

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FFA

Rules for Prepared Public Speaking CDE

Eligibility

1. The CDE is open to students who are regularly enrolled in agricultural education classes and who are active members of chartered FFA chapters in good standing with the State Association.
2. Each chapter may enter one FFA member.
3. Props or equipment are not to be used in this CDE.
4. A participant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation.
5. All participants are required to wear official FFA dress when delivering their speech.

Subject

1. Each participant may choose his or her own subject.
2. The subject must be related to agriculture. Official judges shall disqualify any participant who speaks on a non-agricultural subject.
3. All speeches used in the CDE must be of the problem-solution type.
4. Ten days prior to the CDE, four typed copies of each speech must be forwarded to the contest superintendent.
5. The oral presentation by each participant should follow their written speech.
6. Each participant's speech is to be the result of his or her own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery are limited to the resources of the school from which the participant comes, but facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Note

Credit must be given to others when any direct quotes, phrases or specific dates are used in order that the participant is not guilty of plagiarism. The Boards of National Officers and Directors of the FFA at the October 1960 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, adopted the following:

"A bibliography MUST be included as part of the public speaker's manuscript, and direct quotes from any other source of information must be marked in 'quotes' on the manuscript and be identified in the bibliography. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify a participant. This applies to all CDEs above the local level."

The State FFA Convention recommended that the State CDEs be held to coincide with the National rules; therefore, the above rules will apply to Illinois sectional, district and state public speaking CDEs.

Time Limit

1. Two timekeepers shall be designated to record the time used by each participant in delivering their speech, noting under-time or over-time, if any, for which deduction should be made. Timekeepers should be seated together.
2. Each participant must speak a minimum of six minutes in length and a maximum of eight minutes.
3. Deductions of 20 points per minute, or a major fraction thereof, will be made from the score of each judge for speeches under six minutes or over eight minutes in length. (To prevent being penalized, a participant must speak over five minutes 30 seconds, but less than eight minutes 30 seconds).
4. Time commences when the speaker begins talking.

5. The participant's speech will be followed by a five (5) minute period, during which the judges will ask them questions relating to their speech. The time for the question period will begin when the first judge begins asking a question.
6. At the end of the five-minute question period, the timekeeper(s) will call time. When time is called the speaker, if interrupted, may complete the sentence they were saying or they may stop in mid-sentence with no penalty.

Method of Selecting Winner

1. Participants shall draw for order of speaking. The room host shall then introduce each participant by name and speech title. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.
2. Three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the CDE. When possible, the judges should have an agricultural background.
3. During the presentation, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant upon the delivery of their presentation, using the score sheet provided.
4. Judges will be furnished typed copies of the participants' manuscripts, which they will read and grade on content and composition prior to the CDE.
5. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions that pertain directly to the speaker's subject. All judges will ask at least one question.
6. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided.
7. Judges will score each participant on their ability to answer all questions asked by all judges.
8. The full five minutes for questions should be used.
9. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total their score on each participant. The timekeepers' records will be used in computing the final score for each participant.
10. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order by each judge without consultation with any other judge.
11. If any judge's scoring results in a tie between two or more speakers, the judge shall be asked to re-score so as to avoid the tie.
12. After a judge has broken all ties in total score they will rank all participants in numerical order without consulting any other judge. The rankings of the three judges shall then be added and the winner will be the participant whose total of rankings is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner (Low point score method of selection).
13. If a tie occurs when adding the rankings of the three judges, the individual who has the highest grand total score shall be ranked higher.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

1. All sectional, district and state CDEs shall be conducted alike and conform with the National Prepared Public Speaking rules.
2. Winners are eligible to participate only in the next succeeding section, district, state and national CDEs.
3. The first and second place participant at the Section Prepared Public Speaking CDE will advance to the District competition.
4. The first and second place participants at the District Prepared Public Speaking CDE will advance to the State Prepared Public Speaking Finals.
5. The top three finalists from the semi-finals will compete for the state award at the State FFA Convention.
6. Awards shall be the same as Public Speaking awards on all levels.

