

## **I. Introduction**

This code contains rules and regulations governing the following FFA functions:

- FFA Activities
- Fairs and Shows
- State Championship Events and Event Awards/Procedures

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.

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## II. Rules of Conduct at All Agricultural Education Events

- A. During FFA events and activities, the Agricultural Teacher of each school involved is ultimately responsible for the actions of their FFA members. Each school and district have rules that govern students at school related activities, and each FFA event has rules and guidelines within the Curricular Code to help govern the responsibilities of FFA members. FFA members and teachers shall be held responsible for those rules.
- B. When any FFA member attends an FFA function, Agriculture Teachers shall follow their School District policies regarding supervision of students attending activities off campus.
- C. Prior to participating in an FFA activity governed by these rules, the agriculture teacher will ensure that each FFA member has their school district permission and/or other forms, as required by their district. The permission and medical forms shall be in the possession of the district approved person providing supervision. Additional rules can be imposed for specific activities. It will be the responsibility of the advisor to bring such rules to the attention of the students and chaperones. If the activity requires a signed statement indicating intent to follow the prescribed rules, the signed statement shall be in the possession of the accompanying instructor or chaperone, if an instructor is not present, and must be available on request.
- D. General Rules of Conduct apply to all FFA activities and are as follows:
  - 1. FFA members are expected to respect the authority and direction of all teachers and site representatives of all agricultural education events and activities.
  - 2. FFA members are expected to follow the FFA Code of Ethics and FFA Code of Conduct.
  - 3. FFA members are expected to be respectful of all individuals.
  - 4. The use of tobacco will not be permitted by FFA Members while wearing any item that identifies the person as an FFA member or while participating in any FFA activity.
  - 5. Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs shall not be tolerated. Violation of this rule will cause immediate suspension from the activity and notification to school administration.
  - 6. Proper conduct is expected from FFA Members at all times. Proper conduct includes, but is not limited to, any communications, physical interactions, or behavior.
  - 7. Persistent abuse of these rules shall be cause for suspension from the FFA activity.
  - 8. 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.
  - 9. Instructors and advisors in charge of FFA Members shall be responsible for the FFA Members' conduct at all times.

### III. Fairs and Shows

- A. All FFA members and teachers are responsible for knowing and following all school, fair, and State Rules for California Fairs.
- B. FFA Members 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 an FFA Member (Calendar year means Jan 1 to Dec 31).
- C. A student prescheduled in agriculture is allowed to show at any summer fair immediately prior to entering seventh grade, provided the project supervision and Agricultural Experience Tracker were started 60 days (120 days for market beef) before the fair, and the student 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.
- D. The reference for the official FFA Show Uniform is listed in the California State FFA Constitution.
- E. All members, when representing the chapter, should wear the official FFA jacket with the name of the chapter on the back. FFA Jackets with Association on the back may only be worn by current or immediate past State Officers while conducting official association business. Section and Regional Officer Jackets should also be worn only by the officer when conducting either Section or Region business.

#### IV. State Championship Events (Career & Leadership Development Events)

The CATA recognizes the following types of competitive events as being sufficiently well-established to warrant holding a state championship event yearly.

##### A. Event Sites

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<b>Event</b>	<b>State Champion Host Site</b>	<b>State Champion CDE/LDE Host Event Coordinator</b>	<b>State Champion CDE/LDE CATA Approved Event Advisor</b>	<b>State Finals CDE/LDE State Staff Arbitrator</b>
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	Reedley College	Kevin Woodard	Donnie Whitworth	Tim Brown
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	Tim Brown
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
Natural Resources	Reedley College	Kevin Woodard	Martin Castro	Charles Parker
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	Tim Brown
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

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Event	State Champion Host Site	State Champion CDE/LDE Host Event Coordinator	State Champion CDE/LDE CATA Approved Event Advisor	State Finals CDE/LDE State Staff Arbitrator
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

The CATA recognizes the following competitive event as being a trial event and it will be reviewed for three years to determine if it is sufficiently well-established to warrant holding a state championship event yearly.

