies the person as a FFA member or while participating in any FFA activity.
   2. Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs shall not be tolerated. Violation of this rule will cause immediate suspension from the activity.
   3. Proper conduct is expected from Future Farmers at all times. Obscene language and roughhousing will not be tolerated at any time.
   4. Instructors and advisors in charge of Future Farmers shall be responsible for their conduct at all times. They shall prevent misconduct such as destruction of property.
   5. Any display of overly affectionate attention between members shall be discouraged by advisors. Persistent abuse of this rule shall be cause for suspension from the FFA activity.
   6. No vehicles are to be used at any time without the approval of the instructor in charge.
   7. No individual shall be allowed, under any circumstance, to interfere, or to act in an unprofessional manner, such as verbal abuse or any action which may be interpreted as intrusive, with anyone involved with the administration of any FFA activity.
7. Disciplinary Action
   1. FFA members who have been found to have violated any of the above rules VI Section A - G will be subjected to disciplinary action by a committee composed of: the individual in charge, a State Staff member designated by the State FFA advisor, the ranking FFA officer present, the advisor of the chapter involved and a representative of the sponsoring institution.
   2. This committee stated in VII section D will determine what action is necessary, and its decision or decisions will be final concerning violations on the General Rules of Conduct.
   3. Disciplinary action for advisors and other adults in violation of rule VI section G may be initiated by writing a letter of concern, describing the incident, to the CATA State President, with a copy to the State FFA Advisor.
   4. If deemed necessary, a committee may be formed to review each incident. This committee will consist of:
      1. CATA State President
      2. State FFA Advisor
      3. State Staff person in charge of the activity where the incident occurred.
      4. Ethics Committee Chair of the region of the offender.
   5. This committee will determine what action is necessary, and its decision(s) will be final concerning these violations. Disciplinary action may include:
      1. Letter of reprimand.
      2. Disbarment of the offender(s) from the activity.

Dress Code Summary

1. The official FFA uniform will consist of the following: (Hats are not a part of any official uniform.)

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| Boys  - | Official FFA jacket, zipped to the top, worn with a white, collared, dress shirt, an official FFA necktie, black slacks, black socks, and black dress shoes. |
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| Girls - | Official FFA jacket, zipped to the top, worn with a white, collared, dress blouse, an official FFA scarf, appropriate women's hose, neutral in color, without design or pattern, a black skirt of knee-length or longer, or slacks, and black dress shoes. |

1. The official uniform is to be worn by all FFA members at official FFA activities or at the following FFA contests:
   1. Creed Recitation
   2. Parliamentary Procedure and Debate
   3. Prepared Public Speaking
   4. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
   5. Job Interview
2. The official uniform for State Judging Finals for contests, other than Creed, Parli-Pro, Prepared Public Speaking, Job Interview, and Extemporaneous Public Speaking will be:

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| Boys  - | Official FFA jacket, zipped to the top, white shirt and official FFA tie. |
| Girls - | Official FFA jacket, zipped to the top, white blouse, and the official FFA scarf. |
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Adaptation of the uniform may be made during the contest; i.e., tie taken off, jacket taken off, overalls put on. The official dress will be required for registration and acceptance of awards. Any FFA member not in uniform, as described above, will be ineligible to participate or receive awards. A three-fold committee of one representative from the State Staff, one from the CATA and one from the FFA will be in charge of enforcing rules concerning dress at State FFA contests.

1. The official FFA show uniform for fairs and shows will be:

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| Boys  - | White pants, white shirt, FFA tie, official FFA jacket, zipped to the top or FFA patch attached to the white shirt. |
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| Girls - | White pants, white blouse, FFA scarf, official FFA jacket, zipped to the top or FFA patch attached to the white blouse. |

1. The reference for the official FFA Show Uniform is in the State FFA Constitution.

California Leadership Conference

1. All FFA members attending the California Leadership Conference, along with his/her parents or guardian, and agriculture instructor, must sign an agreement to abide by the Code Rules of Conduct.

