IAVAT Career Development Event Policies

1. When using the Scantron, rings will be ranked by degree of difficulty and the student's scores will be automatically broken, based on those tie breakers.

2. In instances where the event is scored by hand or the Scantron fails to break the tie, the following procedure will be used to break the ties.

**Breaking Ties in Scores**

A. Breaking Team Ties
   1. When two or more teams have the same total score, the team with the higher ranking individual shall be ranked higher.

B. Breaking Individual Ties
   1. When two or more individuals have the same total score, the following process will be used to determine the higher ranking individual.
   2. Individual ties in the Agriculture Business Management Career Development Event will be broken using the highest score in the problem section.
   3. Individual ties in the Agriculture Mechanics Career Development Event will be broken using the highest score on the written exam, except in the Carpentry section which shall break ties using the highest identification score. If a tie remains refer to rule 8.
   4. Prior to the commencement of scoring, the judge(s) will identify the class(es) in an individual Career Development Event that will be used to break individual ties in any Career Development Event not noted in rules 2 through 7.
   5. Prior to the commencement of scoring, the judge(s) will identify the class(es) in the Career Development Event that will be used to break remaining individual ties after applying the tie breakers noted in rules 2 through 7.

**Responses to Cheating by Adults**

A. In the event any agriculture teacher, or their designated adult representative, is suspected of cheating at a career development event, the following procedure will be followed:
   1. The accuser will notify the IAVAT President, or the highest-ranking IAVAT officer present, at the time of the suspected cheating or before leaving the event site.
   2. Should an incident of cheating not come to light until after leaving the event site, then the incident must be reported within twenty-four (24) hours of the event's conclusion to the President of the IAVAT.
   3. Sufficient evidence to support the charges must be made in writing, signed by the accuser and presented to the IAVAT President with a copy to the Executive Director of the IAVAT, postmarked no later than three (3) days following the career development event.
   4. The President and Executive Director will review the charges and determine if the charges warrant review by the full IAVAT Board of Directors within ten (10) days.
   5. A decision at either level of review will be considered to be final.
   6. The person under question will be invited to the special IAVAT Board of Directors' meeting to review with the Board the charges and evidence presented.
   7. The IAVAT Board of Directors will withhold any decision until a response to the charges is provided by the person in question.
   8. Should the IAVAT Board of Directors determine the cheating did occur, the school will be disqualified from the event and a letter, composed by the full Board of Directors, will be sent to the school's superintendent notifying the school of the violation and action taken.