

TO: FFA Advisors of Floriculture CDE Teams
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RE: Guidelines and competition information

Greetings to all:

The following is a list of the categories that will make up the competition for the Floriculture competitions.

Floriculture:

Phase 1 – Identification of Plant Materials (200)

We will use the same list of plants as the Nationals

Phase 2 – General Knowledge Examination (250)

This will be similar to tests in the past with 50 true/false or multiple choice questions. We will be writing an entirely new test for this and I am requesting that each of you as advisors/teacher send me 5-10 questions that you would like to see used in the test. This will make the test more in line with the kinds of information you are covering.

Phase 3 – Problem Solving (250 points) We do this a little different than Nationals.

This portion of the competition will include the following:

1. Corsage making – 75 pts
2. Judging four class of plants or cuts – 100 pts
3. Evaluating a problem with an arrangement – 25 pts
4. Diagnosing plant disorders – 50 pts

Phase 4 – Practicum (225 points) This is also somewhat different than Nationals and will be made up of three components.

1. Vegetative propagation – Take cuttings from stock plants and properly prepare and stick them.
2. Pinching plants
3. Potting plant plugs - Rooted seedling plugs will be transplanted properly. This may be a timed event.

For the most part this is very similar to what we have done in the past with just a few modifications. I have also provided a past year's exam to help with training.

Also, I am accepting questions to be added to the pool for the General Knowledge Exam. If you have any you would like to add please send them as soon as possible.