Fairs and Shows

1. Preparation and presentation of the FFA entries during any fair or show shall be limited to junior exhibitors with entries in that show or fair.
2. Future Farmers are allowed to continue showing in fairs during one calendar year after graduation from high school, but only if they have completed their senior year enrollment in agricultural education as a Future Farmer (Calendar year means Jan 1 to Dec 31).
3. A student prescheduled in agriculture is allowed to show at any summer fair immediately prior to entering seventh grade, provided the project supervision and record book were started 60 days (120 days for market beef) before the fair, he/she is affiliated with the local, State and National FFA organization. Under no circumstances however, may a student exhibit as an FFA member prior to official completion of the sixth grade.

State Championship Contests

1. General Information
   1. The CATA recognizes the following types of competitive contests as being sufficiently well-established to warrant holding a state championship contest yearly.

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| **California State Champion Career Development Contest Site, Coordinator, Advisor, and Mediator Chart** | | | | |
| **Contest** | **State Champion Host Site** | **State Champion CDE Host Contest Coordinator** | **State Champion CDE CATA Approved Contest Advisor** | **State Finals CDE State Staff Arbitrator** |
| Agricultural Communications | C.P.S.U., SLO | TBD | Michaela Vindel | Jill Sperling |
| Agricultural Issues Forum | C.P.S.U., SLO | Lynn Hamilton | Madison Albiani | Dr. Nicole Ray |
| Agricultural Mechanics | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Greg Schwartz | Joshua McKenzie | Dr. John Williams |
| Agricultural Pest Control | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. Jacob Wenger | Gypsy Stark | Greg Beard |
| Agricultural Sales Contest | Reedley College | Kevin Woodard | Donnie Whitworth | TBD |
| Agricultural Welding | Merced College | TBD | Bryan Dodson | Greg Beard |
| Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET) Farm Record Book | C.P.S.U., SLO | TBD | Kyle Schaad | Hugh Mooney |
| Agriscience Fair | State FFA Conference | Dr. Lynn Martindale | Jason Ferreira | JessaLee Goehring |
| Agronomy | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dennis Smith | Jerry Delsol | TBD |
| Best Informed Greenhand | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Ann DeLay | Matt Marshall | JessaLee Goehring |
| Citrus Judging | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. Gurrett Brar | Christie Bennett | Shay Williams-Hopper |
| Cotton | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. Ranjit Riar | Lilly Pimentel | Shay Williams-Hopper |
| Creed Recitation | Fresno CC | Greg Beard | Chloe Smith | Greg Beard |
| Dairy Cattle Judging | C.P.S.U., SLO | Rich Silacci | Cody Jacobsen | Mike Clifford |
| Extemporaneous Public Speaking | Fresno CC | Shay Williams-Hopper | Michael Albiani | Shay Williams-Hopper |
| Farm Business Management | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Cristina Connolly | Michael Albiani | Hugh Mooney |
| Farm Power & Machinery | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. John Williams | Cherise Duncan | Hugh Mooney |
| Floriculture | C.P.S.U., SLO | Melinda Lynch | Celia Casso | Jackie Jones |
| Forestry | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Samantha Gill | Martin Castro | Mike Rourke |