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

1. The “California State Champion Career Development Event Site, Coordinator, Advisor, and Arbitrator Chart” (above) must be updated by the State FFA Advisor with the approved/confirmed State Finals CDE CATA Approved Event Advisor by December 31<sup>st</sup> for the following year’s judging season and state finals events. The chart would be shared at the annual CATA Winter Governing Board for final approval and distributed to host event sites and state staff. This provides the host site and state staff with the opportunity to provide an event advisor contact to any current/new event 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 event. All state staff changes/revisions must be made by the State FFA Advisor before the state’s state finals event.
2. A “State Finals CDE Host Event Coordinator”: The State Champion CDE Host Event Coordinator would be responsible for the organizing, preparation, and implementation of their designated CDE event. This includes all aspects of the events (materials, judges, etc.) within the Curricular Code.
3. A “State Finals CDE State Staff Arbitrator”: 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 event, event coordinators, advisors, or coaches. Final verdict/decisions/authority will be made by the State FFA Advisor.

4. A “State CDE CATA Approved Event Advisor” will be selected/approved each year by the event’s top five team CDE coaches each year following the state’s event finals. The winning CDE coach of each event 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 event at the host site. The State Champion CATA Approved Event Advisor’s primary responsibility is to assist the coordinator in the organization, preparation, and implementation of the event and to ensure the event is within the quality, standards, and parameters of the Curricular Code. The designated/approved State Champion CATA Approved Event Advisor can also serve as the State Champion CDE Host Event 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.
  5. Qualifying Sites
    - a. CDE’s that require teams to qualify to compete at the State Finals, the identified qualifying sites must adhere to the Curricular Code and conduct all portions of the CDE as identified in the Curricular Code.
    - b. 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.
    - c. 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.
- B. Rules for Career Development and Leadership Development Events
1. The time and place for holding State Championship Events shall be determined by the State FFA Advisor.
  2. There will be no State FFA Novice Judging Finals Events, except Parliamentary Procedure, the divisions of Agriscience Fair, and the divisions of El Credo de FFA.
  3. Whenever there is a rule contradiction between a specific event rule and the “Rules for Career Development and Leadership Development Events”, the “Rules for Career Development and Leadership Development Events” will take precedence.
  4. 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.
  5. In the year in which an event is up for review, the State Ag Ed Staff, along with the CATA Executive Director, shall review each event 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.
  6. Other institutions or agencies conducting events involving FFA members should attempt to adhere to these rules to ensure uniformity between events.
- C. Team Participation
1. Only one team per school may participate in any State Finals Career Development Events except for the Creed Recitation, Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Job Interview, Impromptu Public Speaking and El Credo de FFA. Regional Participation in

these events, including Parli Pro, at the State level, will be limited to a maximum of four (4) per region.

2. State final events that qualify teams to compete at a National Event, will consist of the number of contestants specified in the National Event rules. The National Events currently are:

Agricultural Communications	4
Agricultural Issues	3-7
Agricultural Mechanics	4
Agricultural Sales	4
Agronomy	4
Creed	1
Dairy Cattle Evaluation	4
Natural Resources Management	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
Milk Quality and Dairy Foods	4
Nursery/Landscape	4
Parliamentary Procedure	6
Poultry Evaluation	4
Prepared Speaking	1
Veterinary Science	4

3. State final team events, which end at the State level, will consist of the number of members specified in the CATA rules for that event and the team will be scored as described in the rules for the specific event.
4. The minimum team size will be the number of team members that make up a team score. For example, if an event specifies a team size of four with four members making up the team score, then the minimum team size will be four. If an event specifies a team size of four with three members making up the team score, then the minimum team size will be three members.
5. A list of events which allow partial teams must be listed in the official, written, State Finals announcement.
6. At the discretion of the event advisor, alternates may be allowed to participate. The number of alternates per event is also at the discretion of the event advisor. These decisions **MUST** be made prior to and **MUST** appear in the official **written State Finals announcement for those events.**
7. ALL students participating in a state finals event shall be eligible for individual awards.
8. When the official announcement of judging events to be held is issued, all events 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 an event in one year, that event will be placed on probation for one year, at which time five (5) teams must have participated in the State

Finals event. The event will be discontinued until such time as sufficient interest is indicated to guarantee at least five (5) participating teams.

9. Late Arrivals at the Event - Teams arriving after the Official Dress check or failure to check in prior to when the event commences, will NOT be scored for official placing.
10. In an event where a team starts an event and one or more members are unable to continue due to sickness or accident, creating a partial team, the remaining member(s) are still able to continue and compete for individual awards.

