

# FFA LEADERSHIP CONTESTS

## General Contest Rules

1. Contestants must be active FFA members and enrolled in high school grades 9-12.
2. **An individual student cannot participate in state contests that are scheduled to compete at the same time. Please check the schedule carefully.**

A student may compete in **only one** of the following state contests each year:

  - A. FFA Creed Speaking
  - B. Prepared Public Speaking Division I
  - C. Prepared Public Speaking Division II
  - D. Prepared Public Speaking Advanced
  - E. Extemporaneous Speaking
  - F. Parliamentary Procedure
  - G. Job Interview**
  - H. Agriculture Issues Forum**
3. The number of entries per district in each event is listed in the Guidelines under Allocation of Teams.
4. Ties will be broken following the national rules. Tie breaker rules are as follows: 1) Add judges ranking – lowest ranking; 2) If lowest rank value is a tie go to greatest number of lowest ranks; 3) If greatest number of lowest ranks is a tie then rank of judges score on response to questions; 4) If the greatest number of lowest ranks on response to questions is a tie to use total raw score.
5. All contestants in the FFA Leadership Events must wear Official FFA Dress, as identified in the current FFA Manual. Official Dress for female FFA members shall be: black skirt (to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom with a slit no higher than two inches above the knee excluding the kick pleat), official FFA blue scarf, white collared blouse, black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe, black nylon hosiery, and an official FFA jacket zipped to the top. Official Dress for male FFA members shall be: black slacks, white collared shirt, official FFA tie, black dress shoes (black boots have been determined as acceptable for male members), black socks, an official FFA jacket zipped to the top. **In Parliamentary Procedure any team with a member not in Official FFA Dress during any part of the event will result in a 100 point deduction from the total team score.** In other Leadership events ten percent of the contestant's score will be deducted for any member not in Official FFA Dress.  
  
**\*\*\*Note: Contestant in the Agricultural Issues Forum CDE are not required to wear Official FFA Dress for competition.**
6. Contestants in **any** FFA Event will **not** be allowed to hear or view other contestants or teams before or after their own presentation.

7. A member who has competed in the Public Speaking Event (Division I, Division II, or Advanced) or the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Event on the state level will not be eligible to compete in the same event again (effective 1997).
8. Note cards and manuscripts are allowed and not considered props in any prepared speaking contest. Their use may affect scoring in the sections of the score card title Stage Presence and Power of Expression.
9. No member is eligible to participate in the Parliamentary Procedure, FFA Creed Speaking, and FFA Knowledge Contests more than one time on the state level.
10. Only one person or organization will be permitted to videotape any FFA Contest. They will be responsible for making them available to all interested parties as convention highlights.
11. **In order to advance to the Final Round in any FFA Leadership Contest, the participant must be present at the time the results of the preliminary rounds are announced.**
12. The following scoring procedure will be used in the Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, FFA Creed Speaking, and Parliamentary Procedure Contest:
  - a. When all contestants/teams have finished, each judge will total the score for each contestant/team. The timekeeper will record and present to each judge the contestant's time. The timekeepers' record will be used in computing the final score for each contestant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to the officials to determine final ratings of contestants/teams.
  - b. Contestants/teams shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of final score to be determined by each judged **without consultation with each other**. The judges' ranking for each contestant shall be added together. The winner will be the contestant whose total of the judges' rankings is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner (low ranking score method of selection). In case of a tie, that individual/team who has the highest ranking by judges will win (head to head comparison based on rank of the tied individual/team).

**EXAMPLE:**

Individuals/Teams were placed by three judges.

INDIVIDUALS/TEAMS:	I	II	III
Judge 1 ranked them:	2	3	1
Judge 2 ranked them:	3	1	2
<u>Judge 3 ranked them:</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	7	7	4

Individual/Team III is the winner. Individuals/Teams I and II go head to head and their scores would be:

INDIVIDUALS/TEAMS:	I	II
Judge 1 ranked them:	1	2
Judge 2 ranked them:	2	1
<u>Judge 3 ranked them:</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	4	5

Team/Individual I would be the winner in the head to head scoring.

**Special Note:**

- A. The rules above are for the State Events. They should serve as an excellent guide for Area and District Contests.
- B. Sample score cards for each of the FFA Leadership Events are found in this CDE Handbook. These score cards are available from the Instructional Materials Laboratory, 1400 Rock Quarry Rd. Q156, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211; (573) 882-2883.

## FFA Leadership Awards

- A. Parliamentary Procedure and Ag Issues Forum: A state award plaque will be presented to the top six ranking teams. Group I medals for each team member of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the state contest will be given.
- B. Prepared Public Speaking – Advanced Division: A state award plaque will be presented to the top six winners of the state contest. The state winner also receives a certificate and a \$100 check\*. All state public speaking contestants will receive a state award medal.
- C. Prepared Public Speaking – Division I & II: A state award plaque will be presented to the top six winners of the state contest. All state public speaking contestants will receive a state award medal.
- D. Extemporaneous Public Speaking: (same as Prepared Public Speaking –Advanced Division).
- E. FFA Creed Speaking: A state award plaque will be presented to the top six winners in the state event. All state FFA Creed speaking contestants will receive a state award medal.
- F. FFA Job Interview: A state award plaque will be presented to the top six winners in the state event. All state participants will receive a state award medal.
- G. FFA Knowledge: A state award plaque will be awarded to the top six teams. A gold award medal will be available for the Group I individuals. Top individuals will receive Bailey Memorial Camp Scholarships.
- H. Book Contests: All first place area award winners displaying their books at the state convention will receive a Group I state award medal. Only one medal per book will be awarded except for scrapbooks. Scrapbooks may receive a maximum of two award medals if two reporters are listed.
- I. Chapter Activity Awards: Superior spurs will be given to all chapters receiving a superior rating. The top ten percent (10%) of the total number of FFA Chapters in the state will receive a special award plaque.
- J. Star Farmer, Star Agribusiness & Star Placement Awards: One star state award and 15 star area awards will be presented to the top ranking State Farmers in production agriculture, agribusiness & placement activities. Star state award winners also receive a certificate and a \$300 check\*.
- K. Agricultural Proficiency Awards: Area award plaques will be awarded to the area winners in each category. The area winners will be recognized at the State FFA Convention. The 1<sup>st</sup> place state winner will receive a certificate, a state award plaque, and a \$250 check\*. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place state winner will receive a \$150 check\*. Dollar amounts may vary by the cash amounts available from the National FFA Foundation.

\*Awards sponsored by the National FFA Foundation and are subject to change based on sponsorship.