| Fruit Tree Judging | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. Gurrett Brar | Brian Kim | TBD |
| Fruit Tree Pruning | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. Gurrett Brar | Miguel Guerra | Shay Williams-Hopper |
| Grapevine Judging | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. Sonet Van Zyl | Ron Sa | Jackie Jones |
| Grapevine Pruning | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. Sonet Van Zyl | Julie Luxon | Shay Williams-Hopper |
| Impromptu Public Speaking | Fresno CC | JessaLee Goehring | Jodi Evans | JessaLee Goehring |
| Job Interview | Fresno CC | Jill Sperling | Michael Albiani | Jill Sperling |
| Light Horse Judging | C.P.S.U., SLO | Sarah Stewart | Megan Dyk | Dr. Sherri Freeman |
| Livestock Judging | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Zach McFarlene | Lori Porter | Dr. Steve Rocca |
| Marketing | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Jeta Rudi-Polloshka | Jessica Forster | Charles Parker |
| Marketing Plan | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Christiane Schroeter | Amy Erman | Shay Williams-Hopper |
| Meat Judging | C.P.S.U., SLO | Morgan Metheny | Jennifer Knight | Ken Dias |
| Milk Quality & Dairy Foods | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Vincent Yeung | Frank Orique | Steve DeRose |
| Natural Resource Management | Reedley College | Kevin Woodard | Martin Castro | Charles Parker |
| Nursery/Landscape | C.P.S.U., SLO | Tiffany Faulstich | Aaron Nering | Tommy Henderson |
| Parliamentary Procedure & Debate | Fresno CC | Hugh Mooney | Brian Dodson | Hugh Mooney |
| Poultry Judging | C.P.S.U., SLO | Steve Soderstrom | Amy Guerra | Cindy Brown |
| Prepared Public Speaking | Fresno CC | Jackie Jones | Mike Albiani | Jackie Jones |
| Small Engines | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. John Williams | Christopher Sharp | JessaLee Goehring |
| Soil and Land Evaluation (Part#1) | C.S.U., Fresno | Dr. Sharon Benes | Tyler Dickinson | Dr. Lynn Martindale |
| Soil and Land Evaluation (Part#2) | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Gordon Rees | Tyler Dickinson | Dr. Lynn Martindale |
| Vegetable Crop Judging | C.P.S.U., SLO | Launnie Ginn | Luis Guerra | Jack Havens |
| Veterinary Science | C.P.S.U., SLO | Dr. Jennifer Stainic | Martin Castro | Greg Beard |
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* 1. The “California State Champion Career Development Contest Site, Coordinator, Advisor, and Arbitrator Chart” (above) must be updated by the State FFA Advisor with the approved/confirmed State Finals CDE CATA Approved Contest Advisor by December 31st for the following year’s judging season and state finals contests. The chart would be shared at the annual CATA Winter Governing Board for final approval and distributed to host contest sites and state staff. This provides the host site and state staff with the opportunity to provide a contest advisor contact to any current/new contest coordinator for that upcoming year (if needed). The chart will be updated, revised, and kept current through the CATA office. All changes/revisions for host site and coordinators must be made by the host site prior to the state finals contest. All state staff changes/revisions must be made by the State FFA Advisor before the state’s state finals contest.
  2. The CATA recognizes the following competitive contest as being trial contest and it will be reviewed for three years to determine if it is sufficiently well-established to warrant holding a state championship contest yearly.

