

AREA 5 RULES

Fall Public Speaking Contests

1. Two entries will be allowed per school per speaking contest.
2. FFA Rituals contest will use the attached scorecard.

State FFA Degree Selection

1. FFA record books and applications must correspond.
2. All applications must be received no later than 4:30 pm.
3. All applications must go directly to state from the screening.
4. The application must correspond with the FFA pages in the record book or be redlined.
5. The 5 activities above the local level must be highlighted in the FFA pages.
6. The teacher must bring the student's computer file, in order to make any changes to the application.

Star FFA Degree Selection

1. Star Area FFA degree applications will be scored with caps on.
2. Star Area Farmer degree will be scored without the scope and growth placement/agribusiness points. (Production will be defined as those enterprises listed on pages 18,19,20,21, and 22 of the state degree handbook.)
3. Star Area Agribusiness degree will be scored without the scope and growth production points. (Production/placement will be defined as those enterprises listed on pages 18,19,20,21, and 22 of the state degree handbook.)
4. Star Area Placement will be scored without scope/growth production agribusiness points.
5. Star applications will be voted on in private by all teachers on the selection committee who do not have a student competing.
6. The selection committee will consist of 9 Area 5 teachers selected at the Area Proficiency and State degree workshop. The senior state degree representative will serve as chairman.

Area 5 Proficiency Selection

1. The committee will consist of all Ag teachers not in the State FFA degree selection. The committee will be selected at the Area Proficiency and State degree workshop.
2. A committee assistant chairman will be selected at the April Planning meeting to preside over the proficiency selection the following year.
3. No teacher will make decisions on a proficiency area that involves one of his/her students.
4. All applications must be typed, have no binders, no covers, no laminating and on white paper.
5. All applications will be sent directly to the state after screening.
6. Minor changes may be made the evening of the screening. This is left to the discretion of the proficiency selection committee.
7. Point systems on the score sheet must be followed.
8. The inventory section of proficiency awards are to be scored at the discretion of the committee members judging the specific category.
9. Once the winners are posted by the chairman, the results will be final except in the case of multiple winners.
10. Student teachers may observe but not judge.
11. All applications must be in place by 4:30 pm.
12. The chairman is in charge of a scorecard to be utilized in the selection process.

Area 5 Officer Selection

1. Each school is allowed to bring 2 area officer candidates
2. The following forms must be brought for each candidate :
 - a. Area V Officer Intent Form Signed (10 copies)
 - b. State FFA Degree Leadership Pages (1 copy)
3. These will be turned in to the Area Advisor in charge of the holding room
4. Delegate to be in the interview room/process, wearing FFA Official Dress.
5. If you have a retiring Area Officer, this is your chapter's delegate
6. If you do not have a retiring Area officer, you can select one member to represent your chapter in the interview process
7. Make sure your delegate understands the interview process and is familiar with the scoring guide used for the candidates
8. The only things delegates will be allowed to bring in to the interview room are a writing utensil and clipboard. Score cards will be provided. **NO CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED IN THE INTERVIEW ROOM**
9. Candidates will take a 25 question FFA Knowledge/Parliamentary Procedure Test prior to the first round of interviews.
10. Candidates will draw numbers for the order of interview
11. First Round Interviews: Candidates will interview before retiring Area Officers and chapter delegates
 - a. Introduction
 - b. 2 SAE Questions, 2 FFA Questions, 2 Agricultural Issues Questions
12. Area Officers will verbally present questions to the candidate
13. 1st round will be limited to **2 MINUTES for INTRODUCTION & 6 minutes of questions**
14. Delegates will be released at the end of the first round of interviews.
15. All score cards will be collected and entered into the scoring program, along with the Leadership Page Score and Test Score
16. Top 9 Candidates will be selected to serve as Area V FFA Officers
17. Second Round Interviews: Will be conducted by retiring area officers
 - a. Top 9 Area Officer Candidates will interview for an office
 - b. Candidates will interview in the same order as the previous round
18. Retiring Area Officers will determine the slate of officers
19. All candidates are released at the conclusion of their interview
20. Scores/Scorecards will be collected after the conclusion of the interview process. No information on scores will be released.
21. Candidates can hold an Area V FFA Office for two terms (Example: a member can interview and serve as an area officer their junior year, and then also interview and hold an office their senior year)
22. Area V Officer Slate will be announced at the Area V FFA Banquet

State Officer Selection

1. An agreement sent out by the state office, must be filled out and submitted.
2. Five copies of materials and candidate biography must be submitted.

