

CATA Curricular Code Change Proposal

Contest:	
Proposed By: (Name, School, Email)	
Issue: (Describe the reason/rationale for the proposed change.)	
Please answer yes or no to ALL the questions below.	
This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation.	
The change will affect General Rules.	
The change will affect the awards needed.	
The proposed change will affect tabulations/scorecards.	
The proposed change will affect contest forms.	
The proposed change will affect contest hosting site. (e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)	
If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signatures:	
CATA Approved Contest Advisor's Signature	
CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator's Signature	
If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain.	
<p>*It is recommended that you, or a representative, attend the pre-conference governing board meeting to answer any questions regarding proposed curricular code changes to contests that are requested to be opened out of rotation.</p>	

Description: (Describe what is changing.)

Proposed CATA Code Change: (Only include the section that the proposed change pertains to – do not include the entire contest. Reference numbered section. If editing text show new text with old text in parenthesis. For large changes set track changes in the Word document and attach the file, with edits, to this document when submitting.)

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Contest:	General Rules
Proposed by: (Name, School, Email)	EmilyFaraone, Clovis East- emilyfaraone@clovisusd.k12.ca.us

Issue: (Describe the reason/rationale for the proposed change.)
<p>In general rules under state championship contest- Take out Letter J- “State Final CDE CATA Approved Contest advisor” should be removed. As we move through each competitive year a lot of schools have competitive teams, but are not coached by a CATA member (ag teacher).And then if that said team wins the ag teacher who doesn't even coach the team is named as the contest advisor.</p> <p>Second general rule that needs to be discussed is letter D and E- Qualifying site and following curricular code. Many contest host try their best to follow curricular code, but many still do not. It is very frustrating to coach teams that have to qualify and host sites do not follow code. If we are going to have qualifying contest sites then a state staff member should be there to administer and oversee the contest, or walk through the contest prior to students competing.</p>

Please answer yes or no to ALL the questions below.

This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation	yes
The change will affect General Rules	yes
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The proposed change will affect tabulations/scorecards	no
The proposed change will affect contest forms.	no
The proposed change will affect contest hosting site. (e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)	no

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signatures: [Click here](#) for link to CDE Contest Advisor and Coordinator list.

CATA Approved Contest Advisor’s Signature	
CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator’s Signature	

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain.

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In general rules under state championship contest- Letter J- "State Final CDE CATA Approved Contest advisor" should be removed. As we move through each competitive year a lot of schools have competitive teams, but are not coached by a CATA member (ag teacher). Therefore having an ag teacher as the contest advisor who doesn't even coach the team or contest conflicts with them determining the quality of the contest or changes. Plus a challenge we have found in submitting changes to CATA on the approved template is getting their signatures. Some of the contest advisors have not responded for weeks in trying to get those forms signed. Additionally with the State Arbitrator in place, they most certainly take precedence and solve a lot of conflicts between coaching, and they essentially already cover the described job of the contest Advisor. Lastly, I don't ever remember as a CATA member that I have been asked to approve a contest advisor as it states in the rule as a top five team finisher.

Taking this portion out will also remove the need for the contest advisor's signature for the template form on submitting changes. And as CATA members if there is a need for change, especially if nationals is changing then we should be able to submit requests.

Regarding letter D & E- There are multiple options for qualifying contests that have been approved, but we have several approved sites that still do not follow the curricular code and there is really no place to submit a request to have it verified again, or a place to question a contest host about how the contest was run, because we are also very appreciate of that host site for putting in the work to have that contest.

Description: (Describe what is changing.)

Taking out Letter J under state championships, the contest advisor. Plus this will remove the need for the contest advisor signature on the code change template.

D. For those seeking approval as a "Qualifying Site", when not listed in the current Curricular Code, the State FFA Advisor shall determine if a site is a qualifying site. **ADD- A state staff member or approved member with no connections to a competing team, shall review the contest prior to students competing, and or proctor the contest.**

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Remove from Code.

J. (A “State Finals CDE CATA Approved Contest Advisor” will be selected/approved each year by the contest’s top five team CDE coaches each year following the state’s contest finals. The winning CDE coach of each contest will communicate with the other four coaches and current standing advisor to approve/confirm another year of service. The advisor approved/selected must agree to the position and must be able to attend the following year’s state finals contest at the host site. The State Champion CATA Approved Contest Advisor’s primary responsibility is to assist the coordinator in the organization, preparation, and implementation of the contest and to ensure the contest is within the quality, standards, and parameters of the Curricular Code. The designated/approved State Champion CATA Approved Contest Advisor can also serve as the State Champion CDE Host Contest Coordinator approved by the host site and State FFA Advisor if approved by the CATA (Top five coaches of CDE state finals), host site, and state staff.)

Change to Code:

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Instructions for Submitting Curricular Code Change

- Make sure the form is complete.
- Download and Submit this document as a PDF
 - Click File → Download → Download as a PDF
- If your proposal requires signatures make sure to contact the contest advisor and contest host. **Tip:** Docusign, Doc Hub are great sources for digital signature requests.
 - [Click Here](#) for contest Host and Advisor List
- Email completed Curricular Change Proposal **PDF** to cata@calagteachers.org by June 1st.

Warning: Make sure you add all the topics or concerns you would like to discuss at the Curricular Code CDE meeting. If it's not posted on the CATA Curricular Code Changes website by June 1st, it **cannot** be discussed.