D. Student/Advisor Participation

1. Each student entering a competitive event must:
  - a) Be an official FFA member.
  - b) 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.
  - c) 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.
  - d) Not have been a member of a state championship team or represented California in a National event, in the type of event they are entering. For clarification: 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 event, 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.
  - e) Not have been an individual state winner in a Leadership Development Event (LDE) or represented California in the National FFA LDE finals. Exceptions: the Novice Parliamentary state winner participating in the Advance Event and individual State winner in the El Credo de FFA lower divisions may move up to a higher division.
  - f) Not have been an individual student division/category state winner or a member of a state first place team in a division/category or represented California at the National Agriscience Fair, they can no longer compete in that division/category regardless of the research subject. Example: If a student wins Animal Systems Division I as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, they can no longer participate in Animal Systems Division I, but can compete in another category in Division I as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader or in Division II in the same category.
  - g) Not have been an individual student division state winner in Ag. Mechanics Fair. A state winner may enter any of the other divisions.
2. The state champion team for CDEs and Parliamentary Procedure, the state individual winner in LDEs, and individual and team state winners in Agriscience Fair, shall qualify to participate in an approved national event representing California. If the first-place team/individual does not wish to participate in the national event, the second-place team/individual would be considered followed by the third-place team/individual. In no circumstance shall a team/individual outside of the top three be considered to represent California in a sanctioned national event. Any team or individual who participates in a national event representing California would forego their eligibility to participate in that contest in future years. To participate in an out-of-state event a team/individual must be approved by the State FFA Advisor.
3. Members of the announced State Champion team may only compete in the same event, in subsequent year(s), upon being re-certified as eligible for competition, by the State FFA Advisor.



4. A student may enter only one speaking LDE event in the same year above the section level. (Creed Recitation, Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Job Interview, Impromptu Public Speaking and El Credo de FFA.)
5. The official FFA uniform is to be worn by FFA members at the following FFA Leadership Development Events (LDEs): The reference for the FFA Uniform is listed in the California State FFA Constitution.
  - i. Creed Recitation
  - ii. El Credo de FFA
  - iii. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
  - iv. Impromptu
  - v. Job Interview
  - vi. Parliamentary Procedure and Debate
  - vii. Prepared Public Speaking
6. The official FFA uniform for State CDE Finals, Agriscience Fair and Ag. Mechanics Fair events will be Official FFA jacket, zipped to the top, white collared shirt and official FFA tie/scarf.

Adaptation of the uniform may be made during the event, i.e., tie/scarf 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.

7. A committee of one representative from the State Staff and one from the CATA will be in charge of enforcing rules concerning dress at State FFA events.
8. In the event a student is eligible for membership in two or more chapters; the student can be a member of one chapter only and complete for that chapter during the school year.
9. No student or instructor will be allowed to practice or familiarize themselves with the animals or materials to be used in the state final event within 90 days of the event. 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.
10. No contact is to be made to any state final event advisor 30 days prior to that activity. The only exception to this would be if a meeting of CATA event 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 event.
11. All coaches, alternates and visitors must remain away from the event site during the competition, except as provided by the individual Curricular Code Event Rules. Violations will result in the disqualification of the team from the school(s) involved.
12. When a student is registered as a participant in any State Event, the teacher's submission of the entry form shall be considered a certification that the student has received training and safety instruction for that event. When, in the judgment of an event official, a participant in any state final event shall demonstrate incompetence or operate in a manner considered hazardous to himself/herself or others, that participant may be removed from the event. The judgment of the official shall be final.
13. 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.
14. Contestants turning in a judging card that has no mark on it shall be scored a zero.

15. Use of Smart devices will not be permitted in a designated event area/building, except for individual CDEs/LDEs that specifically allow their use during the event. This would include, but is not limited to, cell phones, iPods, tablets, laptops, smart watches, etc. Violation will result in immediate removal from the event they competed in and will become ineligible for any awards. Any devices collected prior to the start of the event will not be returned until all competitors have completed the event.
16. Students or advisors/coaches are not allowed to remove or copy/remove any event materials from the event site without the expressed consent of the event 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 event for a period of one year and barring of the chapter from participation in that event a period of one (1) year. Unless specified in the rules of a particular event, the only materials allowed to be taken into an event by a contestant shall be:
  - i. a notebook or clipboard containing blank paper (lined or unlined).
  - ii. a writing instrument (pen or pencil)
  - iii. silent battery operated non-programmable calculator.
17. Students giving oral reasons may take notes while judging the class, but these notes cannot be used while presenting their oral reasons.
18. Time Limit – Time limit for reasons in each event will be two minutes and any action taken on this will be left to the discretion of the judges.
19. A copy of any written exam and key shall be available upon request after the event.
20. Any written materials turned in to be judged will be returned to the contestant upon completion of the event or handed back to the contestant in that contestant's school's tabulations packet.