3. Selection will be done by a committee of two current state officers (not from Area 5 and provided from the State Executive Secretary) and three adults. At least one adult should be an Ag teacher not from Area 5. These adults will be nominated at the State Degree and Proficiency Workshop in January.
4. Each FFA Chapter may have only one candidate.
5. There will be four rounds with an optional fifth round consisted of:
 - a. Interview
 - b. Test/Writing Exercise
 - c. Stand and Deliver
 - d. Role Play
 - e. Second Interview (Optional)
6. The committee will follow the rules for each round outlined by the Missouri State Officer Handbook.
7. The committee will use the score cards outlined by the Missouri State Officer Handbook.
8. The current Area MVATA Officers will be in charge of obtaining judges and running the event. Responsibilities for the committee are outline by the following.
 - a. President-Interview
 - i. Secures the judges from the list suggested at the January Meeting.
 - b. Vice President- Test/Writing Exercise
 - i. Secures the test and writing exercise.
 - c. Secretary- Stand and Deliver
 - i. Gives the selection committee the ten options for the category (available on DESE website in February). The selection committee will select that evening.
 - d. Treasurer-Role Play
 - i. Gives the selection committee three options for the scenario. The selection committee will select that evening.
9. Up to two candidates will be selected to represent our Area at the State Interviews.

Area 5 Contests

1. Committee assignments will be made by the Area 5 Ag teacher executive committee.
2. Official FFA dress must be worn.
3. Sweepstakes plaque is awarded by points system. The top three places in each contest will be awarded points as follows: 1st=3pts, 2nd=2pts, and 3rd=1pts. The FFA chapter with the highest point value wins. Ties will be broken by the number of 1st places, then the number of 2nd places & so on.
4. Area president is responsible for sending contest results to the state office.
5. Recommended that judges cannot be used two years in a row. Emergency changes may be made by the Area 5 executive committee and the contests chair. Judges cannot be used if they are judging at the district or state contests in the same year.

FFA Rituals Contest

1. The team shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor.
2. Only 1 team from each chapter may compete at the contest

3. Teams must be in official dress.
4. Scoring will be based on the attached scoresheet.

FFA Knowledge

1. Rules posted in the state bulletin will be followed.
2. Contest chairman is responsible for providing the Area 5 test and key.
3. Contest chairman is responsible for providing the test to all area advisors.

Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, and Extemporaneous Public Speaking

1. Rules posted in the state bulletin will be followed.
2. Recommended that the judges are not used two years in a row and they must be from three different schools.

Job Interview

1. Rules in the state contest bulletin will be followed.
2. Judges must follow the state score sheet.
3. Recommended that judges are not used two years in a row and not judge at district or state that year.

Ag Issues

1. Rules in the state contest bulletin will be followed.
2. Judges must follow the state score sheet.
3. Recommended that judges are not used two years in a row and not judge at district or state that year.

Parliamentary Procedure and Conduct of Chapter Meetings

1. Area 5 advisors are not allowed to judge, video tape or time the Area 5 contest.
2. Rules in the state contest bulletin will be followed.
3. Judges must follow the state score sheet.
4. Recommended that judges are not used two years in a row and not judge at district or state that year.

FFA Book Contests

1. Score sheets must be used as provided in the state contest bulletin.
2. Contest chairman will provide the score sheets.
3. Each book will be scored individually and score sheets placed in the book for critiquing purposes.
4. Each book will be judged by at least two advisors that do not have books in the contest.

Area 5 Trapshoot

1. The shooter must shoot at the area trapshoot in order to qualify for the district shoot.
2. Each school may bring 3 teams to the area level: 1 ladies team and 2 other teams.
3. The top 7 schools competing may send only 1 squad to the district level.
4. The trapshoot squad going to districts does not have to be the exact same shooting squad that shot at the area level, but must be composed of members who competed at the current year's Area 5 Trapshoot.
5. Advisors are responsible for the behavior of their students, parents and guests. In the case of behavior that is unbecoming on an FFA member or undesirable for the trapshoot, the committee has the right to dismiss the insubordinates from the trapshoot grounds.

