

MEMO

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CC: Utah FFA Advisors

FROM: Brett M. Evans, Utah FFA Association Executive Secretary

DATE: January 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Area Contest Information and Instructions

Good luck to each of you with your upcoming Area Contest. Your role as Area Chairperson is important and greatly appreciated. Following is information necessary for you to conduct your events and report your results.

Event Resources

Use the attached Area Contest Results Report to report the results of your Area Contest. The form will serve as a checklist to make sure that all of the necessary materials are submitted and will greatly increase accuracy in sorting and double checking the materials you submit for state competition. If you will read the report instructions you will also save many grumpy phone calls.

All Area Contests should be conducted, as closely as possible, in accordance with the rules and score cards specified in “2011-12 *Chapter Guide to State FFA Activities*” (especially pages 18-21 the Chapter Guide is available on the Utah FFA website at: www.utffa.org) and the *National Career Development Events Handbook 2012-2016* available at: <https://www.ffa.org/programs/awards/cde/Pages/default.aspx>. Please review these resources carefully.

Deadline & Shipping

The deadline for submitting Area Contest results is **FEBRUARY 1, 2012**. All applications and results must be **DELIVERED to the Utah FFA Association** at the following address by this date. Do not be late!!

Brett Evans
Utah FFA Association
2300 Old Main Hill
Logan, UT 84322-2300

State FFA Officer Attendance & Duties

A State FFA Officer is assigned to attend each of the Area Contests to assist you. The officer should

contact you to be prepared for any assignments you have for them and to confirm where and when you want them. Please feel free to use them as award presenters, clerks, timers or in any reasonable capacity other than judging. **The State Officers are NOT to be used as contest judges.**

Superior Chapter Eligibility

The 2011-2012 Superior Chapter List is attached. Any chapter not on the list may compete in all events but may not win a Career Development Event. The student competitors do not need to be informed and should be shown every courtesy and allowed to fully compete in the event. The chapter advisor should be informed that his/her competitors can not win as the chapter is not Superior Chapter qualified. No general announcement should be made that would embarrass competitors.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure CDE

Also enclosed in the hard copy version of this mailing (*being sent by regular mail to each Area Chairperson*) you will find two signed sealed envelopes. I strongly **recommend** that you do not open the envelopes until at least one, preferably all, other chapter advisors are present. This suggestion is solely for your own protection against accusations and is only a suggestion not a rule.

One envelope is labeled Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE and contains the 12 topics to be drawn by the competitors. These topics were developed in accordance with the rules outlined in the *National Career Development Events Handbook 2012-2016* by an independent source not affiliated with any chapter. The topics are printed on a single sheet of paper but are spaced so that you can simply cut or tear them apart and drop them in the hat. Another copy has been included for use by the judges.

The other envelope is labeled Parliamentary Procedure CDE. Inside the envelope is one copy of the Parliamentary Procedure Test, one copy of the Test Key, one main motion and two subsidiary, two incidental and one privileged or unclassified motion taken from the list of permissible motions. The test will NOT follow the rules outlined in the *National Career Development Events Handbook 2012-2016*. As specified previously it will be a 30 question multiple choice test. Each question will be worth 5 points for a total possible score of 150. The test has been developed by an independent source not affiliated with any chapter. **Be prepared to make copies of the test and the motion cards.**

VII. Area Contests

General Rules & Guidelines

1. Area contests shall be held under the direction of the agriculture education teacher who is serving as the Area Chairperson for the current year. At least one State FFA Officer should be present.
2. The Area Chairperson shall make a written report of the area contest, on the Area Contest Report Form to the Utah State FFA Advisor by the date specified on the *Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*, indicating all area winners/candidates in each of the following categories:

American FFA Degree Candidates	State Star Farmer
Creed Speaking	State Star in Agribusiness
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	State Star in Agricultural Placement
Parliamentary Procedure	State Star in Agriscience
Prepared Public Speaking	State Star Greenhand in Production
Proficiency Award Categories	State Star Greenhand in Agribusiness
State FFA Degree Candidates	State Star Greenhand in Agricultural Placement
	State Star Greenhand in Agriscience

3. Area contests will include the selection of one Area proficiency award winner per category (categories determined on a yearly basis by the National FFA Organization). All applications must be complete in every respect when submitted to the State FFA Advisor. Any applications not fully completed may be summarily disqualified. The Area Chairperson is responsible for sending winning applications to the State FFA Advisor to arrive by the deadline set for the current year (*See the current year's version of the Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*).
4. Each Area may submit two State Star Candidates in each of the four star categories: Farmer (production), Agribusiness, Agricultural Placement and Agriscience. The candidates are submitted for state judging unranked. Completed applications and the applicant's record book to be included with the Area Contest results sent to the State by the deadline set for the current year (*See the current year's version of the Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*).
5. Each Chapter may submit one State Star Greenhand Candidate in each of the four star categories: Production, Agribusiness, Agricultural Placement and Agriscience. Completed applications and the applicant's record book to be included with the Area Contest results sent to the State by the deadline set for the current year (*See the current year's version of the Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*).
6. Each Area may submit one Prepared Public Speaker for state competition. Winner's name to be submitted in the Area Contest Report Form. Five (5) copies of the speech should be submitted by the deadline set for the current year (*See the current year's version of the Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*).
7. Each area may submit one Extemporaneous Public Speaker for state competition. Winner's name to be submitted in the Area Contest Report Form by the deadline set for the current year (*See the current year's version of the Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*).
8. Each Chapter may submit two qualified Creed Speaking Winners unranked for Area competition. Each Area may submit two qualified Creed Speaking Winners unranked for state competition. Area winners' names to be submitted in the Area Contest Report Form by the deadline set for the current year (*See the current year's version of the Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*).
9. Each Area may submit one Parliamentary Procedure team for state competition. Winning Team's chapter and member name's to be submitted in the Area Contest Report Form by the deadline set for

the current year (*See the current year's version of the Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*).

10. All Area information and applications should be delivered to the person indicated on the deadline table for the current year (*See the current year's version of the Utah FFA Application Deadline / Action Table on last page of this manual*).