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

Prepared Public Speaking		Points
<p>A. Official Dress:</p> <p>Male - Black dress shoes (not tennis shoes), black socks, black dress pants (not jeans), white collared (or light colored), button-down dress shirt, dark colored tie, and Official FFA jacket. No hats of any kind.</p> <p>Female - Black closed-toe dress shoes (no tall boots), black nylons, knee length black skirt or black dress slacks, white collared (or light colored), button-down dress shirt, FFA scarf, and Official FFA jacket.</p>		100
<p>B. Content of the Manuscript includes:</p>	<p>Importance and appropriateness of the subject</p> <p>Suitability of the material used</p> <p>Accuracy of the statements included</p> <p>Evidence of purpose</p> <p>Completeness and accuracy of bibliography</p>	200
<p>C. Composition of the Manuscript includes:</p>	<p>Organization of the content</p> <p>Unity of thought</p> <p>Logical development</p> <p>Language used</p> <p>Sentence structure</p> <p>Accomplishment of purpose -- conclusions</p>	100
<p>D. Voice includes:</p>	<p>Quality</p> <p>Pitch</p> <p>Articulation</p> <p>Pronunciation</p> <p>Force</p>	100
<p>E. Stage presence includes:</p>	<p>Personal appearance</p> <p>Poise and body posture</p> <p>Attitude</p> <p>Confidence</p> <p>Personality</p> <p>Ease before audience</p>	100
<p>F. Power of expression includes:</p>	<p>Fluency</p> <p>Emphasis</p> <p>Directness</p> <p>Sincerity</p> <p>Communicative ability</p> <p>Conveyance of thought and meaning</p>	200
<p>G. General effect includes:</p>	<p>Extent to which the speech was interesting</p> <p>Extent to which the speech was understandable</p> <p>Extent to which the speech was convincing</p> <p>Extent to which the speech was pleasing</p> <p>Extent to which the speech held attention</p>	100
<p>H. Response to questions includes:</p>	<p>Originality of response</p> <p>Answer demonstrates a familiarity with the subject</p> <p>An ability to think quickly</p>	200
Total		1100

Note: Judges should meet prior to the CDE to prepare and clarify the questions to be asked.

FINAL RANKING SHEET

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When all contestants have finished speaking, the chairperson of the CDE will assemble the score sheets from all judges and timekeepers. Totals shall then be compiled. The CDE chairperson should then complete the "Final Ranking Sheet" **USING THE RANKING ONLY, NOT THE ACTUAL SCORES.**

Rankings taken from judges' score sheets

Order of Speaking										
Contestant's Name or Code Number										
Judge #1										
Judge #2										
Judge #3										
Total of Judges' Rankings										
Final Ranking										

Note: In arriving at final rankings, the lowest total of the Judges' rankings receives first place, the next lowest total is second, etc. However, if two of three judges rank any contestant first, that contestant shall receive first place regardless of the opinion of the third judge. If a tie occurs when adding the rankings of the three judges, the individual who has the highest grand total score shall be ranked higher.

Judge's Name or Number: _____

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Judge's Score Sheet – Prepared Public Speaking CDE

		Order of Speaking												
		Names or Code Numbers of Participants												
Items to be Scored		Points Allowed	Points Awarded to Participants											
1. Official Dress	100													
2. Content of Manuscript	200													
3. Composition of Manuscript	100													
4. Voice	100													
5. Stage Presence	100													
6. Power of Expression	200													
7. General Effect	100													
8. Response to Questions	200													
Total Points (Gross) (All ties must be broken)	1100													
Less over-time or under-time deductions for each minute or major fraction	20 points each													
Total Points (Net)														
Contestant Rank														

*The final ranking sheet included with the rules shall be used to summarize judges' score sheets.