Area 5 Ag Teacher Executive Committee Responsibilities

1. Consists of all officers in the Area 5 Ag teacher association.
2. Makes all contest committee assignments.

3. Makes necessary decisions to update the needs of the Area.
4. Keep track of and update the area contest bulletin.
5. Attend district planning meeting.
6. Selection process of one officer will be made at the Area 5 summer meeting and each officer ascend to the next office.

President

1. Preside at meetings.
2. Make committee assignments for the Area 5 ag teachers.
3. Represent Area 5 Ag teachers at official functions.
4. Record Area 5 contest, state degree, and proficiency award results.
5. Secure Advisors for state officer interviews.

Vice President

1. Assume duties of the president in his/her absence.
2. Ex-officio member of all Area 5 teacher committees. (State degree and proficiency award)
3. Secure writing exercise from State Staff and create knowledge test for State Officer Interviews.

Secretary

1. Prepare and post meeting agendas.
2. Prepare and present minutes from previous meetings.
3. Keep an up to date Area 5 file.
4. Update Area rules and distribute to Area teachers.
5. Gives the State Officer selection committee the ten options for the category (available on DESE website in February). The selection committee will select that evening.

Treasurer

1. Receive, record, and keep track of Area 5 teacher monies.
2. Collect Area 5 Ag teacher dues.
3. Be responsible for securing refreshments for all Area 5 Ag teacher functions.
4. Gives the State Officer selection committee three options for the scenario. The selection committee will select that evening.

Area 5 Officer Interview Guidelines

Area officers will be determined by points using the following process.

Points will be as follows:

25 points - FFA and parliamentary procedure knowledge

An FFA knowledge and parliamentary procedure test will be given to all the candidates consisting of 15 general FFA knowledge questions and 10 general parliamentary procedure questions at 1 point each. All questions must come from the current Official FFA Manual. The test will be written by an instructor from another area to be selected by the Area Advisor.

50 points – Leadership Page from State Degree Application

Each candidate will bring a completed copy of the leadership page from the state FFA degree. This page will be scored using the State Degree Handbook. The score will be factored as follows: Top Candidates score = 50 points

Candidates Score/Top Candidates Score * 50 = Score Each candidates score will be percentage of the top candidates leadership page score.

100 points – Interview scores given by interviewing committee composed of retiring Area IV Officers and Area Advisor using the interview scorecard

The first interview round will be limited to 6 minutes per person. The interview will be conducted by the outgoing area officers. The questions to be asked will be developed just prior to the start of the interview. An emphasis will be placed on asking questions designed to discover the candidate's ability to serve as an effective area officer. Each candidate will be given all of the questions when they enter the room. It will be the candidate's choice as to the order they answer the questions. The Area officers may ask questions for points of clarification during the interview. The Interviewing committee members may not discuss candidates during the first round and the Area advisor may not score the interviewees. The scores will be averaged to determine the candidates final interview score.

The top candidates who will serve, as Area Officers will be identified based on the scores from the test, leadership page, and interview scores. The Outgoing Area Officers and Area Advisors will then conduct a second round of interviews with the top candidates and determine the officer slate. The slate will not be revealed until the Area Banquet.

Area V Officer Interview Score Card Explanations

Speaking Ability:

1. **Introduction** includes:
Name, Family, FFA activities, other school/community activities, SAE, future plans.
2. **Power of Expression/Voice** includes:
Quality, pitch, force, articulation, pronunciation, fluency, emphasis, directness, sincerity, communicative ability, conveyance of thought and meaning.
2. **Stage Presence** includes:
Personal appearance, poise and body posture, attitude, confidence, personality, ease before audience.
3. **General effect** includes:
Extent to which the answers were understandable, convincing, pleasing, organized, personable, confident, and held attention.

Response to Questions:

1. **Understandable:**
The answers were logical and made sense.
2. **Direct and to the Point:**
The questions were answered concisely, to the point, and without rambling.
3. **Reflects Ability to Serve as an Officer:**
The candidate's responses to the questions indicate they have the ability to serve as an area officer.

Area 5 Trapshoot Rules Guidelines

2015 Area V Trapshoot Advisor Committee

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- 6) The Area Trapshoot will be held at West Quincy
- 7) The committee chair will rotate by the location of the event.
- 8) Area V will adopt District Trapshoot Rules except that Area will shoot 50 birds per individual
- 9) There will be a \$15 conference shoot fee for plaques