| **Contest** | **State Champion Host Site** | **Year  Established** | **State Champion CDE Host Contest Coordinator** | **State Champion CDE CATA Approved Contest Advisor** | **State Finals CDE State Staff Arbitrator** |
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| Agricultural Mechanics Fair | College of the Sequoias | 2022 | Charles Abee | Dan Crookham | Charles Parker |
| California Water | C.S.U., Fresno | 2022 | Dr. Florence Cassel | Bill Barcellos | Charles Parker |
| El Credo de FFA | Fresno CC | 2022 | TBD |  | TBD |

* 1. For those seeking approval as a “Qualifying Site”, when not listed in the current Curricular Code, the State FFA Advisor shall determine if a site is a qualifying site.
  2. CDE’s that require teams to qualify in order to compete at the State Finals the identified qualifying sites need to adhere to the Curricular Code and conduct all portions of the CDE as identified in the Curricular Code.
  3. The tabulation results of qualifying sites must be forwarded to the CATA office in the correct format as identified within two weeks of the completion of the event. Qualifying sites that do not adhere to the correct format or meet the deadline will not be recognized as a “qualifying site” and their results will not be calculated in determining who qualifies to compete in the State Finals for that year.
  4. The time and place for holding State Championship Contests shall be determined by the State FFA Advisor.
  5. A “State Finals CDE Host Contest Coordinator” for each of the state’s CDE state finals contests must be designated/updated/approved yearly as needed. This person will be selected/approved by the host state finals contest site and the State FFA Advisor. The State Champion CDE Host Contest Coordinator would be responsible in the organizing, preparation, and implementation of their designated CDE contest. This includes all aspects of the contests (materials, judges, etc.) within the Curricular Code.
  6. A “State Finals CDE State Staff Arbitrator” for each of the state’s CDE state finals contest must be updated/approved yearly as needed. This person will be selected by state staff and serve as a liaison and arbitrator in the event there is any discrepancy/issues between/within the contest, contest coordinators, advisors, or coaches. Final verdict/decisions/authority will be made by the State FFA Advisor.
  7. A “State Finals CDE CATA Approved Contest Advisor” will be selected/approved each year by the contest’s top five team CDE coaches each year following the state’s contest finals. The winning CDE coach of each contest will communicate with the other four coaches and current standing advisor to approve/confirm another year of service. The advisor approved/selected must agree to the position and must be able to attend the following year’s state finals contest at the host site. The State Champion CATA Approved Contest Advisor’s primary responsibility is to assist the coordinator in the organization, preparation, and implementation of the contest and to ensure the contest is within the quality, standards, and parameters of the Curricular Code. The designated/approved State Champion CATA Approved Contest Advisor can also serve as the State Champion CDE Host Contest Coordinator approved by the host site and State FFA Advisor if approved by the CATA (Top five coaches of CDE state finals), host site, and state staff.
  8. There will be no State FFA Novice Judging Finals Contests, except Parliamentary Procedure and Agriscience Fair.
  9. Each contest area has the flexibility to charge what is needed to run their contest in order to cover expenses.
  10. Whenever there is a rule contradiction between a specific contest rule and General Contest Rule, in the Curricular Code, the General Rule will take precedence.
  11. To promote a positive environment and reduce potential negative perceptions, individuals, who have coached, helped train or provided direct guidance to a school/team, within 90 days, should not be considered when selecting those to serve as official judges.
  12. In the year in which a contest is up for review, the State Ag Ed Staff, along with the CATA Executive Director, shall review each contest for relevance. The State Ag Ed Staff will then make a recommendation to the CATA Governing Board at the meeting prior to the CATA State Conference.

1. The format of information (rules) of state finals contests shall include:
   1. Purpose and Standards – Each contest shall include a brief introduction to include purposes of the contest and the foundation, agricultural and academic standards addressed by the contest.
   2. Contestants – The number of contestants allowed per chapter and the number used to determine the team score. Eligibility requirements (if any) for the team or contestants should be listed here.
   3. Classes – A simple listing of all the classes and the maximum score of each class. Team events scores would be shown here as well.
   4. Tie Breaker – A list of the classes or methods used to break ties.
   5. Requirements for the Host School – List any notification requirements for the host school such as class types, tools, engine types. Include the notification methods (email or website preferred) and the notification time. List any equipment that must be provided by the host school such as calculators. List any contest materials that are to be returned (Ex. Farm Power, Ag. Mechanics) to the contestants.
   6. Rules governing the contest.
   7. Any materials that may be deemed useful to contestants or contest host.
   8. Contest score cards to be completed by contestants used for all state finals contests will be posted on the web at least 30 days prior to the date of the event. Directions as to how the cards should be marked are encouraged. Such posting will supersede any samples found in specific event rules. Common standardized forms such as those created by Scantron may be referenced by name.
   9. Specific CDE rules will describe how cards are to be scored (for example formulas, weighing, Hormel method, etc.).
   10. All average scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number.
2. Team Participation
   1. Only one team per school may participate at any State Finals Contest except for the Creed Recitation, Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Job Interview, and Impromptu Public Speaking. Regional Participation in these contests, including Parli Pro, at the State level, will be limited to a maximum of four (4) per region.
   2. State final contests that qualify teams to compete at a National Contest, will consist of the number of contestants specified in the National Contest rules. The National Contests currently are:

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| Agricultural Issues | 3-7 |
| Agricultural Mechanics | 4 |
| Agricultural Sales | 4 |
| Agronomy | 4 |
| Creed | 1 |
| Dairy Cattle Evaluation | 4 |
| Dairy Foods | 4 |
| Extemporaneous Public Speaking | 1 |
| Farm Business Management | 4 |
| Floriculture | 4 |
| Forestry | 4 |
| Horse Evaluation | 4 |
| Job Interview | 1 |
| Livestock Evaluation | 4 |
| Marketing Plan | 3 |
| Meats Evaluation | 4 |
| Natural Resources (Natural Resources & Environmental Science) | 4 |
| Ornamental Horticulture (Nursery/Landscape) | 4 |
| Parliamentary Procedure | 6 |
| Poultry Evaluation | 4 |
| Prepared Speaking | 1 |
| Veterinary Science | 4 |

* 1. The State FFA Advisor is empowered to find an alternate location for a state finals contest if the hosting school is not willing to facilitate the contest with 4-person teams.
  2. State final team contests, that end at the State level, will consist of the number of members specified in the CATA rules for that contest and the team will be scored as described in the rules for the specific contest.
  3. The minimum team size will be the number of team members that make up a team score. For example, if a contest specifies a team size of four with four members making up the team score then the minimum team size will be four. If a contest specifies a team size of four with three members making up the team score then the minimum team size will be three members.
  4. A list of contests which allow partial teams must be listed in the official, written, State Finals announcement.
  5. At the discretion of the contest advisor, alternates may be allowed to participate. The number of alternates per contest is also at the discretion of the contest advisor. These decisions MUST be made prior to and MUST appear in the official **written State Finals announcement for those contests.**
  6. ALL students participating in a state finals contest shall be eligible for individual awards.
  7. Teams competing in a State Finals contest may be assessed an entry fee to be established by the State FFA Advisor.
     1. Fees will be based on the date registration is received for each team.
     2. Teams whose entries are received at least 14 days in advance will be charged the established fee, per team.
     3. Teams whose entries are received from 8 to 13 days prior to the State Finals will be charged three times the established fee, per team.
     4. No Entries will be accepted once the State Finals registration has closed which will be based on the posted registration date determined by the host site.
     5. Prior to the posted registration date, a school may cancel a team(s) and not be held responsible for the registration fee(s). After the posted registration date has closed, no refunds will be made available.
     6. Chapter entry (all teams) will not be considered complete if full payment is not received prior to the start of the State Finals. Payment may be by cash, check, or official district PO. Chapters without a complete entry (registration and payment) may be disqualified or not allowed to compete at the State Finals.
     7. THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!
  8. All entries for State Championship Contests must be accompanied by a signed copy of the **Agriculture Teachers and Coaches Code of Conduct for CDEs** (see page 13)**,** signed by the coach of each team entered at State Finals and the site Principal of that school or have accepted the conditions of the Agriculture Teachers and Coaches Code of Conduct for all coaches and principal as certified in the registration process.
  9. When the official announcement of judging contests to be held is issued, all contests listed will be held regardless of the number of teams actually entered on the day of judging. However, if less than five (5) teams participated in a contest in one year, that contest will be placed on probation for one year, at which time five (5) teams must be have participated in the State Finals contest. The contest will be discontinued until such time as sufficient interest is indicated to guarantee at least five (5) participating teams.
  10. Late Arrivals at the Contest - Teams arriving after the Official Dress check or failure to check in prior to when the contest commences, will NOT be scored for official placing.
  11. In a contest where three, four or five team members start and one or more members are unable to continue due to sickness or accident, the remaining member(s) are still able to continue and compete for individual awards.

