

Agriculture Teachers and Coaches Code of Conduct for the coaching and advising of students participating in official FFA competitive activities.

School Name _____

As an educator and role model, agriculture teachers shall maintain high professionalism in coaching and advising FFA students in official FFA competitive activities.

Before a contest, every Agriculture Teacher on Record of each career development team shall:

- 1.1 Inform students of contest rules;
- 1.2 Be aware of schedules;
- 1.3 Make sure their chapter is in good standing with the FFA;
- 1.4 Prepare students for contest content and safety guidelines;
- 1.5 Be a good adult role model.

During a contest every Agriculture Teacher on Record of a career development team shall:

- 2.1 Assist contest officials when needed;
- 2.2 Abide by rules and expectations for that particular event, including but not limited to rules regarding physical location;
- 2.3 Ensure student communication devices are not in use unless otherwise specified in the curricular code;
- 2.4 Act professionally and ethically.

After the contest, every Agriculture Teacher on Record of a career development team shall:

- 3.1 Professionally conduct themselves during critique and awards;
- 3.2 Treat contest officials and other field days committee members with respect;
- 3.3 Be a good role model for their team;
- 3.4 Model good sportsmanship;
- 3.5 Present any protests or inquiries in written form;
- 3.6 The Agriculture Teacher on Record shall attend curricular code revisions if possible.

At any time in relation to CDEs, the Agriculture Teacher on Record shall:

- 4.1 Behave in a professional manner;
- 4.2 Refrain from knowingly providing misleading or incorrect information
- 4.3 Avoid creating or taking part in confrontational situations involving contest officials or field day committee members;
- 4.4 Follow contest rules or guidelines;
- 4.5 Avoid encouraging or allowing any student to break contest rules;
- 4.6 Avoid communicating with students during the contest;
- 4.7 Avoid intentionally putting a student or another person in harms way.

At all times, FFA Advisors and Agriculture Teachers on Record, when advising students on FFA Award Applications, should:

- 5.1 Conduct themselves professionally and ethically.
- 5.2 Ensure students' award applications are completed by the student applying for the award.
- 5.3 Ensure the accuracy and authenticity of all information and signatures in the award application.
- 5.4 Verify that the contents of all award applications accurately reflect the student's time, hours, and financials related to their project or award area.

At all times concerning Leadership Development Events (LDE) and Agriscience research competitions, Agriculture Teacher on Record and advisors shall:

6.1 Conduct themselves professionally and ethically.

6.2 Avoid creating or taking part in confrontational situations involving contest officials or judges at or after any LDE or Agriscience event.

6.3 Ensure that all written materials submitted as part of an LDE or Agriscience research are the product of the competing student's work and are not plagiarized or written by another. Another is not limited to people but includes artificial intelligence or similar technology.

6.4 Ensure that proper citation is used to credit others' intellectual property.

At all times concerning shows and fairs, the Agriculture Teacher on Record and advisors shall:

7.1 Conduct themselves professionally and ethically.

7.2 Avoid creating or participating in confrontational situations involving contest officials, judges, fair CEOs or livestock officials.

If a contest supervisor, livestock superintendent, fair manager or application scorer finds a CATA member violating the Code of Conduct, that said person of authority may take immediate action to ensure that inappropriate conduct ceases. That action could include banning that CATA member from attending contests or scorings for the remainder of the school year.

In consultation with the State FFA Advisor and State CATA President, the person of authority will inform the CATA member, the CATA member's administration, and the regional supervisor of the action taken. In addition, the person of authority will submit an official letter to the CATA Governing Board, informing them of the infraction and resulting action taken. The CATA Governing Board may take up the matter at their June meeting. If warranted, the CATA Governing Board could take additional action with due process, including revoking the offender's CATA membership for the following school year.

These actions are in addition to and separate from any disciplinary action that host sites, school administrations, school districts, the California Department of Education, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, or any other entity of authority may take.

Agriculture Teacher on Record Printed Name

Agriculture Teacher on Record Signature

Date_____