E. Awards and National Event Representation

1. CDE Events: Awards will be given to top five place teams and individuals in each section of each event designated as a sub-contest, and to the top five overall high teams and individuals in each event.
2. LDE Events: Placing awards will be given to all the participants in the final round.
3. Agriscience Fair Event: Placing Awards will be given to the top three in each category within each Division and overall top five State Champion Chapter Group in each Division (Discovery, Novice, and Advanced).
4. Ag. Mechanics Fair Event: Placing Awards for the top three individuals in each Division and Awards to the Top Five Overall Individuals and Top Five Chapter Groups.
5. The event results as announced and presented at the Awards Assembly will be considered UNOFFICIAL. Protests which question the calculation/scoring of tabulations of the event, and which may have an effect on the final placing of the OVERALL TOP TEAMS, OR TOP INDIVIDUALS, must be filed, in writing, with a member of the State Ag Ed Staff assigned to the State Finals Event supervision/coordination or the State FFA Advisor by 1:00 p.m. one week following the State Final Competition.
6. 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.

F. Entry Form and Fees

1. Each event area has the flexibility to charge what is needed to run their event to cover expenses.
2. Teams competing in a State Finals event may be assessed an entry fee to be established by the State FFA Advisor.
  - a. Registration fees are the responsibilities of the host site or their third-party vendor and are not regulated by CATA.
3. When an entry is submitted for an any event, the entry shall be considered certification that all teachers and coaches have accepted the conditions of the "Agriculture Teachers and Coaches Code of Conduct".

G. Individual CDE Event Rules Format

1. The format of information (rules) of state finals events shall include:
  - a. Purpose and Standards – Each event shall include a brief introduction to include purposes of the event and the foundation, agricultural and academic standards addressed by the event.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Classes – A simple listing of all the classes and the maximum score of each class. Team events scores would be shown here as well.
  - d. Tie Breaker – A list of the classes or methods used to break ties.
  - e. 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 event materials that are to be returned (Ex. Farm Power, Ag. Mechanics) to the contestants.
  - f. Rules governing the event.
  - g. Any materials that may be deemed useful to contestants or event host.
  - h. Event score cards to be completed by contestants used for all state finals events will be posted on the CATA website for Curricular Code 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 and Judging Card may be referenced by name.
  - i. Specific CDE rules will describe how cards are to be scored (for example formulas, weighing, Hormel method, etc.).
  - j. All average scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

## **V. Curricular Code Rule Changes**

1. All Curricular Code Activities Judging Events will be divided into three groups and each group will be reviewed once every three years. Events in List A will be reviewed at Summer Conference in 2026 and every third year thereafter. Events in List B will be reviewed in 2024 and every third year thereafter. Event in List C will be reviewed in 2025 and every third year thereafter. Any trial event may be reviewed annually for three years and then placed in a normal rotation once it becomes an official state event. Trial event 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 event and a statement from the prospective event administrator or institution indicating a willingness and ability to provide the resources to conduct the event. 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 events 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 Event  
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 Events

Agricultural Mechanics Fair  
California Water Issues  
El Credo de FFA

\*Event areas on probation

2. CATA Curricular Code Rule Changes relating to events 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 1<sup>st</sup> in electronic format. The Executive Director will send copies to the Operations Division Chairperson, Curricular Code Chairperson, and the individual event chairpersons.
  2. Any request to open events for changes outside their normal rotation must be submitted to the Executive Director, in electronic 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.
  3. Chairperson - The coach of the first place FFA team in the current state finals event shall function as chairperson of the committee to review and act on any suggested changes for that event. If the coach of the winning team is unable to attend Summer Conference to function as chairperson of the committee, the chair shall be passed in descending order of placing, i.e., second place coach, third place coach until an available coach is located. It will be the responsibility of the chairperson of the Operations Division to see that a chairperson is located.
  4. Secretary - The secretary of the committee shall be a CATA member who coached a team that participated in that State Finals event. The chairperson may choose any coach desired.
  5. Committee - The committee shall consist of all CATA members who coached a team that participated in that FFA event.
  6. No Suggestions - If there are no suggested rule changes, it will be posted to the CATA website that there are no proposed rule changes.
  7. The events open for revision, whether they are on the list or are opened only by the Governing Board, may make changes only to that portion or portions of the event that were submitted for revision.