1. Student/Advisor Participation
   1. Each student entering a competitive contest must:
2. Be an official FFA member.
3. Be regularly enrolled member of an agricultural education class in high school or middle school/Jr. high and have completed the equivalent of a year’s worth of agriculture course instruction during the current year if taking classes in a block or trimester system unless otherwise noted in curricular code.
   * 1. Be enrolled at a high school taking course(s) receiving high school graduation credit or be enrolled in middle school/Jr. high classes eligible for promotion.
     2. Not have been a member of a state championship team or represented California in the National FFA Career Development Event finals or the Soils Contest in Oklahoma, in the type of contest he/she is entering. For clarification: the State Champion team includes **all** members that participated in the state contest.
     3. Be in official uniform.
     4. In the event a student is eligible for membership in two or more chapters; the students can be a member of one chapter only and complete for that chapter during the school year.
     5. No student or instructor will be allowed to practice or familiarize themselves with the animals or materials to be used in the state final contest within 90 days of the contest. Violation of the above rule will result in disqualification of the team and its members from the State Level Competition for the year the violation occurs.
     6. No contact is to be made to any state final contest advisor 30 days prior to that activity. The only exception to this would be if a meeting of CATA contest representatives was called during that time. The only contact to be made within the 30 day period will be through the State FFA Advisor's office. Any violation may jeopardize the possibility of participating in the state final contest.
     7. All coaches, alternates and visitors must remain away from the contest site during the competition, except as provided by the individual Curricular Code Contest Rules. Violations will result in the disqualification of the team from the school(s) involved.
     8. When a student is registered as a contest participation in any State Contest, the teacher's signature on the entry form shall be considered a certification that the student has received training and safety instruction for that contest. When, in the judgment of a contest official, a participant in any state final contest shall demonstrate incompetence or operate in a manner considered hazardous to himself/herself or others, that participant may be removed from the contest. The judgment of the official shall be final.
     9. Judging Cards – Contestants filling out placing cards that have irregularities or are undecipherable or incorrectly marked will be given the lowest possible score on the Hormel Computer.
     10. Contestants turning in a judging card that has no mark on it shall be scored a zero.
     11. Use of Communication devices will not be permitted in a designated contest area/building. This would include, but not limited to cell phones, MP3’s, IPODS, watches with communication capability, etc. Violation will result in immediate removal from the contest he/she competed in and will become ineligible for any awards. Any devices collected prior to the start of the contest will not be returned until all competitors have completed the contest.
     12. Students are not allowed to remove or copy/remove any contest materials from the contest site without the expressed consent of the contest advisor. Any violation will result in the disqualification of the individual(s) and team(s) involved and barring of the individual(s) from participation in any Career Development Event for a period of one year and barring of the chapter from participation in that Career Development Event for a period of one (1) year. Unless specified in the rules of a particular contest, the only materials allowed to be taken into a contest by a contestant shall be:
         1. a notebook containing blank paper (lined or unlined).
         2. a writing instrument (pen or pencil)
         3. silent battery operated non-programmable calculators
         4. Students giving oral reasons may take notes while judging the class, but these notes cannot be used while presenting their oral reasons.
     13. Time Limit – Time limit for reasons in each contest will be two minutes and any action taken on this will be left to the discretion of the judges.
     14. A copy of any written exam and key shall be available upon request after the contest.
     15. Any written materials turned in to be judged will be returned to the contestant upon completion of the contest, or handed back to the contestant in that contestants school’s tabulations packet.
     16. Student may enter only one speaking contest in the same year above the section level.
4. Awards and National Contest Representation
   1. Awards will be given to first, second, third, fourth and fifth place teams and individuals in each section of each contest, and to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth high teams and individuals in each contest.
   2. The contest results as announced and presented at the Awards Assembly will be considered UNOFFICIAL. Protests which question the calculation/scoring of tabulations of the contest and which may have an effect on the final placing of the OVERALL TOP FIVE TEAMS, OR TOP FIVE INDIVIDUALS, must be filed, in writing, with a member of the State Ag Ed Staff assigned to the State Finals Contest supervision/coordination or the State FFA Advisor by 1:00 p.m. on the Friday following the State Final Competition.
   3. CATA will assign a member(s) to EACH State Finals Contest site, to receive complaints and distribute protest forms.
   4. The team certified by the State FFA Advisor shall be eligible to represent the State of California in the official national competition. For a team to be certified, the team must be made up of not less than a majority of the members allowed on a team at national competition and be from the students who made up the team at the state qualifying competition.
   5. Any member of a team participating in a National Finals contest shall be ineligible to participate in that state final contest thereafter.
   6. Members of the announced State Champion team may only compete in the same contest, in subsequent year(s), upon being re-certified as eligible for competition, by the state FFA advisor. Members of state champion teams include all members of the team competing regardless of whether the member(s) score counted toward the official team score. If ineligible students are entered in the same contest, in which they were a state winner, at any field or judging day, the team of which they are a member shall be declared ineligible.
5. Curricular Code Rule Changes
   1. All Curricular Code Activities Judging Contests will be divided into three groups and each group will be reviewed once every three years. Contests in List A will be reviewed at Summer Conference in 2026 and every third year thereafter. Contests in List B will be reviewed in 2024 and every third year thereafter. Contest in List C will be reviewed in 2025 and every third year thereafter. Any trial contest may be reviewed annually for three years and then placed in a normal rotation once it becomes an official state contest. Trial contest proposals must be submitted to the CATA Governing Board prior to their annual Winter Governing Board meeting. Proposals should contain an analysis of the costs associated with putting on the trial contest and a statement from the prospective contest administrator or institution indicating a willingness and ability to provide the resources to conduct the contest. Proposals submitted to the CATA Governing Board will be circulated to the membership at Spring Regional meetings in a manner similar to CATA resolution process. Final approval for trial contests will be granted by majority vote at the CATA Summer Conference.