8. Faculty Advisor - The faculty advisor of the university that sponsors the event 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.
9. Meeting - The committee shall meet during a scheduled time at Summer Conference to review and act on any rule changes suggested. To reduce the likelihood of conflicts, several different meeting times will be scheduled for each of the different events in order that a coach may attend meetings of more than one event.
10. Proxy - Any coach of a team participating in any FFA event that is unable to participate in the meetings may designate a proxy by writing to the chairperson.
11. Final Authority for Changes - The event committees will formulate the changes for the events 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.

## **VI. Corrections in Code**

- A. Typographical errors, misspellings and/or omissions, and conflicts with General Rules 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.
- B. The State CATA Office will annually update the schedule of rotations for the individual contests that have sub-contest rotations.

## **Agriculture Teachers and Coaches Code of Conduct**

### **for the coaching and advising of students participating in FFA competitive activities.**

As an educator and role model, agriculture teachers and coaches shall maintain high professionalism in coaching and advising FFA students in competitive activities. For this Code of Conduct, the term “coach” is used throughout refers to agriculture teachers and any other person who coaches and advises FFA students in competitive activities.

**Before** an event, every coach of each career development team shall:

- 1.1 Inform students of event 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 event content and safety guidelines.
- 1.5 Be a good adult role model.

**During** an event, every coach of a career development team shall:

- 2.1 Assist event officials when needed.
- 2.2 Abide by rules and expectations for that event including, but not limited, to rules regarding physical location.
- 2.3 Ensure student communication devices are not in use.
- 2.4 Act in a professional and ethical manner.

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

- 3.1 Conduct themselves in a professional manner during critique and awards.
- 3.2 Treat event 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 Shall not create or take part in confrontational situations involving event officials or field day committee members.
- 4.4 Follow event rules or guidelines.
- 4.5 Shall not encourage or allow any student to break event rules.
- 4.6 Shall not communicate with students during the event.
- 4.7 Shall not intentionally put a student or another person in harm’s way.

**At all times**, coaches, when advising students on FFA Award Applications, should:

- 5.1 Conduct themselves professionally and ethically.
- 5.2 Ensure students' award applications are completed by the student applying for the award.
- 5.3 Ensure the accuracy and authenticity of all information and signature in the award application.
- 5.4 Verify that the contents of all award applications accurately reflect the student's time, hours, and financials related to their project or award area.

**At all times** concerning Leadership Development Events (LDE) and Agriscience research competitions, coaches shall:

- 6.1 Conduct themselves professionally and ethically.
- 6.2 Avoid creating or taking part in confrontational situations involving event officials or judges at or after any LDE or Agriscience event.

6.3 Ensure that all written materials submitted as part of an LDE or Agriscience research are the product of the competing student's work and are not plagiarized or written by another. Another is not limited to people but includes artificial intelligence or similar technology.

6.4 Ensure that proper citation is used to credit others' intellectual property.

**At all times** concerning shows and fairs, coaches shall:

7.1 Conduct themselves professionally and ethically.

7.2 Avoid creating or taking part in confrontational situations involving event officials, judges, fair CEOs, or livestock officials.

If an event supervisor, livestock superintendent, fair manager or application scorer finds a CATA member/coach to violate the Code of Conduct, the said person of authority may take immediate action to ensure that inappropriate conduct ceases. That action could include banning the CATA member/coach from attending events or scorings for the remainder of the school year.

In consultation with the State FFA Advisor and State CATA President, the person of authority will inform the CATA member/coach, the CATA member/coach's department head, and the regional supervisor of the action taken.

In addition, the person of authority will submit an official letter to the CATA Governing Board, informing them of the infraction and resulting action taken. The CATA Governing Board may take up the matter at their June meeting. If warranted, the CATA Governing Board could take additional action, including revoking the offender's CATA membership for the following school year.

These actions are in addition to and separate from any disciplinary action that host sites, school administrations, school districts, the California Department of Education, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, or any other entity of authority may take.

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Ag. Instructor

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Coach

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Principal

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