List A  
Agricultural Communications

Agriscience Fair  
Best Informed Greenhand  
Citrus  
Creed Recitation  
Dairy Cattle Judging  
Farm Power and Machinery  
Forestry  
Fruit Tree Judging  
Impromptu Public Speaking  
Livestock Judging  
Marketing   
Parliamentary Procedure and Debate Contest  
Poultry Judging

List B  
Agricultural Issues Forum  
Agricultural Sales   
Extemporaneous Public Speaking  
General Rules  
Grapevine Judging  
Land Judging  
Meat Judging  
Milk Quality & Dairy Foods  
Natural Resource Management  
Nursery/Landscape  
Prepared Public Speaking  
Small Engines  
Vegetable Crop Judging  
Veterinary Science   
List C  
Agricultural Mechanics  
Agricultural Pest Control  
Agricultural Welding  
Agronomy  
Cotton  
Farm Business Management  
Farm Record Book  
Floriculture  
Fruit Tree Pruning  
Grapevine Pruning  
Job Interview  
Light Horse Judging  
Marketing Plan   
List D – Trial Contests  
Agricultural Mechanics Fair

California Water

El Credo de FFA

1. CATA Curricular Code rules relating to contests will be made in the following manner:
   1. Procedure - Upon completion of any State FFA Finals, any CATA member may make a proposal for changing the rules. All proposed changes must be received in the Executive Director’s office by June 1st in electronic format (i.e. emailed, sent on disk) and a typed hard copy. The Executive Director will send copies to the Operations Division Chairperson, Curricular Code Chairperson, and the individual contest chairpersons.
   2. Chairperson - The coach of the first place FFA team in the current state finals contest shall act as chairperson of the committee to review and act on any suggested changes for that contest.
   3. Secretary - The secretary of the committee shall be a CATA member who coached a team that participated in those State Finals contest. The chairman may choose any coach desired.
   4. Committee - The committee shall consist of all CATA members who coached a team that participated in a FFA contest.
   5. No Suggestions - If there are no suggested rule changes, it will be posted to the CATA website that there are no proposed rule changes.
   6. The contests open for revision, whether or not they are on the list or are opened only by the Governing Board, may make changes only to that portion or portions of the contest that were submitted for revision.
   7. Faculty Advisor - The faculty advisor of the university that sponsors the contest will be asked to sit on the committee in an advisory capacity. It will be the chairman's responsibility to notify the faculty advisor if rule changes are being considered and to advise him/her of the meeting date and time.
   8. Meeting - The committee shall meet during a scheduled time at Summer Conference to review and act on any rule changes suggested. In order to reduce the likelihood of conflicts, several different meeting times will be scheduled for each of the different contests in order that a coach may attend meetings of more than one contest.
   9. Proxy - Any coach of a team participating in any FFA contest that is unable to participate in the meetings may designate a proxy by writing to the chairman.
   10. Conflict - If the coach of the winning team is unable to attend Summer Conference to act as chairman of the committee, the chairmanship shall be passed in descending order of placing, i.e., 2nd place coach, 3rd place coach until an available coach is located. It will be the responsibility of the chairman of the Operations Division to see that a chairman is located.
   11. Final Authority for Changes - The judging committees will formulate the changes on the one third of the contests being reviewed. Their report will be presented directly to the general assembly for discussion, amendments and final approval. The final authority for Curricular Code changes will be in the CATA Conference General Assembly and will require a majority vote.
   12. Any request to open contests for changes outside their normal rotation must be submitted to the Executive Director, in both electronic and typed hardcopy format, and received by June 1st. By majority vote of the Governing Board, a portion or portions of the Curricular Code may be opened for consideration and changed during conference.
2. Corrections in Code
   1. Typographical errors, misspellings and/or omissions can be changed or corrected on a yearly basis. Any changes should be submitted to the State CATA Executive Director, who will contact the State FFA Advisor. A memo will be sent out to notify the membership.

**Agriculture Teachers and Coaches Code of Conduct for CDEs**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As an educator and role model, agriculture teachers and coaches shall maintain a high level of professionalism at the Career Development Events (CDEs).

**Before** a contest, every coach of each career development team shall:

1.1 Inform students of contest rules;

1.2 Be aware of schedules;

1.3 Make sure their chapter is in good standing with the FFA;

1.4 Prepare students for contest content and safety guidelines;

1.5 Be a good adult role model.

**During** a contest every coach of a career development team shall:

2.1 Assist contest officials when needed;

2.2 Abide by rules and expectations for that particular event including but not limited to rules regarding physical location;

2.3 Ensure student cell phones are not in use;

2.4 Act in a professional and ethical manner.

**After** the contest every coach of a career development team shall:

3.1 Conduct themselves in a professional manner during critique and awards;

3.2 Treat contest officials and other field days committee members with respect;

3.3 Be a good role model for their team;

3.4 Model good sportsmanship;

3.5 Present any protests or inquiries in written form;

3.6 The coach shall attend curricular code revisions if possible.

**At any time** in relation to CDEs, coaches shall:

4.1 Behave in a professional manner;

4.2 Refrain from knowingly providing misleading or incorrect information

4.3 Avoid creating or taking part in confrontational situations involving contest officials or field day committee members;

4.4 Follow contest rules or guidelines;

4.5 Avoid encouraging or allowing any student to break contest rules;

4.6 Avoid communicating with students during the contest;

4.7 Avoid intentionally putting a student or another person in harms way.

If a contest supervisor finds a coach to be in violation of the Code of Conduct, the said contest supervisor may take immediate action to ensure that inappropriate conduct cease, up to and including banning that coach from being present at any State Finals Contest site for the remainder of the school year. The contest supervisor, in consultation with the State FFA Advisor and State CATA President, will inform the coach, department head, and regional supervisor of the action taken. In addition, the contest supervisor will submit an official letter to the CATA Governing Board, informing them of the infraction and resultant action taken regarding this matter. The matter may be taken up by the CATA Governing Board at their June meeting, and if warranted, the CATA Governing Board could take additional action, which may include banning that coach from all State Finals the following school year as well.

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Ag. Instructor Principal Coach

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